



Sunday, October 3, 2021  
Gospel: [St. Luke 6:31-36](#)

Tone 6

Epistle: [2 Corinthians 4:6-15](#)

15th Sunday after Pentecost  
Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop of Athens, and  
with him Martyrs Rusticus the Presbyter and Eleutherius the Deacon

### SEPTEMBER Bulletin Sponsor:

*Fr. Andrew in memory of His Grace Bishop John*

### Liturgical & Events Schedule

#### Sunday, October 3

9:10 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy / Social

#### Saturday, October 9

11:00 am-4:00 pm: Lighthouse Festival

#### Sunday, October 10

9:10 am: Hours / Divine Liturgy / Social

### 40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

**Oct. 3:** Theodore Geletka / Dr. Martin Beerman Matushka Tresja Denysenko / The Mitred Archpriest Michael Koblosh / 12 military killed in Afghanistan including Navy corpsman Max Soviak from Ohio / 5 Navy serviceman that dies in San Diego

**Oct. 10:** Archpriest Sergei Glajoley

**Oct. 17:** Archpriest Anastasy Richter

**Oct. 24:** Infant Sloane Swanton / Terri Lariccia

**Oct. 31:** Keith Lehen

### OCTOBER CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE



Oct. 4-9 Laura

Oct. 11-16 Tina

Oct 18- 23 Laura

Oct. 25-30 Bobbie

### Remind Me Again

If anyone has ask me to put something in the bulletin or update anything, please remind me again.

Thank you, Fr. Andrew

### OCTOBER BULLETIN CANDLE SPONSORS

**Bulletin:** (\$50): Fr. Andrew in memory of my Grandfather Steve

**Chandelier:** (\$50) Fr. Andrew in memory of my deceased relatives in October

**Altar Candles:** (\$50) From Kolber family of (Nieces & nephews) James & Rita, Michael & Kathleen, Daniel & Claire & Barbara in memory of Theodore Barniak on his First Ann. Of repose / From Jean in memory of her mother Helen Pipenur

**Candles on the Tomb:** (\$25) Fr. Andrew in memory of His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius and all former pastors of this parish in Oct.

**Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** (\$25) Trudy in memory of Margaret (Mother) & Gori (Father), Fr. Justin Foster. / From Layne in memory of her Father Frank Flaherty

**Candles @ the Cross:** (\$15) Fr. Andrew for the health of Trudy on the occasion of her birthday

**Candles @ Icon of St Tikhon:** (\$15) For the health of Tim, safety of Nicholas, Tikhon and Gleice

### READERS

Sunday, Oct 3 Tim

Sunday, Oct 10 Joe

Sunday, Oct. 17 Terri

Sunday, Oct. 24 Joe

Sunday, Oct 31 Tim

### For Your Prayers

**Diane Tryon**

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## VIGILS- SEPTEMBER 19

**Laura Kovach(4)** Birthday blessings to Fin on his first birthday. For health of Betty, Ben, Earl, Mary, Andrea, Wendy, Mark, Dana, Bodhi, Hattie, Molly, David, Margi and Joe. Congratulations and God's blessings to Nikki & Sean on the birth of their daughter Braelynn. Memory Eternal to Sloane Swanton and Mikahla Conrad

**Sandy Martin (1)** Special intentions

**Royhab (1)** For the health and healing of Stephanie Royhab

**Twarek (8)** God's blessing to Nikki and Sean and newborn Braelynn Nicole (9/15). In loving memory of my dad (24<sup>th</sup> anniversary 9/16). In loving memory of child Sloane Swanton. God's blessing & strength to Sarah, Mat and family. Birthday blessing to Mimi. Health and recovery of Bobbie and Stephanie, Ron, Laura, child Ezra. Health of David, Helen Lis and Tina's dad Earl, Matt, Tom, Loren, Joe, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, MaryAnn & Bob, Judy, Chuck, Bohdi, Diane, Stella, Jake, Cheryl. Special intentions,

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## VIGILS- SEPTEMBER 26

**Susan Guzy (1)**

**Laura Kovach (4)** Birthday blessings to Jack. For health and recovery of Fin and Stephanie. For Health of Betty, Ben, Earl, Mary, Andrea, Wendy, Mark, Dana, Bodhi, Hattie, Molly, David, Margi, and Joe. Safe travel for Leah.

