

Holy Virgin Dormition

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15th Sunday after Pentecost 17 September 2023

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY (Tone 6)

2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Matthew 22:35-46

Next Sunday, Galatians 6:11-18; John 3:13-17

Vespers every Saturday evening @ 5:00 PM

SERVICES THIS WEEK

NATIVITY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Thursday, September 21, 2023

Wednesday evening, 6:30 PM – Great Vespers with blessing of bread, wheat, wine and oil.

Thursday Morning, 9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

A MOST CORDIAL WELCOME

Today, we extend a most cordial welcome to Archpriest Andrew D. Nelko who is with us in Fr. Dimitri's absence. Fr. Andrew was gracious enough to travel in from New Castle, PA with his wife, Matushka Tanya.

We thank Fr. Andrew for being here today to celebrate the Divine Liturgy in our parish. May God bless Fr. Andrew and his family and grant them many years!

SAINTS NAME FOR THIS WEEK TODAY, SUNDAY (Sept 17/4)- Vavilus, Urban, Prilidian, Epolonius, *Christodula*, *Ermionia*, Moses, Joasaph, Theodore, Mianus Julian, Kionus. MON- Zachary, Zachariah, *Elizabeth*, *Thibia*, *Raisa (Iraida)*, Urban, Theodore, Medimnus, Avid (Avdey), Thialius, Athanasius, Juventinus, Maxim, Gleb, David. TUE- Michael, Archipus, Evdoxius, Romilus Makary, Kyriakus Faustus, Avivus, Kyrill, David. WED- Sozontus, Evpsichius, Evodus, Onisifor, Luke, Makary, John. THUR- Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Severian, Lukian, Athanasius, Arseny. FRI- Joachim, *Anna*, Serapion, Joseph, Theodosius, Hariton, Stratorus, Nikita, Theophan. SAT- *Minidora*, *Mitrodora*, *Nymphodora*, *Tatiana*, *Pulchertia*, Baripsava, Appelius, Lukius, Clement, Peter, Paul, Joasaph.

Parish Council Meeting next week following services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration continues for the upcoming Sunday School year today. We ask that all of our parish youth of school age please register.

The forms for registration can be filled out at the coffee hour after church beginning today. The first day of classes will be next Sunday, September 24, 2023. Classes begin at 9:00 AM and we ask that parents have their children present promptly.

First Votive Cross

Offered by Simo & Paula Dragovich.

Second Votive Cross

Offered by Priatko Family.

St. Herman's Shrine

Offered by Dan & Mary Mizik.

Iconostas Lampadi

Offered by Marion Temple

UPCOMING TIME CHANGE

Beginning NEXT SUNDAY, September 24, 2023, Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:00 AM. This start time will be in effect throughout the fall and winter months.

Save the Date

This year's Annual Day of Giving Thanks dinner will be held on Sunday, November 5, 2023. This year's event will be held in our church auditorium. More information will be made available in the near future.

The Holy Martyrs Marcellus and Cassian

The Emperor Maximian Hercules (285-305) ordered that all the army offer sacrifice to idols. Marcellus was a soldier at this time, and Cassian a notary. Marcellus, as a Christian, said: "If a soldier's calling is tied up with the offering of sacrifice to idols, I cannot be a soldier", and he took off his military belt and weapons and threw them from him. He was immediately condemned to death. Cassian had to put this death-sentence into writing, and he refused to do so. They were beheaded together, and their souls went to the heavenly Kingdom.

-The Prologue from Ochrid