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17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. The Protection (Pokrov) of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary . Apostle of the Seventy Ananias (1st c.). Ven. Romanus the Melodist (“Sweet-singer”—5th c.). Ven. Savva (Sabbas), Abbot of Vishera (Novgorod—1461). Martyr Domninus of Thessalonica (4th c.). Martyr Michael, Abbot in Armenia, and 36 Fathers with him (780-790). Ven. John (Koukouzelis) the Hymnographer of Mt. Athos (Albanian—12th c.). Ven. Gregory of Lavra (Mt. Athos—12th c.). “Pskov-Protection” Icon of the Mother of God.

Birthdays & Anniversaries for October

Birthdays: Nadia/Nadezhda Macheska (10/1); Thomas Zupko (10/10); Mary Krevko (10/5); Stella Krenitsky (10/14);

Nameday:

Anniversary:

Baptism:

Travelers:

Prospora Schedule: We need families to start baking prospora at home. Please sign up. We are out. *The Church has a prospora kit if you would like to borrow it.*

08Oct Fr Michael

15Oct Emily Hart

22Oct Marie Pasternak

Counting: Thank you Emily Krenitsky for assisting in counting today’s offerings.

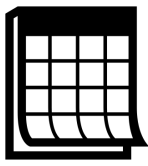
08Oct Patricia Jones

15Oct

22Oct Tammy Wytovich

Visitors: *PLEASE JOIN US FOR DOWNSTAIRS for an Agape Meal. Thank you to everyone who donated. Please donate what you would spend for a cup of coffee at the agape meal to replenish our supplies.*

DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS: *A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from our community. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive themselves by fasting and a recent (monthly) confession..If you have questions please ask Fr Michael!*



Service Schedule

SAT, Oct 7th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers. Confession following
 SUN, Oct 8th: Hours @ 9:20 AM Hours, 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone
 1. Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council.

SAT, Oct 14th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers. Confession following
 SUN, Oct 15th: Hours @ 9:20 AM Hours, 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2.



Announcements

Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events

Silent Prayers and Confession: Every Wednesday 11:00AM - 1:30PM or you can make an appt for confession.

Monthly Panikhida: Oct 28th @ 4pm. Please submit names of family members you would like to be remembered.

Inquirers/Catechumen/Continuing ED Class: Every Saturday 3:30pm-4:30pm. COME AND LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH!

Bible Study: Every Thursday 11am - Noon. Bring a sack Lunch. I am working my way through Romans if you want to join me.

Church Work Day: Every Friday is Church Maintenance day. Come help! Please come and help maintain the Church and its grounds.

Heavenly Host Program: Natasha Coyoy is our coordinator. 08Oct Parent brief for program

Parish Council Meeting: 01OCT All are invited. (Every first Sunday of the Month) Please come and see the great things our parish council is doing and the vision we have. The Annual Parish census is coming up and is due to the chancery in October.

Registration - Please continue to sign up on the website to receive the weekly emails. We are going live with our services! Please go to the website to register for our youtube channel.

Women's Fall Brunch - Emilia Hart will host a fall brunch at her house Oct 28th at 10am. Please get with her for her address and details.

Pasta Dinner - Nov 11th, Veterans Day. Please see Tammy Wytovich to help Volunteer. Tickets are ready to be purchased so get with Tammy and purchase 2 tickets! Please see Tammy or Sandy for tickets or to help sell tickets. Deadline to purchase tickets is Nov 4th. Those volunteering to make baskets, please have them made and to the church by Oct 29th.

From the Chancery: Our Archpastor, His Eminence, Archbishop Mark has sent out guidance and directives for our services and we are to begin the transition to a more full liturgical cycle. First, as in Orthodox Tradition, our diocesan bishop is the pastor, the rector is his representative. So we have started with adding 9th Hour to the beginning of Vespers and this morning we read both 3rd & 6th Hour. It is the hope by November that every Saturday will be a Vigil in preparation for Divine Liturgy. I will speak more about the changes at coffee hour.

Fr Michael will be gone 17Oct-21Oct for a clergy conference in Chicago.