**Sandy Martin (1)** Special intention

**Ron & Bobbie Royhab (2)** For health and healing of Stephanie Royhab and the healing of Zach Twarek

**Twarek (10)** For the Health and recovery of Zach. For the Health of Missy. For the health of Luke. For the health and recovery of Fin. bBirthday blessings to Nikki (9-25), Greg (9-26), and Amber (9-26). God's blessing and strength to Sarah, Mat and family. Health and recovery of Bobbie and Stephanie, Ron, Laura, Ezra, Health of David, Helen Lis, and Tina's dad Earl, Matt, Tom Loren, Joe, Sonya, Margi, and Joe, Betty, Maryann & Bob, Judy, Chuck, Bohdi, Diane, Stella, Jake, Cheryl

## Youth Report Published

The Office of the Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America announced the publication today of the 2020 Youth Report that was prepared for the Orthodox Church in America. Mr. Dimitrios Rentel researched and wrote this report in early 2020, after he had spent the previous summer visiting Church summer camps across the United States. At these camps, and also through the use of online surveys, Dimitrios solicited input directly from children, young adults, parents, and clergy on what was desired with regard to youth work in the Church.

This work was done in response to the generous pledges that were made to support youth work in the Church at the end of the 19th All-American Council in July 2018. Subsequent to this Council, with the blessing of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, Archpriest Alexander Rentel, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, and Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak, then Personal Secretary to His Beatitude, decided to have someone go out and ask the Church directly how to best use the money, before it was spent.

The present report does not attempt to solve problems, or provide one answer to the questions involving youth work. Rather, it collates the answers and responses that were received, and presents them in a synthetic manner

Dimitrios presented this report to the Metropolitan Council at its regular meeting in Spring 2020, right before the onset of the pandemic. His Beatitude had intended that it would be formally presented to the Holy Synod at its Spring 2020 meeting, which did not take place in person because of the pandemic. Only recently did the Holy Synod have an opportunity to consider this report.

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## PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION

With only 90 days left in the year, please make sure your pledge that you made to the Lord is fulfilled. Also, Please consider your pledge for 2022. Next month the Pledge card will be posted in the bulletin.

Thanks to all that give their time, treasures & talents to the Lord.

**LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE  
SEPTEMBER**

Sunday, Sept. 5: 30 attended Liturgy (10 of which were guests) / 17 Communicants  
Tuesday, Sept. 7: 9 attended Vespers  
Wednesday, Sept. 8: 9 attended liturgy (3 of which were guests)  
Saturday Sept 11: 16 attended Mem. Liturgy (2 of which were guests ) / 25 attended Public Memorial Observance (12 of which were guests) / 6 attended Vespers  
Sunday, Sept. 12: 19 attended Liturgy / 13 Communicants  
Monday, Sept 13: 9 attended Vespers  
Tuesday, Sept 14: 9 attended Liturgy  
Sunday, Sept. 19: 21 attended Liturgy (4 of which were guests) / 13 Communicants  
Sunday, Sept. 26: (Readers Service) 17 people (4 of which were guests)

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**SEPTEMBER : MONTHLY TITHE ONLY  
Goal Pledged per month: \$4,825**

**Sept. 5:** \$ 733  
**Sept. 12:** \$1,495  
**Sept. 19:** \$2,173  
**Sept. 26:** No report yet  
**MONTH TOTAL TO DATE: \$4,401**

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**SEPTEMBER: OTHER INCOME  
Goal for the month in this category: \$2,670**

**Sept. 5-** \$37 Candles; \$90 Vigils; \$95 Donations; \$130 Holy day donations; \$50 Bulletin; \$50 Chandelier; \$25 Candles on the tomb  
**Sept. 12:** \$47 Candles; \$80 Vigils; \$279 Donations \$313 Holy Day Donations; \$50 Altar Candles  
**Sunday, Sept. 19:** \$22 Candles; \$82 Anonymous Donations; \$115: \$100 donations  
**Sunday, Sept. 26:** No report yet  
**MONTH TOTAL TO DATE: \$1,565**

**RESTRICTED FUND DONATIONS  
RECEIVED IN SEPTEMBER**

**Sept. 5:** \$50 Cemetery; \$100 Support Seminarians  
**Sept. 12:** \$78 Bookstore; \$1,045 Restoration; \$110 Support Seminarians; \$5 Cemetery  
**Sept. 19:** \$100 support seminarians  
**Sept. 26:** No report yet

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**The Protection of our Most Holy Lady the Mother  
of God and Ever-Virgin Mary  
Commemorated on October 1**

The Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos: "Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church, and with choirs of Saints she invisibly prays to God for us. Angels and Bishops venerate Her, Apostles and prophets rejoice together, Since for our sake she prays to the Eternal God!"

