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"Enter the Church and repent ... for here is the physician, not the judge. Here one is not investigated, one receives remission of sins." (St. John Chrysostom)

October 22, 2017-The Sixth Sunday After the Cross

*The Commemoration of the Holy Wonderworker Averkios,
Bishop of Hieropolis and Equal to the Apostles,
and of the Seven Holy Youths of Ephesus*

THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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THE PROKIMENON:

SING PRAISE TO OUR GOD, SING PRAISE!

SING PRAISE TO OUR KING, SING PRAISE!

All you peoples clap your hands! Shout to God with cries of gladness!

Today's Readings: Galatians 1: 11-19 and Luke 8: 27-39

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, 4:30 PM:

For the repose of Theodora Smit (42nd), Alice Kalil (16th),
Anna Deschuitneer (1st), Florence Burkush (21st), John Ayoub (49th),
Leo Abood (22nd), and Edmund Anton (36th)



Sunday, 11:00 AM:

For the repose Alphonse Auclair,
by Maurice and Georgette Tremblay



Next Saturday, (October 28) 4:30 PM:

For the repose of Saheed Attalla (45th), Amelia Maloley (16th),
Mary Mamouneas (27th), Ernest Blanchard (39th), Philip Wihby (74th),
and Ferris Samara (35th)

Next Sunday, (Oct. 29) 11:00 AM

For the repose of Salim & Bahia Khoury, Genevieve & Nakle Nakle,
and Farid El-Zarka,
by Joseph and Marie Khoury

Collar I.D.



Got Vocations?

Paul was aware of his limitations in his ministry, and congregations today are well aware of the human failings of their clergy – but both see that the power of God works through priests, and can be life-giving, as it was for the widow's son in the Gospel. Pray for an increase of priestly vocations in our eparchy – and consider it for yourself!

Mahrajan Appreciation Dinner!

Following the Sunday Divine Liturgy an Appreciation Dinner will be served to the entire parish as a thank you for the great parish effort at our annual Mahrajan!



The Fathers Speak... *On today's Gospel*

It is fitting that the heretics should be found guilty, not by the teachings of the apostles but by the mouth of demons. The latter often exclaim, "What have I to do with you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?" The truth drew out this reluctant confession, and being forced to obey, their grief testifies to the strength of this nature. This power overcomes them, since they abandon bodies that they have possessed for a long time. They pay their tribute of honor when they acknowledge the nature of Christ. In the meantime, Christ testifies that he is the Son by his miracles as well as by his name. O heretic, where do you find the name of a creature or the favor of an adoption among those words by which the demons admit who he is?

- HILARY OF POITIERS

We may also learn this from what befell the herd of swine. Wicked demons are cruel, mischievous, hurtful and treacherous to those who are in their power. The fact clearly proves this, because they hurried the swine over a precipice and drowned them in the waters. Christ granted their request that we might learn from what happened that their disposition is ruthless, bestial, incapable of being softened, and solely intent on doing evil to those whom they can get into their power.

If there is anyone among us who is wanton, swinish, filth loving, impure and willingly contaminated with the abominations of sin, God permits such a one to fall into their power and sink into the abyss of damnation. It will never happen that those who love Christ will become subject to them. It will never happen to us as long as we walk in his footsteps, avoid negligence in the performance of what is right, desire those things which are honorable, and belong to that virtuous and praiseworthy lifestyle that Christ has marked out for us by the precepts of the gospel.

-ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA

Attendance Last Week: Sat., 4:30 PM: 16 Sun. 11:00 AM: 94

Last Weekend's Collection: \$ 1,017.⁰⁰

The average Sunday envelope donation: \$34.²³

The balance remaining on our mortgage is: \$ 77,027.¹³

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Wed., Oct. 25	7:00 PM	Divine Liturgy: The Feast of St. Demetrios of Thessalonica -Offered for the sick of the parish
Sat., Oct. 28	4:30 PM	Divine Liturgy: The 21st Sunday After Pentecost
Sun., Oct. 29	10:15 AM	Sunday Orthros
Sun., Oct. 29	11:00 AM	Divine Liturgy: The 21st Sunday After Pentecost

The Seven Holy Youths of Ephesus

were friends from childhood, and all were in military service together. When the emperor Decius (249-251) arrived in Ephesus, he commanded all the citizens to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. Torture and death awaited anyone who disobeyed. The seven youths were denounced by informants, and were summoned to reply to the charges. Appearing before the emperor, the young men confessed their faith in Christ.

