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Weekly Bulletin - 10.05.2026-10.11.26

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - St. Hariton

Sunday Lectionary:

Epistle for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
II Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago--whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows--such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-- how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Epistle for the Theotokos
Philippians 2:5-11

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no

reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 6:31-36

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. "But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Gospel for the Theotokos

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Click HERE for the Weekly Reflections:

Homily on II Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9 by St. John Chrysostom

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Announcements:

Schedule

Saturday, October 10, 2026 / September 27, 7535

6:00pm - Great Vespers

7:30pm - Confessions

Sunday, October 11, 2026 / September 28, 7535

9:30am - Hours

10:00am - Divine Liturgy

11:30am - Coffee Hour

News

Substantial Donations from His Grace +IRINEJ

Please pray for Fr. Sava and the servants of God Luke and Vladimir as they travel to Warren, PA to receive the remainder of a large donation made to the Mission by His Grace +IRINEJ, the Rev. Fr. Vedran Grabic of St. George SOC in Hermitage, PA, and the community of St. Elijah SOC in Warren, OH.

Fr. Sava will return with over a dozen large pews, icons, and a large holy altar table for our future church building. This follows the initial donation from His Grace which consisted of a set of holy vessels, a Gospel, Cross, and other important items.

New Catechetical Resources

A new, three-part catechism "course" is now being provided by the Mission's inquirers and catechumens. There is a digital portal to access free copies of the instructional material. We will have regular, in-person catechism sessions beginning shortly. Additional information can be found on the website starting Sunday, October 11 2026. An email will be sent out to all catechumens and inquirers who have signed up for the email list later this week.