This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

On Sunday, October 1, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ Saint Andrew (October 2), at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. Saint John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop's Throne, she continued her prayer.

After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed "more than the rays of the sun." Saint Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, "Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?" *Con't Pg 7*

## PRAYER LIST- UPDATED OCTOBER 1

**HIERARCH'S / CLERGY:** His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; Archbishop Benjamin from San Fransico; Archbishop Michael from NY / NJ / John Duranko (Father's home pastor); James Gleason (Father's Spiritual Father); Moses Barry; Gregory Grivna; Emilian Hutnyan; Joseph Von Klarr; Michael Kuzara; Michael Macura; Peter Tutko; Andrew Yarvonitsky; John Zabinko / Deacon Paul Gansle / Deacon Peter Rentsch / Deacon Nicholas Denysenko / Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

**MATUSHKII:** Pani Patricia Duranko; Virginia Lecko; Maura McCarntey; Trudi Richter; Margaret Zabinko

**PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES:** James Bargdill (Schutt); John Beadle (Elchisco); Kristen (Cassell); Maryann Cook (Twarek); Michael Glovinsky; Shirley Gresh (Glovinsky); Ben Grosik (Hritsko); Joseph Habegger (Kovach); Ellie Hritsko; Charisse (Hileman); Betty Kovach; David LaValle (Fr); Helen Lis; Child Stephanos (Loizos); Scott Lucas (Father); David Mazurik; Judy Mazurik; Child Stella Miller (Elchisco); Nancy Naiser (Royhab); Earl Rindfleisch; Helen Jean Rofkar (Elchisco); Joe Rose; Sonya Rose; Ron Royhab; Maryann Royhab; Roberta Royhab; Stephanie Royhab; Christi Soski; Patricia Schritzinger (Soski); Steven Schirtzinger (Soski); Dacia Snider (Hileman); Doris Toth (Hritsko); Diane Tryon; Greg Tyron; Tom Twarek; Tim; the child Bodhi (Cassell); Elinor Williams (Golob); Nikki Williams & her newborn Braelynn

**OTHER REQUESTS:** Barbara (fr); Mike (fr); Joe (fr); child Ryan (fr); Child Ezra; Mark Britton (Hritsko); Ernest Cornwell (Hritsko); James Crane (Hritsko); Gregory Dank (ABL); Layne Demkosky (Fr); Paul Demkosky (Fr); Sophia Denysenko (ABL); Baby Finn (Cassell); Marge Dziama; Ruthe Flewelling; Ben Franklin (Kovach); Donald Gresh (Glovinsky); Gabriel Jones (ABP); Andrea Joy (Kovach); Ann Marie Krynock (Timko); Sophia Lecko (ABL); Maria (ABP) Melinda Kuzara (ABL); Jake Lipstraw (Twarek); Mark Ludvik (Guzy); Mark Masica (Kovach); Pauline Meath (Fr); Karen Muzyka (fr); Michal Richter (ABL); Sara Richter (ABL); Anika Richter (ABL); William Romanchak (Fr); Sandy Scafaria (Hileman); Janice Timko; George Timko; Loren Welch (Fr); Chuck Wiedenhoft (Twarek); Sara (Jake); Chris Quotap (Fr); Amanda & her newborn baby Grace(Fr)

**MILITARY:** Alex, Nathan Brown, Craig Cassell, Jake Ellithorpe, Jordan Fulton, Alena Grabavoy, Nicholas & Tikhon

**CAPTIVES:** Metropolitan Paul (Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo), Archbishop John Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo, The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; Those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world



**NOTE:** ABL (Archbishop's request)

### ***CATASTROPHIC RELIEF FUND***

Purpose of fund: To provide some small financial assistance to a parishioner, family member or community member who has suffered a catastrophic event.

Funds will be offered at the discretion & blessing of the Rector and the discretion of the Board.

This money can also be used for outreach programs in the parish. Thank you and God bless!

### **BUILDING / RESTORATION FUND**

Our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is coming!

Fund Purpose: To collect funds to pay for the restoration, repair and beautification of the building and parish room. This will avoid using general funds which are earmarked for budgetary items.