Their military belts and insignia were quickly taken from them. Decius permitted them to go free, however, hoping that they would change their minds while he was off on a military campaign. The youths fled from the city and hid in a cave on Mount Ochlon, where they passed their time in prayer, preparing for martyrdom.

Learning where the young men were hidden, the emperor ordered that the entrance of the cave be sealed with stones so that the saints would perish from hunger and thirst. Two of the dignitaries at the blocked entrance to the cave were secret Christians. Desiring to preserve the memory of the saints, they placed in the cave a sealed container containing two metal plaques. On them were inscribed the names of the seven youths and the details of their suffering and death.

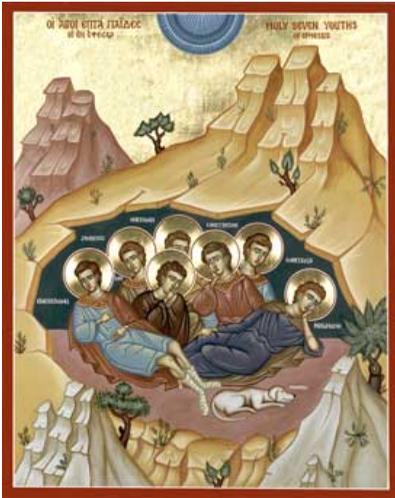
The Lord placed the youths into a miraculous sleep lasting almost two centuries. In the meantime, the persecutions against Christians had ceased. The owner of the land, discovered the stone construction, and his workers opened up the entrance to the cave. The Lord had kept the youths alive, and they awoke from their sleep, unaware that almost two hundred years had passed. Their bodies and clothing were completely undecayed, and the coinage they possessed was issued in the time of the emperor Decius.

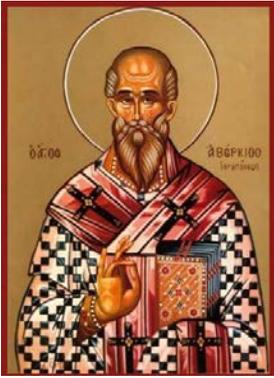
At the entrance to the cave the bishop found the sealed container and opened it. He read upon the metal plaques the names of the seven youths and the details of the sealing of the cave on the orders of the emperor Decius. Soon the emperor himself arrived in Ephesus and spoke with the young men in the cave. Then the holy youths, in sight of everyone, lay their heads upon the ground and fell asleep again, this time until the General Resurrection.

In December 1997 the tomb began exuding myrrh and since then the interior of the tomb has been fragrant.

Vianney, the inspiring live production performed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at Saint Kathryn Church in Hudson on **Monday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m.** Experience the gripping story of Saint John Vianney, the humble priest who battled the devil to save souls. Filled with all of the elements of professional theater, the production runs 90 minutes and is suitable for ages 9 and up.

For tickets and additional information, contact Charlene Maniotis at Saint Kathryn Parish Office at 603-882-7793 or charlene.maniotis@stkathryns.org or visit www.stkathryns.org. Tickets are \$25.00 for premier seating for adults and \$20.00 per person for general seating with a maximum of \$50.00 per household of parents and 4 or fewer children under 16.





