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Epistle Rom. 10:1-10

Tone 4

Gospel: Mt. 8:28 – 9:1

July 25th – 5th Sunday after Pentecost –

TODAY'S SERVICES: Today's Greeter: TBD

Sun. 9:00am Divine Liturgy – 5th Sunday after Pentecost – Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra (2nd c.). Ven. Michael, monk, of Maleinus (962). Martyr Golinduc, in holy baptism Mary, of Persia (591). Martyrs Theodore and his son John of Kyiv (983).

THANK YOU FATHER MYKOLA ZOMCHAK FOR SERVING!

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK:

Sun. 9:00am Divine Liturgy – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Servers: Subdeacon J.D. Cairns, Qorey Carter, Ryan Fealy

Reader: Subdeacon Thomas Bodnar or Subdeacon J.D. Cairns

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: David Deli, Richard Hycuna, Diane

Decibus Morgan, John Piropatto, John Zelenak, Hilda Zuccaro, Thomas Zuccaro, Joseph Nardi, Olga Piropatto, Nancy Grabie, Mary Wrubleski, Margaret York, Ronald York, Ann Holoob, Jeanette Stokes, Pani Mary Ann, Bruce Wadiak, Patty Tucker, Michelle Goldberg, Raymond Wizna, Catherine Ann Bylinski, Anna Muzyka, Kathleen Ward, Olivia Zazworsky, Andrew, Christopher, Sarah, Arthur, Debra, James, Gloria, David, Alexander and Sophia, Jpseph & *children* Karina, Oskar, Tessa, Robert, Jacob, and Jonathan, remembering all the sick, the suffering, those in hospitals and nursing homes, and all the men and women in the **US Military**, especially **Vitaly Pacej**, who serve our country and all of us. Please keep them in your prayers daily, asking God's protection upon them all.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Olga Piropatto, Arthur Rowland, Lila Antenucci, and Michelle Sica and all those celebrating birthdays or special intentions, may the Lord grant you all "Many Blessed Years, Mnohaya Lita!"

THE TWO DEMONIACS

Why are there two demon-possessed men in the Gerasene tombs in Matthew, but only one in Mark and Luke?.

The three passages that describe the incident with the demoniacs in the country of the Gerasenes, also called Gadarenes, are Matthew 8:28-34, Mark 5:1-20, and Luke 8:26-39. The Matthew account mentions two demon-possessed men, while Mark and Luke only mention one.

Is there a discrepancy in these accounts, and do the Gospel writers contradict one another? The first thing to determine is whether the three writers are describing the same event. The timing of the event in all three accounts—immediately following the calming of the storm on the sea of Galilee—as well as other similarities (living in the tombs, the ferocity of the demoniac, the conversation with the demons, the driving of them into the pigs, the drowning of the herd, and the response of those who witnessed the scene) all give credence to Matthew, Mark, and Luke all describing the same event. The question remains, then, whether there was one demoniac or two.

Matthew tells us there were two demoniacs, while Mark and Luke only mention one of the two. It is unclear why they chose to mention only one, but that does not negate the possibility of a second demoniac being present. Mark and Luke do not say there was "only one" demon-possessed man. They simply state that one of the two met Jesus and spoke to Him. For whatever reason, Matthew simply gives us more information than Mark and Luke.

In any case, no contradiction exists. A contradiction occurs only if one statement makes the other impossible and there is absolutely no way for them to be reconciled. All three accounts describe demon possession and the power that Jesus has over the spirit world. All three tell us that He made a point to cross the sea to save someone from the demons. All three affirm that there was at least one man who was plagued by demons. The fact that the three accounts differ in some minor details only proves that they were written by three different authors, each of whom chose to focus on a different aspect of the account.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, September 18th, 2021 – Father James and PM Denise will be hosting a joint celebration at the pavilion / center

Annual Cairns Family Pig Roast / St. Demetrius Parish Picnic

Festivities will kick off at 2 PM. Anyone who wants to contribute desserts, please contact PM Denise @ 732-309-8182 or deniseacairns@gmail.com

ALL EMERGENCIES: PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CALL FATHER JAMES for any and all emergencies – for hospital, nursing home, or home visitations. PLEASE call his Cell number 732-619-3259, if necessary, please leave a voice message, Father will return your call. THANK YOU.