Please consider contributing generously to the *Building/Restoration Fund.*

## **His Beatitude Addresses Albanian Archdiocesan Assembly**

On Friday, September 24th, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon gave an address to the Albanian Archdiocesan Assembly at Saint Mary's Assumption Albanian Orthodox Church, Worcester, MA.

In his address, His Beatitude noted the value that technology affords us in maintaining relationships. Yet he also encouraged vigilance as we adopt that technology to maintain connections with each other, remembering Christ's words "when two or three are gathered together, there I am in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20).

His Beatitude also thanked a number of people including Father Mark Doku and Saint Mary's Assumption Albanian Orthodox Church for their hospitality hosting the event.

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## **Communique of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America**

The Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, meeting under the presidency of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon via teleconference, on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, issued the following communique:

At numerous points in recent years, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America has reiterated its commitment to the unity of Orthodox Christians in North America, in fulfillment of the charge given to the Orthodox Church in America in the Tomos of Autocephaly, the witness of the canonical tradition, and the command of the Lord Himself, who wills that His followers be united together in a bond of love as He and His Heavenly Father are.

This Sunday, October 3, prior to the meeting of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops that will begin next week in Washington, DC, the Executive Committee of the Assembly will concelebrate the Divine Liturgy at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Washington. With one accord, the Holy Synod rejoices that His Beatitude

Metropolitan Tikhon will concelebrate the Divine Liturgy with the heads of the Orthodox jurisdictions in the United States and members of the Executive Committee: His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph of the Antiochian Christian Archdiocese of North America, His Grace Bishop Irinej of the Eastern American Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicolae of the Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas, and His Grace Bishop Saba of the Georgian Apostolic Orthodox Church in North America; together with His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa, Secretary of the Assembly.

The Holy Synod also gives thanks to God and confirms the decision of His Beatitude to accept the invitation from the Moscow Patriarchate to travel with a delegation in November to Moscow, in order to celebrate the seventy-fifth birthday jubilee of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill. In doing so, the Holy Synod reaffirms the fundamental relationship between the Orthodox Church in America and the Russian Orthodox Church, and the warm ties that these two Churches share.

The Holy Synod states once again, unequivocally, that it desires and intends to maintain full communion with all the universally recognized autocephalous Orthodox Churches. Further, the Holy Synod exhorts the clergy and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America fervently to offer prayers that the unity and communion of Orthodox Christians throughout the world be restored, and that all schisms be resolved according to the canonical tradition and discipline of the Church.

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## **Archbishop Paul's Travel Schedule: October 2-13**

**Episcopal Assembly, Washington DC,**  
October 2nd to 6th

**St. Mary Cathedral, Minneapolis,**  
October 8th to 10th  
Presentation of St. John of Chicago Cross to Fr. Myron Manzuk  
Presentation of Clergy awards and Diocesan Grammotta

**Diocesan Assembly, Broadview Hts., OH,**  
October 11th to 13th

## OCTOBER Celebrations

| ANNIVERSARIES   | BIRTHDAYS   |  |
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| <p>10-1-2009: Archbishop Irenee of Canada<br/>                     2- Fr. Matthew &amp; Pani Eleni Stagon<br/>                     3- Fr. Matt Stagon Priestly ordination<br/>                     7- Fr. Eli &amp; Mat. Larissa Bremer<br/>                     9- Sub-deacon Wylie &amp; Pauline Meath<br/>                     19- Archpriest Retired Chancellor John &amp; Mat. Cynthia Zidinak<br/>                     23- Fr. Matthew &amp; Mat. Jodi Moriak<br/>                     31- Paul &amp; Layne Demkosky</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NAMESDAY</b></p> <p>10-9: The Most Blessed Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington &amp; Metropolitan of all America &amp; Canada</p> | <p>1-Trudy Ellmore<br/>                     2- Marguerite Bird<br/>                     2- Tina Litzie<br/>                     3- Ethan Chendorain<br/>                     3- Alicia Calzone<br/>                     4- Fr. Michael Macura<br/>                     6- Brian Lariccia<br/>                     6- Ron Royhab<br/>                     10- Walter Litzie<br/>                     10- Craig Cassell<br/>                     11- Karen Muzyka</p> | <p>12- Fred Soski<br/>                     13- Mary Hiser<br/>                     14- Fr. Andrew Groom<br/>                     16- Fr George Lardas<br/>                     17- Tim Glovinsky<br/>                     20- Matushka Jodi Moriak<br/>                     20- Helen Lis<br/>                     20- Hayden Issler<br/>                     25- Sam Dardovsky<br/>                     31- Fr. Peter Zarynow</p> |