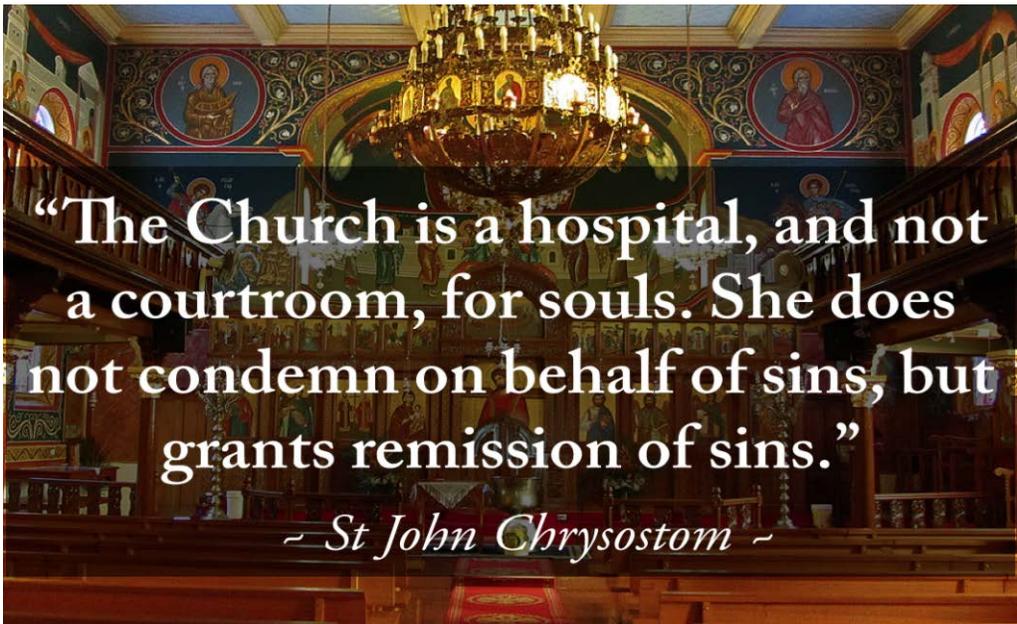
Saint Averkios, Bishop of Hieropolis

Saint Averkios, Bishop and Wonderworker of Hieropolis lived in the second century in Phrygia. The city of Hieropolis was inhabited by many pagans and very few Christians. The saint prayed to the Lord for the salvation of their souls and that they might be numbered among God's chosen flock. An angel appeared and bade Saint Averkios to destroy the idols in the pagan temple. He fulfilled the command of God with zeal. Hearing that the idol-worshippers wanted to kill him, the saint went to the place where the people had gathered and openly denounced the failings of the pagans. The pagans tried to seize the saint.

At this moment three demon-possessed youths in the crowd cried out. The people were dumbfounded, as the saint expelled the devils from them by his prayers. Seeing the youths restored to normal, the people of Hieropolis asked Saint Averkios to instruct them in the Christian Faith, and then they accepted Holy Baptism.

After this the saint went to the surrounding cities and villages, healing the sick and preaching the Kingdom of God. With his preaching he made the rounds of Syria, Cilicia, Mesopotamia, he visited Rome and everywhere he converted multitudes of people to Christ. For many years he guarded the Church against heretics, he confirmed Christians in the Faith, he set the prodigal upon the righteous path, he healed the sick and proclaimed the glory of Christ. Because of his great works, Saint Averkios has been given the title "Equal of the Apostles."

Saint Averkios returned home to Hieropolis, where he soon rested from his labors. After his death, many miracles took place at his tomb. He wrote his own epitaph, and it was carved on his tombstone, which is now in the Lateran Museum.

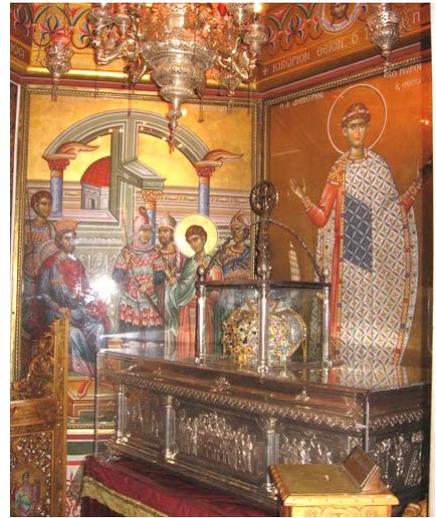


“The Church is a hospital, and not a courtroom, for souls. She does not condemn on behalf of sins, but grants remission of sins.”