Parish Prayer List

DEPARTED: Nicholas Lugin (10/20)

Please remember in your prayers LIVING

Ill-afflicted *Archpriests John Nightingale & Theodore Orzolek*

All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our families and friends: *Christine Sevensky, Mike Jadick, Margaret Pregmon, Daniel Jones, Matushka Paula Soucek; Alexander Horek; The child of God Abigail and Nathan.*

Servants of God *Barbara Sevensky, Bernie & Beverly Elko, Sandra Condon, Marie Pasternak, Ann Tyrpak, Sandy & Danny Pregmon, Walter Pritchuk, Michael & Euphemia Keklak; Elizabeth Jackson; Justin Kane; Maria & Vitaliy Rakovsky; Ekaterina & Anna; Joe & Kelly Cigna; George, Natasha (and her unborn child), & Rosa Coyoy; Paul & Ann Newmeyer; Mat. Emilia, Blaise, Maximus, Rodion, Savina Shepherd; Joseph, Emilia, Judah, Nadezda, & Silas Hart; Eli & Paula Stavisky, Helen Wytovich, Tammy Wytovich, Charissa & Daniel Voroziiichak, Nadia Macheska, Paulette Ezbiansky, Maura Elko, Lydia Popov*

Catechumen - Jason Vo

How Much is my tithe

Weekly	2%	4%	5%	10%
\$200	\$4	\$8	\$10	\$20
\$500	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$50
\$750	\$15	\$30	\$37	\$75
\$1000	\$20	\$40	\$50	\$100
\$1500	\$30	\$60	\$75	\$150

WEEKLY GIVING UPDATE: We thank you for your continued giving in gratitude for all that our loving God does for each of us, for His Holy Church, **and** all the blessings we receive through her.

September Income: \$9,344.00

Expenditures: \$12,264.34 + (14K A/C Repair)

Bank Balance: \$87,160.69

Weekly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$3,225.62

Monthly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$12,902.49

Today Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7 (*Epistle, Theotokos*)

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 (*Epistle*)

Gospel: Luke 21:12-19 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (*Gospel, Theotokos*)

Luke 6:31-36 (*Gospel*)



PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD (POKROV)

On October 14th (October 1st old calendar) the Church triumphantly and joyfully celebrates the Protection of the Most Holy Virgin. This holiday is a favorite of the Russian Orthodox people. It was established in the 12th century by the Russian Church. The historical basis for the feast is the rescue of the Byzantine capital, Constantinople, from attack over 1000 years ago.

It was during an All-Night Vigil in the Blachernae church, overflowing with those at prayer, that at the fourth hour, the Fool-for-Christ St. Andrew beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos entering the Royal Gates of the temple surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. After praying for a long time she took off her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies. The most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed “more that the rays of the sun.” While gazing at the miraculous vision with trembling, Saint Andrew asked his disciple Epiphanius, “Do you see the Mother of God and Queen of Heaven?” Epiphanius answered, “I do see Holy Father, and I am in awe.”

Who was this Blessed Andrew that was chosen to see the Mother of God? Andrew, a Slav by birth, was the slave of a rich man, Theognostus, in Constantinople. Theognostus liked Andrew and saw to his education, teaching him reading and writing. Andrew was a calm and kind-hearted young man. He liked to read the lives of Saints, study the Scriptures and often go to church. Gradually the desire to devote himself to God grew stronger and following a sign from above he left worldly honors behind and took on himself the ascetic feat of being a fool - for - Christ, that is he acted as if he were insane. Andrew lived in the streets, hungry, wearing rags and shunned even by beggars. But for his extreme humility, fasting, unceasing prayer and spiritual purity, he was given by God the gifts of discernment and prophecy.

And so we see that it was not someone of episcopal or other priestly rank, neither patriarch or bishop; nor the emperor or some other royalty, nor someone from the academic world with which Byzantium was so rich, nor any other of the eminent citizens of the capital that was selected to see the mystical vision of the Mother of God in the Blachernae temple. This was granted to the fool – for – Christ Saint Andrew and his disciple Epiphanius to see this great and awe-inspiring vision.

During this feast the Holy Church celebrates the great and joyful revelation of a light of protection for the world and the great love of the Mother of God. For not only on that day more than a thousand years ago in the Blachernae temple did the Virgin pray, be she has continued to pray for the world and will continue until the end of the ages. And not only over those then in the temple did she spread her fair veil. But also over the whole world and all mankind and over us sinners, is spread the radiant and saving Protection of the Mother of God.

The Most Holy Virgin, Mother of God is the mediator between heaven and earth, the intercessor for the world before the throne of the glory of God. The world is not left in sorrow, mankind is not left to grieve alone. The Mother of God grieves and cries for us. We know that we are great sinners, but we also know that we are not forgotten by the Mother of God who is close to every human soul. What is more comforting?. Throughout all the centuries the hearts of believers have been illumined with the joy of the Protection of the Mother of God, the joy of her prayers for the world. Yes, the joy and light of the Protection of the Mother of God is on us, in us, in our hearts and in our country.

From the book « Wonder-working Icons Mother of God in Russian History ».