# November 1, 2026

## Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Asia & Fifth Sunday of Luke

Theodota, the Unmercenaries' mother; Venerable-martyr James and his disciples James the deacon and Dionysios of Prodromou Skete on Athos; Venerable David of Evia in Greece

*As we enter the Church let us pray.....*
*I will come into Thy House In the multitude of Thy mercy;*
*And in Thy fear I will worship toward Thy Holy Temple.*

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 5**
Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection..

**Apolytikion - SS. Cosmas and Damian of Asia-Tone 8**
O ye silver-hating, wonderworking saints, Cosmas and Damian, visit our sicknesses. Freely ye received, freely give unto us.

**Apolytikion of St. John Chrysostom - Tone 8**
Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty. It has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls!

**Ordinary Kontakion – Tone 2**
O undisputed intercessor of Christians, O mediatrix, unrejected by the creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who didst ever intercede for those who honor thee.

### THE SYNAXARION

On November 1 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and wonderworking Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian, the sons of Theodota of Asia.

***Verses***

*The two Unmercenaries, from earth departed,*
*Yet again, as before, fill the earth with wonders.*
*November first they flew from earth, O healing Light.*

The brothers were from Mesopotamia in Asia Minor. After the death of their pagan father, their Christ-loving mother Theodota reared them in piety and in all manner of virtue, and had them instructed in every science, especially that of medicine. This became their vocation, and they went about healing every illness and malady, bestowing healing freely on both men and beasts alike; because of this, Cosmas and Damian are called "Unmercenaries." They fulfilled Christ's command: "Freely have ye received; freely give" (Matthew 10:8). And thus, having completed the course of their life, they reposed in peace. Even after their deaths, Cosmas and Damian worked healing miracles for all who called upon their names.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable-martyr James and his disciples James the deacon and Dionysios of Prodromou Skete on Athos; and Venerable David of Evia in Greece. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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### THE EPISTLE

(For Ss. Cosmas and Damian of Asia)
*In the saints that are in His earth hath the Lord been wondrous.*
*I beheld the Lord ever before me.*
**The reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (12:27-13:8)**

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### THE GOSPEL

(For the Fifth Sunday of Luke)
**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)**

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**TEEN SOYO Special Olympics Collection**
**Guest Speaker: Loretta Claiborne**

**The Inquirer's Class** – will meet this Sunday following the Divine Liturgy. Next Inquirer's class is Sunday, November 8th, following the Divine Liturgy. These classes are for those studying the Orthodox Christian Faith, and those wishing to deepen their understanding of the Faith. All are welcome.

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### Welcome to Visitors.

Orthodox parishes do not practice open communion. Holy Communion is reserved for Baptized, Chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and recent confession. All other visitors are warmly invited to receive the blessed bread (antidoron) at the end of the service

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**St John Chrysostom Antiochian Orthodox Church is a parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America**

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA, Metropolitan of New York and North America

His Grace Bishop Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic

The V. Rev. Peter Pier, Pastor

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**Attendance 10-25-2026: 238**

**Operating Fund Offering Received 10/25/2026: $8245.00**

Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget: $7,443.00

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## Church Calendar

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| **Sat. Oct 31** | 6:00 pm Great Vespers |
| **Sun. Nov 1** | 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy, Teen Soyo's Collection for Special Olympics, SCS, Inquirer's Class, Parish Electronic Directory Updates |
| **Tues. Nov 3** | 8:30 Pray & Play |
| **Wed. Nov 4** | 8:30 am Pre-Communion Prayers, 9:00am Divine Liturgy; 6:00 pm Vespers |
| **Thurs. Nov 5** | 8:15 am SJCS OpenHouse |
| **Sat. Nov 7** | 6:00 pm Great Vespers. |
| **Sun. Nov 8** | 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy, SCS, Inquirer's Class, Parish Electronic Directory Updates |

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## Remember In Your Prayers

*Before they call, I will answer, while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Is. 65:24)*

**The Living – for their health &wellbeing**

Metropolitan SABA
Bishop Thomas
Denise Zakula
Subdeacon Bartholomew and Olena Bassarab
Matthew Miller
Officer Jamie Miller
Joyce "Kasaine" Williams
Michael Acierno
Vera Timko
Beverly Kushner
Michelle Prince
Richard "Stephen" Vangel
Joshua "John" Ranck
Ronna "Sophia" Castle
Marko Bourne
Christine Bogosh
Sasha Florenz
Marjorie "Marion" Barrett

**The Departed – Memory Eternal!**

Metropolitan PHILIP
Bishop Antoun
Priest Boniface Black
Helen Diamond
Angela Burke
Wayne "Stephen" Coleson
Georgette Habib Soliman
Joseph Danyo
Leavitt "George" Keener
Reader Nicholas and Mary Jane Glagola
Norm "Nourhan" and Eva "Marie" Kailian
Nicholas Raptapolus
Walter and Mary Damm
Donnell Gregory and Mary "Rebecca" Beck
Michael Bogosh
Christos Tsakiris
Harry and Grace Dorion
Marianne Rupp and Mary Bincarowsky
Gene "Paul" Strayer
Katherine Monsour
George and Darla Feeser
Cindi "Monica" Bennett
Mary Kopey
Martha Allen
Mary Lou Grove
Melinda "Magdalena" Stika
James Fetter
Andrew Himes
Patty May
Julie Acierno
Vincent Michael Terzano-Borovic
Steven Smith
Edward Boner
Cheryl "Alexandra" Bury
Thomas Lehman
Barry "John" Hart
Angela Pandelidis
Kathryn Velen
Ray Jauncito
Jayme Miller
Theodore Federoff
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