*If there are those names to be added or removed, please contact Fr. Andrew. He would like to list all members of your family Orthodox and non-Orthodox*



## OCTOBER Reposed

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| <p>2- His Grace Bishop Antoun (2017)<br/>                     3- Anna Tomko (1990)<br/>                     4- William Peter Guzy (1974)<br/>                     5- John Elchisco Sr. (1982)<br/>                     5- Mark Conroy (2018)<br/>                     6- Andrew Tomko (1970)<br/>                     6- Helen Elchisco (1956)<br/>                     7- Michael Gresko (1963)<br/>                     8- Archpriest Michael Kostyk (1964) Former Pastor<br/>                     11- Helen Pipenur (2009)<br/>                     12- Pauline Mary Gresh (1981)<br/>                     13- James E Jump (2011)<br/>                     13- Tom Grgich (2018)<br/>                     13- Mary Basala (2006)<br/>                     13- Michael Mazurik (2018)<br/>                     14- George Kaitsa (1991)<br/>                     15- Michael Mazurik (1972)<br/>                     15- John Kovach (1983)<br/>                     16- Mary Kobb (2017)</p> | <p>16- Tom Wiseman (2020)<br/>                     16- Frank Flaherty (1999)<br/>                     18- Nadexda Kaitsa (1992)<br/>                     19- Archpriest Sergei Garklavs (2015)<br/>                     19- Gori Pietropolo (Trudy's dad) (2017)<br/>                     19- His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius (2020)<br/>                     21- Alex Mazur (1920)<br/>                     21-Terry (Bobbie's cousin) (2017)<br/>                     25- Serge Mihaly Jr (2019)<br/>                     28- George Elchisco (1996)<br/>                     28- Anthony Glovinsky (1946)<br/>                     30- Joseph Malchisky (1993)<br/>                     31- Margaret Basala (2002)<br/>                     31- George Rusincovitch (1994)<br/>                     William Martin (1982)<br/>                     Joseph L. Mazurik (1944)<br/>                     Anna Mazur (1945)<br/>                     Anna Danchisen (1945)</p> |
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## Getting to Know the DOM's New Bookkeeper

Several months ago, the Diocese of the Midwest began a search for a part time bookkeeper. At the conclusion of this process, Mrs. Angie Kladis was hired. The Office of Communications presents this brief introduction to the new bookkeeper of the diocese.

Angie, you started working a few months ago for the diocese as the new bookkeeper – would you share a little bit about your background?

I was born in Greece and moved to Chicago as an infant with my family. We lived on the South side of Chicago, Gage Park, until I was eleven and then my family moved to Palos Hills. At the age of 16, an amazing man by the name of Jim Roupas hired me at his accounting firm, in Palos Hills, for my first “real job.” And that’s where my love for numbers began. Not only did I get a wonderful hands on education in accounting and bookkeeping, but he taught me how to deal with clients, and skills that aren’t learned in school. I will forever be grateful for Jim as a mentor and friend. After graduating from Stagg High School, I attended DePaul University, where I earned a double major in Marketing and Business Administration. Then I continued to earn my MBA from DePaul. I have worked in marketing, auditing and consulting, but life keeps bringing me back to accounting and bookkeeping in some capacity for close to 40 years (even though I’m really only 25 years old). As a side note, I worked for Jim Roupas for about eight years, and now, 30 years later, I’m back there! Unfortunately, we lost Jim a year ago, but his son and nephew have successfully taken over and grown the company. When hired, I was told that “it would be nice to end where I started.” And that’s my plan.

When you heard about the availability of the position, what made you want to help the Church in this way?

I’ve always been involved with the Church and felt it would be a great opportunity to give back since I have received so much from the Church. I grew up and am a member of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Palos Hills, not far from St. Luke Church. However, I have been attending

St. Luke for the past several months and enjoy the service, Fr. Paul and the parishioners who have been very welcoming.

Since joining the diocesan staff, what has been some of the more interesting parts of your job, or is there something that has been surprising to you?

The most interesting aspect has been to see how many people are involved and care for the well-being of the Diocese.

What are some other interests or hobbies that you are involved in outside of your profession?