~ St John Chrysostom ~

St Demetrios the Myrobelite

NOTHING WAS WRITTEN IN HIS OWN TIME about one of the more popular saints in the Byzantine Churches, the Great Martyr Demetrios. Accounts of his life date to the ninth century. However more ancient witnesses to this saint include the 7th century *Miracles of St Demetrios*, a testimony to the protection afforded to that city by its patron, St Demetrios. The *Miracles* consists of two books: the first is a compilation of homilies by Archbishop John of Thessaloniki praising the saint for his intercession for the city. The second is a slightly later account of the Slavic invasion of the Balkans in which the saint once again protected his city from destruction. Older than these written works, however, is the archaeological record some of which came to light only in the 20th century.



Life of St Demetrios

St Demetrios is said to have been born in Thessaloniki in about AD 260 to an aristocratic family. The oldest icons we have (7th century) depict him in upper class dress. He was an officer in the Roman army and many icons portray him in a military uniform. During the Great Persecution of the early 4th century Demetrios was appointed pro-consul of the city, charged by Emperor Maximian with exterminating the Christians there. When it became known that Demetrios himself was a Christian, he was seized and imprisoned in the bathhouse complex at the Roman forum.

At this time the emperor was staging games in the circus. His champion was a German by the name of Lyaeos. He challenged Christians to wrestle with him on a platform built over the upturned spears of the victorious soldiers. A brave Christian named Nestor went to the prison to Demetrios and requested a blessing to fight the barbarian. With the blessing and prayers of Demetrios, Nestor prevailed over the fierce German and hurled him from the platform onto the spears of the soldiers. The enraged commander ordered the execution of the holy Martyr Nestor, and sent a guard to the prison to kill Saint Demetrios.

At dawn on October 26, 306, soldiers appeared in the saint's underground prison, ran him through with lances, and disposed of his body. Demetrios' servant Lupos dipped his garment in the saint's blood and preserved it along with the earth soaked in the martyr's blood.

The Great Church in Thessaloniki

The Great Church of St Demetrios is part of a site incorporating the Roman forum, palace, temple, hippodrome, and a bathhouse. This was the place where the Saint had been imprisoned and martyred. During the reign of Saint Constantine (306-337), a church was built over the grave of Saint Demetrios. This church was enlarged several times over the centuries and attained its present form as a major basilica in 629-634. By then the ground had so risen that the Roman era bathhouse was actually underground.

Over the centuries the church and its surroundings experienced major changes. From 1493-1912, under the Ottomans, the church was used as a mosque. The crypt was filled in with dirt and forgotten. In 1912, when Thessaloniki was joined to the Greek state, the structure became a church again. Archaeological work in the church over the next few decades unearthed the forgotten crypt and a Roman-era well where, scholars believe, soldiers disposed of the saint's body.

The Relics of St Demetrios

The life of St Demetrios described how his servant had dipped his garment into the saint's blood. This was confirmed in the twentieth century restoration of the church and crypt. The first chapel built over the place of the saint's martyrdom was discovered. Its Holy Altar was found to contain an earthen vessel containing earth impregnated with human blood.

When a body reported to be that of St Demetrios was put forth for veneration in the seventh century, the archbishop dismissed its authenticity. The body was proclaimed to be that of the saint after it started exuding perfumed myrrh. The relics were placed in the shrine where they are venerated to this day. This is why St Demetrios is known as the Myrobelite (Exuder of Myrrh). For centuries, these relics have been exuding this fragrant myrrh and have been the occasion of many healings. Every year around the feast of the saint (October 26), the reliquary chest is opened and the fragrance of the myrrh can be detected for blocks around.

Exudations of Myrrh

Christians, particularly in the East, have long considered the exudation of myrrh a sign that God confirms the holiness of a saint. From time to time streams, of a unique viscous liquid emitting a beautiful aroma have appeared in connection with the relics or icons of certain saints. Healings and other seeming miracles have often accompanied this phenomenon.

Other saints whose relics have reportedly exuded myrrh include Saints: Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra Clement the Confessor, Pope of Rome; Juliana the Compassionate; Peter the Wonderworker, bishop of Argos; Simeon of Serbia, founder of Mt. Athos' Hilandari Monastery; Simon, founder of Mt. Athos' Simonopetras Monastery.

