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BULLETIN OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

SUNDAY/SEPTEMBER 8

12th Sunday After Pentecost

Nativity of the Theotokos

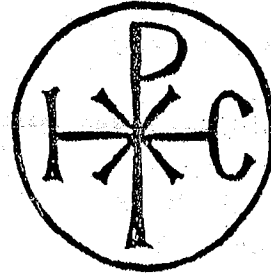
(One of the "12 Great Feasts of the Year")

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Parish Picnic Immediately to follow at

Kita Residence 312 No. Ave., Manville

All are invited!



Monogram of Jesus Christ

TUESDAY/SEPTEMBER 10

7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to

St. Silouan of Athos (+1938)

FRIDAY/SEPTEMBER 13

7:00p.m. Vigil for the Holy Cross

SATURDAY/SEPTEMBER 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

(One of the "12 Greats Feasts of the Year")

Strict Fast Day – wine & oil permitted

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:30p.m. Vespers & Compline; Confessions

SUNDAY/SEPTEMBER 15

Sunday After the Holy Cross

9:15a.m. Entrance Into Church of Steve P.

9:30a.m. Divine liturgy

Coffee Hour; Church School & Teen Class

PRAYERS FOR VARIOUS OCCASIONS

When Beginning Any Work

Bless, O Lord, and help me, a sinner, to complete this work that I am about to begin, unto Thy glory. Amen.

When Completing Any Work

O Lord, glory to Thee!

Or this

Thou, my Christ, art the fullness of all blessings: fill my soul with joy and gladness, and save me, for Thou alone art great in mercy: O Lord, glory to Thee. Amen.

For Deliverance from Temptation

Master and Lord, do not allow any temptation or sorrow or sickness which is beyond my strength to come upon me, but rather deliver me from them, or else grant me the might to bear them with thanksgiving.

When leaving Your House

I renounce Satan, and all his pride and all his services and I unite myself to Thee, O Christ, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offerings for Week of September 8

Relic Candle: in memory of Ivanna; in memory of Michael, Justina, Anastasia; Rosalia, Melania and Ivanna; in memory of Nicholas, Eleanore, Ann Marie, John and Jerome.

Olive Oil: the health of Maria; in memory of Sarchisian and Bocai families.

Flowers: in honor of the Theotokos, our Great Protectress; for the health and salvation of Daniel and Maria on their wedding anniversary.

Litya Breads: for the health of Katherine.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Sept. 09, 1978 Xenia Seminuk

Sept. 11, 1964 Michael Grenther

Sept. 12, 1929 Helen Kotliarchik

Sept. 12, 1971 Pauline Kravitsky

Sept. 12, 1995 Anna Rudzina

Sept. 14, 1978 Stephen Keselchak

Sept. 15, 1966 Theodore Mivonuk

Sept. 08, 1925 Paul Petsur

Sept. 08, 1977 Mary Mahalick

Sept. 08, 1985 Adam Rzeszowski

Coffee Hour Schedule

Sept. 08 No Coffee Hour (Parish Picnic)

Sept. 15 Kita, Nevitt, Keller, Turri, Torrissi
& Kachek

Counters Schedule

Sept. 08 Cyprian C. & Jill P.

Sept. 15 Irina S. & Lisa K.

Ushers Schedule

Sept. 08 Jerome S. & Adrian M.

Sept. 15 Dennis F. & Robert E.

Readers Schedule

Sept. 08 Austin K. / Sept. 15 Ciprian C.

Study Class September

Wednesday, Sept. 25 from 7-8:30p.m

"How are we disciples, co-workers, stewards, slaves, servants, children, heirs, witnesses, and friends of God."

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, September 19 at 7:00p.m.

Announcement of Marriage

On September 29th at 2:00p.m., the Marriage of Steve James Parlacoski and Genna Marie Gladysiewicz in our church.

The Newly-Published Orthodox Christian Prayerbook (St. Tikhon's Press 2019 edition)

A new supply of these Prayer books will arrive in October. The cost is \$20. You may preview a sample copy on the vestibule stand.

A Prayer by St. Nikolai of Zicha (+1956) Upon Entering a house

Bless, O Lord, those who enter this house, save and protect those who go out of it, and grant peace to those who stay within.

About Missing Church

When missing church begins not to bother you anymore, then sin will not bother you either. The soul becomes dark and spiritual life withers up.