I love to cook and bake! Also, I have three sons, ages 21, 23 and 25. The oldest lives at home and works in his field, the two youngest live at home when not living away at school. Keeping up with them keeps me busy. Between the boys and my husband, I can never have enough food in the house when everyone is home!

### *Protection Con't*

Epiphanius answered, “I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe.”

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, “O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them go away from my icon unheard.”

Saints Andrew and Epiphanius were worthy to see the Mother of God at prayer, and “for a long time observed the Protecting Veil spread over the people and shining with flashes of glory. As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, the Protecting Veil was also visible, but with her departure it also became invisible. After taking it with her, she left behind the grace of her visitation.”

At the Blachernae church, the memory of the miraculous appearance of the Mother of God was remembered. In the fourteenth century, the Russian pilgrim and clerk Alexander, saw in the church an icon of the Most Holy Theotokos praying for the world, depicting Saint Andrew in contemplation of her. *Con't Next Page*

## ***Protection Con't***

The Primary Chronicle of Saint Nestor reflects that the protective intercession of the Mother of God was needed because an attack of a large pagan Russian fleet under the leadership of Askole and Dir. The feast celebrates the divine destruction of the fleet which threatened Constantinople itself, sometime in the years 864-867 or according to the Russian historian Vasiliev, on June 18, 860. Ironically, this Feast is considered important by the Slavic Churches but not by the Greeks.

The Primary Chronicle of Saint Nestor also notes the miraculous deliverance followed an all-night Vigil and the dipping of the garment of the Mother of God into the waters of the sea at the Blachernae church, but does not mention Saints Andrew and Epiphanius and their vision of the Mother of God at prayer. These latter elements, and the beginnings of the celebrating of the Feast of the Protection, seem to postdate Saint Nestor and the Chronicle. A further historical complication might be noted under (October 2) dating Saint Andrew's death to the year 936.

The year of death might not be quite reliable, or the assertion that he survived to a ripe old age after the vision of his youth, or that his vision involved some later pagan Russian raid which met with the same fate. The suggestion that Saint Andrew was a Slav (or a Scythian according to other sources, such as S. V. Bulgakov) is interesting, but not necessarily accurate. The extent of Slavic expansion and repopulation into Greece is the topic of scholarly disputes.

In the PROLOGUE, a Russian book of the twelfth century, a description of the establishment of the special Feast marking this event states, "For when we heard, we realized how wondrous and merciful was the vision... and it transpired that Your holy Protection should not remain without festal celebration, O Ever-Blessed One!"

Therefore, in the festal celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God, the Russian Church sings, "With the choirs of the Angels, O Sovereign Lady, with the venerable and glorious prophets, with the First-Ranked Apostles and with the Hieromartyrs and Hierarchs, pray for us sinners, glorifying the Feast of your Protection in the Russian Land."

Moreover, it would seem that Saint Andrew, contemplating the miraculous vision was a Slav, was taken captive, and became the slave of the local inhabitant of Constantinople named Theognostus.

Churches in honor of the Protection of the Mother of God began to appear in Russia in the twelfth century. Widely known for its architectural merit is the temple of the Protection at Nerl, which was built in the year 1165 by holy Prince Andrew Bogoliubsky. The efforts of this holy prince also established in the Russian Church the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God, about the year 1164.

At Novgorod in the twelfth century there was a monastery of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos (the so-called Zverin monastery) In Moscow also under Tsar Ivan the Terrible the cathedral of the Protection of the Mother of God was built at the church of the Holy Trinity (known as the church of Saint Basil the Blessed).

On the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos we implore the defense and assistance of the Queen of Heaven, "Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin Mother of God, that we not perish by the increase of our sins. Protect us from every evil and from grievous woes, for in you do we hope, and venerating the Feast of your Protection, we magnify you."

### **Luke 6:31-36 (Gospel)**

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.