Myrrh-Streaming Icons

Even more common are myrrh-streaming icons, some ancient and many modern which exude this aromatic liquid in churches, monasteries and even private homes. Widely revered today are:

- A manufactured copy of the icon of the Theotokos, "Softener of Evil Hearts" bought by Anastasia Basharinaya at the glorification of St Matrona the Blind and touched to the saint's reliquary. At the family home, the icon began exuding myrrh. Taken throughout Russia and to Russian churches abroad, the icon has been the occasion of healings and unusual manifestations.
- A copy of the Iveron icon of the Theotokos, given on Mount Athos to José Munoz-Cortes in 1982, began exuding myrrh and has been taken for veneration around the world ever since.
- A similar depiction of the same icon at Holy Theotokos of Iveron Church in Honolulu, has exuded myrrh intermittently since October, 2007.
- A framed paper print of the Kazan Icon purchased by Nicholas and Myrna Nazzour on their honeymoon in 1980, began exuding myrrh in November, 1982 at their home in Soufanieh, a Damascus suburb. Since then this liquid – scientifically analyzed as olive oil – has streamed from the icon, from numerous copies, and from Myrna's hands during prayer.

Please remember to pray for the health and protection of Genevieve Allen, Donna Andruskiewicz, Olivia Aragon, Paul Archambeault, Elizabeth Ashooh, Elsie Ashooh, Alice Auclair, Erin Baroody, Michael Baroody, Anthony Blando, Helena Burkush, Fr. Michael Carl, Danielle Caron, Michael Cavanaugh, Meghan Connors, Sarah Cullen, Theresa Cullen, Sarah Dagher, Janet Drake, Bishop John Elya, Sher Farrow, Julie Fregeau, Mary Fregeau, Peter Fregeau, Christine Freitas, John Gallagher, Marguerite Ganem, Loretto Gauvin, Bonnie Gomez, Gail Fisher, Laurice Haddad, Nick Haddad, Lucille Harper, Laura Jorba, Virginia Kearney, Leila Khoury, Shirley Lanoue, Susan Latvis, Diana Lebel, Fr. Theophan Leonarczyk, Sadie Grace McCallum, Miriam McCallum, Ramona Matias, Susan Merrill, Maria Moser, Joanne Nader, Alfred Nasr, Afef Nasr, Raymond Nehme, Samira Nehme, Blaise Notter, Steve Notter, Steven O'Leary, Ellen Osgood, Josephine Paquette, MaryJo Pond Sheila Quinn, Susan Quintal, Deborah Roberts, Adam Rubin, Fr. Andre St. Germain, Kara Salvias, Denise Sherburne, Tarrant Smith, Catherine Waldron, George Webber, Martha Webber, and Iris Angelina Velasquez.

If you are visiting our church, our parish family is delighted to welcome you here! Please give us the chance to get to know you by joining us for some coffee, pastry, and conversation in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy. If you would like to know more about the Melkite Catholic Church, check out the brochure entitled *“Welcome to this Holy House,”* located on the table in the back of the church.



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Today's Readings:

From to the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (1: 11-19)

BRETHREN, I give you to understand that the Good News that was announced to you by me is not of man. For I did not receive it from man, nor was it taught to me [by man], but I received it by a revelation from Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of the way I lived before in Judaism: how I persecuted the Church of God and ravaged it beyond measure. And I advanced in Judaism above many of my contemporaries in my nation, showing much more zeal for the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased him who from my mother's womb set me apart and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the Gentiles, immediately, without taking counsel with flesh and blood and without going up to Jerusalem to those who were appointed apostles before me, I retired into Arabia and again returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went to Jerusalem to see Peter, and I remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles, except James, the Lord's brother.

