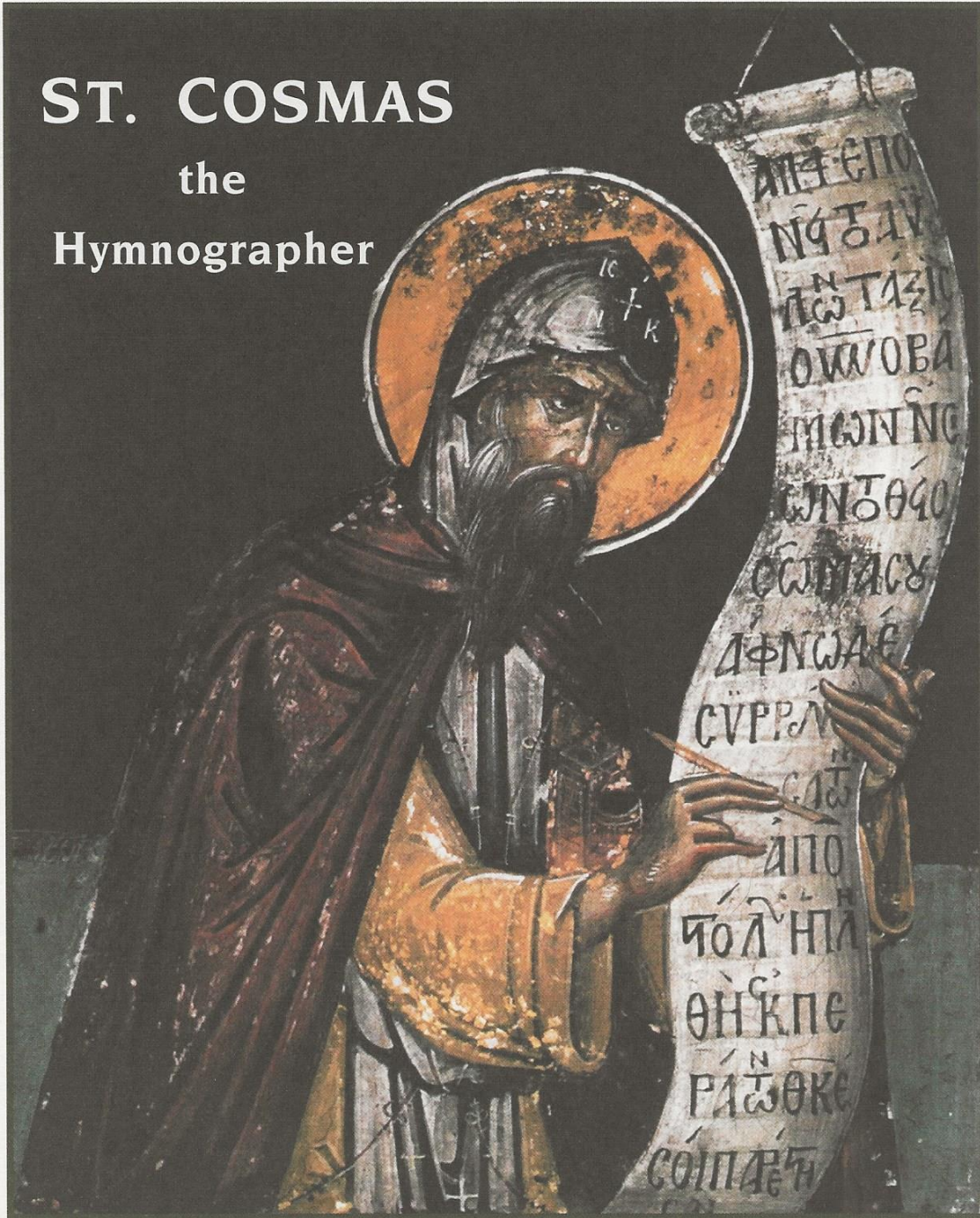


ST. COSMAS
the
Hymnographer



"MAKE A JOYFUL SOUND UNTO THE LORD"

Worship in our Church can be a unique musical experience. The haunting melodies of the ancient Byzantine Chant and the magnificent choral masterpieces of renowned composers provide a soul-stirring means for us to sing praises to the Lord!