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

If anyone is interested in being on the parish council please let me know ASAP. Thank you. Fr. Andrew



**MANY THANKS TO THE VERY GENEROUS SPONSORS WHO SUPPORT THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION / ST JOE'S (ICSJ) FUNDRAISER FOR LIFE ON  
SEPTEMBER 1. / FR. ANDREW IS THE ORTHODOX REPRESENTATIVE ON  
THIS COMMITTEE**

**Platinum \$2500-** Anonymous donor, for the glory of God Simply Elegant - Becky & John Rofkar

**Gold \$1000-** St Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church / Diane Hohman / Gerald Pellegrino

**Silver \$500-** Gerner-Wolf Walker Funeral Home / OK Rental / Our Guest Inn- Ron & Deb Miller / South Beach Resort- Chris Kolar

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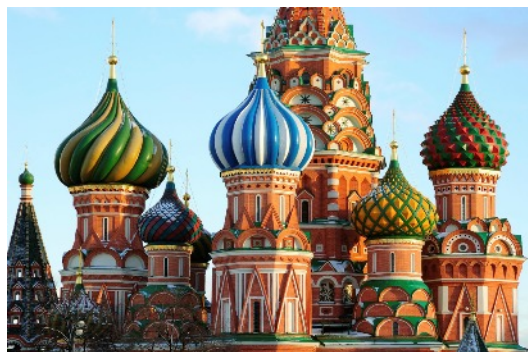
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## **2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (Epistle)**

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed –always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes,

## **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

If anyone is interested in being on the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee please let me know ASAP. We don't have many parishioners interested so we now have people from the village on the committee. Thank You. Fr. A



## **Holy, Glorious Apostle Thomas Commemorated on October 6**

The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas was born in the Galilean city of Pansada and was a fisherman. Hearing the good tidings of Jesus Christ, he left all and followed after Him. The Apostle Thomas is included in the number of the holy Twelve Apostles of the Savior.

According to Holy Scripture, the holy Apostle Thomas did not believe the reports of the other disciples about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe" (John 20:25).

On the eighth day after the Resurrection, the Lord appeared to the Apostle Thomas and showed him His wounds. "My Lord and my God," the Apostle cried out (John 20:28). "Thomas, being once weaker in faith than the other apostles," says Saint John Chrysostom, "toiled through the grace of God more bravely, more zealously and tirelessly than them all, so that he went preaching over nearly all the earth, not fearing to proclaim the Word of God to savage nations."

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed "The Doubting Thomas." This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, "The Touching of Thomas." In Slavonic, it says, "The Belief of Thomas." When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

According to Church Tradition, the holy Apostle Thomas founded Christian churches in Palestine, Mesopotamia, Parthia, Ethiopia and India. Preaching the Gospel earned him a martyr's death. For having converted the wife and son of the prefect of the Indian city of Meliapur [Melipur], the holy apostle was locked up in prison, suffered torture, and finally, pierced with five spears, he departed to the Lord. Part of the relics of the holy Apostle Thomas are in India, in Hungary and on Mt. Athos. The name of the Apostle Thomas is associated with the Arabian (or Arapet) Icon of the Mother of God (September 6).

## **Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Moscow Commemorated on October 5**

The celebration of a special day to honor Saints Peter, Alexis, and Jonah, the Metropolitans and Wonderworkers of All Russia was established by Patriarch Job on October 5, 1596. In 1875, Saint Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow proposed that Saint Philip be included with the others. Saint Ermogenes was added only in the year 1913. In 2005 the Church of Russia added Saint Innocent, Saint Macarius, Saint Job, Saint Tikhon, Saint Philaret, Saint Peter Polyansky, and Saint Macarius Nevsky.

By celebrating these hierarchs on a common day, the Church offers each of them equal honor, as heavenly protectors of the city of Moscow and prayerful intercessors for Russia.

Information about the lives of these holy Hierarchs is to be found under the dates of their commemoration:

Saint Peter (December 21 and August 24)  
Saint Alexis (February 12 and May 20)  
Saint Jonah (March 31, May 27, and June 15)  
Saint Macarius (December 30)  
Saint Philip (January 9 and July 3 )  
Saint Job (April 5 and June 19)  
Saint Ermogenes (February 17 and May 12 )  
Saint Tikhon (April 7 and October 9)  
Saint Philaret (November 19)  
Saint Peter Polyansky (September 27)  
Saint Macarius Nevsky (February 16)

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### **HALUPKI DINNER**

The biggest announcement we have for you right now is that we'll be hosting a HALUPKI DINNER on Sunday, October 17th from 11AM - 2PM (or until we run out of food!!).

This event is carry-out only, and we are getting hungry just thinking about those delicious cabbage rolls.

You can pre-purchase tickets at the Post beginning this Wednesday (10/6). Tickets are also available at Starcher's Village PRO Hardware, 802 W. Main Street. The cost is \$15 and includes: delicious halupki (minimum 2), mashed potatoes, green beans, a roll, and dessert.