September 1st was the Church New Year: Resolutions for Consideration

- Be at the Sunday Divine liturgy, every Sunday.
- Observe the 12 Great Feasts by being in church.
- Be on time, not late, for the Divine Liturgy.
- Observe the Wed. & Fri. Fast Days.
- Do some Spiritual Reading every day.
- Be faithful in morning & evening rule of prayer.
- Sprinkle your day continually with the Jesusa Prayer.
- Introduce and acquaint yourself with a parishioner you presently do not know.
- Be a worthy Steward of your parish, offering time, talent and treasure.
- Cultivate a spirit of joy, thanksgiving & generosity.
- Whatever you do or say, do in the name of Jesus, to the glory of God the Father (Col. 3:17).

THE NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Celebrated on September 8th

The Holy Virgin Mary was born of aged parents, Joachim and Anna. Her father was of the lineage of David, and her mother of the lineage of Aaron. Thus, she was of royal birth by her father, and of priestly birth by her mother. In this, she foreshadowed Him Who would be born of her as King and High Priest. Her parents were quite old and had no children. Because of this they were ashamed before men and humble before God. In their humility they prayed to God with tears, to bring them joy in their old age by giving them a child, as He had once given joy to the aged Abraham and his wife Sarah by giving them Isaac. The Almighty and All-seeing God rewarded them with a joy that surpassed all their expectations and all their most beautiful dreams. For He gave them not just a daughter, but the Mother of God. He illumined them not only with temporal joy, but with eternal joy as well. God gave them just one daughter, and she would later give them just one grandson-but what a daughter and what a Grandson! Mary, Full of grace, Blessed among women, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Altar of the Living God, the Table of the Heavenly Bread, the Ark of God's Holiness, the Tree of the Sweetest Fruit, the Glory of the race of man, the Praise of womanhood, the Fount of virginity and purity-this was the daughter given by God to Joachim and Anna. She was born in Nazareth, and at the age of three, was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem. In her young womanhood she returned again to Nazareth, and shortly thereafter heard the Annunciation of the Holy Archangel Gabriel concerning the birth of the Son of God, the Savior of the world, from her most-pure virgin body.



Troparion – tone 4

Your Nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from you, O Theotokos! By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

Kontakion – tone 4

By your Nativity, O Most-Pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve, from the corruption of death. And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.

FROM THE DESERT FATHERS

A brother questioned Abba Poemen saying, "If I see my brother committing a sin, is it right to conceal it?" The old man said to him, "At the very moment when we hide our brother's fault, God hides our own and at the moment when we reveal our brother's fault, God reveals ours too."

Another brother questioned him in these words, "What does, 'See that none of you repays evil for evil' mean?" (1 Thess. 5:15) The old man said to him, "Passions work in four stages – first, in the heart; secondly, in the face; thirdly, in words; and fourthly, through deeds. If you can purify your heart, passion will not come into your expression; but if it comes into your face, take care not to speak; but if you do speak, cut the conversation short in case you render evil for evil."



LIVING IN THE BODY

Going to church for worship is one element in living as a Christian. *Being church* means making an active contribution to the Church's life, being a vital organ in a living body.

The first step in being church is being connected to others in our parish by:

- **Cultivating community** in the "fellowship of the Holy Spirit." Get to know one another in a more than casual way.
- **Treating others as brothers and sisters in the family** of God in Christ. Give others the time and attention we would give to our blood relatives.
- "Above all, **clothing yourselves with love**, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (Colossians 3:14).



We nurture the relationships in the parish or the eparchy when we:

- ⊗ **Share our lives** – Authentic fellowship calls for more than coffee-hour courtesies. Grow to the stage when you can share your troubles as well.
 - ⊗ **Learn together** - Take part in adult formation, retreats, or workshops to encourage others as well as to improve our own spiritual life.
 - ⊗ **Work together** - Join in parish projects or committees to support the work of others as well as to make our own contribution. "*So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith*" (Galatians 6:10).
 - ⊗ **Encourage each other** – by supporting their efforts, praying for their concerns and building them up in the eyes of others. "*Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor*" (Romans 12:10).
 - ⊗ **Bear one another's burdens** – Be accepting of the weaker community members. There is no "perfect" church: every parish is made up of "saints" who are sinners, each with their own weaknesses and infirmities. "*Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ*" (Galatians 6:2).
 - ⊗ **Admonish one another** – Do not shrink from confronting "family members" who are hurting others by promoting conflicts, pettiness, or legalism. "*My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted*" (Galatians 6:1).
 - ⊗ **Protect the unity of the church** – by avoiding gossip or cliques, and speaking ill of others.
 - ⊗ **Restore broken relationships** – when they occur by admitting our faults. No project or program is worth harming the family's inner life. "*If anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive*" (Colossians 3:13).
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