Have you ever wondered about the origin of our beautiful hymnology? It may surprise you to know that some of the hymns of the Church were written over a thousand years ago! On the cover of today's Church Bulletin is one of the hymnographers whose musical contributions have had a lasting effect on our moving service: ST. COSMAS.

St. Cosmas lived a full life of devotion to God and His Church. Orphaned at an early age, this 7th century saint had the good fortune of being adopted by a pious family in Damascus. Ironically, his step-brother, commonly referred to as St. John of

Damascus, is perhaps the most famous melodist the Church has ever had!

After receiving an excellent education in the classic liberal arts, Cosmas and his brother John both entered the historic monastery of St. Savas in Jerusalem, where they immediately exhibited a great talent for music. After John was ordained to the holy priesthood, he remained at the monastery while Cosmas, following his ordination, was assigned to serve the Church in Gaza. While composing was his first and greatest love, St. Cosmas distinguished himself in

other ways in his service to the Lord. He eventually accepted the demanding position of Bishop of Anthedon. It is said that Cosmas hardly slept, writing hymns for Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and other holy days in the wee hours of the morning! St. Cosmas died in 750 A.D. but through his music, he lives on!





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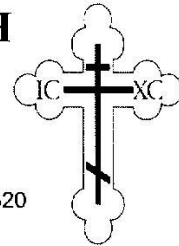
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SUNDAY, OCT. 10, 2021 - 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 7.
Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia, at Nicomedia, and 200 Martyrs with them.

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK	<i>Please join us after Divine Liturgy for a Coffee Fellowship in Myrrhbearers Hall Confessions - Ask Fr. Sergious for a time</i>	DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS
Sat: Great Vespers 4:00 PM		Mon: Ephesians 1:22-2:3, Luke 7:36-50
Sun: Reading of The Hours 9:45 AM		Tue: Ephesians 2:19-3:7, Luke 8:1-3
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM		Wed: Ephesians 3:8-21, Luke 8:22-25
Thu.: Akathist to St. Herman 4:00 PM		Thu: Ephesians 4:14-19, Luke 9:7-11
		Fri: Ephesians 4:17-25, Luke 9:12-18
		Sat: 1 Corinthians 14:20-25, Luke 6:1-10

+EPISTLE+ (2 Corinthians 6:1-10) Brethren: We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

+GOSPEL+ (Luke 7:11-16) Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

*Choir Practice Sunday at 9 AM and Monday at 2:30 PM -
We will begin practicing Nativity services.*

After today's Divine Liturgy and brunch, all the ladies of the parish are invited to the Holy Myrrhbearers women's group meeting in the library.

Practice Christianity every day with each person you meet and each word you say.
Christ spoke saying: But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.

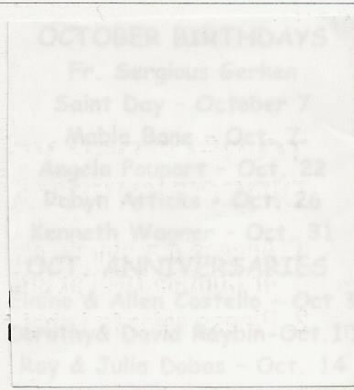
St. Mat. 15:18 Readings: St. Mat. 15:16-20. St. Mark 7:18-23, St. James 3:5-12,
Prov. 18:2-29:20R

THE GIFTS - OCT. 3

Attendance 40

Regular Offerings 1295
Candles 166
Charity 120
St. Tikhon Married
Student Housing

*We sincerely thank and bless
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VIGIL CANDLES - OCT. 3

Fr. Sergious - Guidance for Our Nation.
Fr. Sergious - Spirit Directed DOS
Assembly.
Nancy Kinley - Health of Bill, Julianna &
Fam., Andrew & Fam., Mary Ann H.,
Patricia, Judy, Judith, Pat & Nick, Joel,
Patty. Safe Travels - Fr. Sergious-
Dolores Lichatz - Memory of Alice.
Health of Susan.
Zina Juskin - In memory of husband
Vladimir.