الرسالة (غلاطية 1: 11 - 19)

يا اخوة، أُعَلِّمُكُمْ ان الانجيلَ الذي بُشِّرَ به على يدي، ليسَ بحسبِ الانسان. لأنني لم اتسلمهُ ولا تعلمتهُ من انسان، بل بوحى يسوع المسيح. اذ قد سمعتم بسيرتي قديماً في ملة اليهود كيف كنت اضطهدُ كنيسةَ الله الى الغايةِ وأدمرتها. وأزیدُ إقبالاً في ملة اليهود على كثيرين من اترابي في أمّتي، بكوني أوفوهُم غيرةً على تقاليداتِ آبائي. فلما ارتضى الله، الذي فرزني من جوفِ أمي ودعاني بنعمته، أن يُعلن ابنه فيّ لأبشِرَ به بين الامم، لساعتي لم أصغِ الى اللحمِ والدم، ولا صعدتُ الى أُورشليمِ الى الذين هم رسلٌ قبلي، بل سرتُ إلى ديارِ العرب، ثم رجعتُ الى دمشق. وبعد ثلاثِ سنواتِ صعدتُ الى أُورشليمِ لأزورَ بطرس. فأقمتُ عنده خمسةَ عشرَ يوماً. ولم أرَ غيره من الرسل سوى يعقوبَ أخي الرب.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8: 27-39)

At that time when Jesus came to the country of the Gerasenes there met Him a certain man who for a long time was possessed by a devil, and wore no clothes, and lived in the tombs, not in a house. And when he saw Jesus, he fell down before Him, and crying out with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with Thee, Jesus, Son of the most high God? I pray You, do not torment me." For he was charging the unclean spirit to go forth from the man. For many times it had laid hold of him; and he was bound with chains and fetters, and kept under guard, but he would break the bonds asunder, and be driven by the devil into the deserts.

And Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many devils had entered into him. And they entreated Him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was there, feeding on the mountainside. And they kept entreating Him to give them leave to enter into them. And He gave them leave. And the devils came out from the man and entered into the swine; and the herd rushed down the cliff into the lake and were drowned.

And when the swineherds saw what had happened, they fled and reported it in the town and in the country; and people came out to see what had happened. And they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the devils had gone out sitting at His feet, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those also who had seen it reported to them how he had been saved from Legion. And all the people of the Gerasene district besought Him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear. And He got into a boat and went back. But the man from whom the devils had gone out prayed Him that he might remain with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your house, and tell all that God has done for you." And he departed, proclaiming throughout the whole town all that Jesus had done for him.

(لوقا 8: 27-39)

في ذلك الزمان، لما أتى يسوع الى بقعة الغدريين، استقبله رجلٌ من المدينة به شياطينٌ من زمانٍ طويل، ولم يكن يلبس ثوباً ولا يأوي الى بيت بل الى القبور. فلما رأى يسوع صاح وخر له وقال بصوتٍ عظيم: ما لي ولك يا يسوع ابن الله العلي؟ أطلبُ إليك ألا تُعذّبني. فإنه كان يأمرُ الروح النجس أن يخرج من الانسان، إذ كان قد استحوذَ عليه من زمانٍ طويل. وكان يُربطُ بسلاسلٍ وقيودٍ ويحرس، فيقطعُ الرُبطَ ويسوقهُ الشيطان الى البراري. فسأله يسوع قائلاً: ما اسمك؟ فقال: جوقة، لأن شياطينَ كثيرين قد دخلوا فيه. وطلبوا اليه أن لا يأمرهم بالذهاب الى الهاوية. وكان هناك قطع خنازير كثيرة ترعى في الجبل. فطلبوا اليه أن يأذن لهم بالدخول فيها، فأذن لهم. فخرج الشياطين من الانسان، ودخلوا في الخنازير، فوثب القطيع عن الجرف الى البحيرة فاختنق. فلما رأى الرعاة ما حدث، هربوا وذهبوا، وأخبروا من في المدينة وفي الحقول. فخرجوا ليروا ما حدث. وأتوا الى يسوع، فوجدوا الانسان الذي خرجت منه الشياطين جالساً عند قدمي يسوع، لابساً صحيح العقل، فخافوا. وأخبرهم الناظرون كيف أبرئ المعترى. فسأله جميع جمهور بقعة الغدريين أن ينصرف عنهم، لأنه استحوذ عليهم خوفٌ عظيم. أما هو فركب السفينة ورجع. فجعل يطلب اليه الرجل الذي خرجت منه الشياطين أن يكون معه، فصرفه يسوع قائلاً: ارجع الى بيتك، وحدت بما صنع الله اليك. فذهب وهو ينادي في المدينة كلها بما صنع اليه يسوع.