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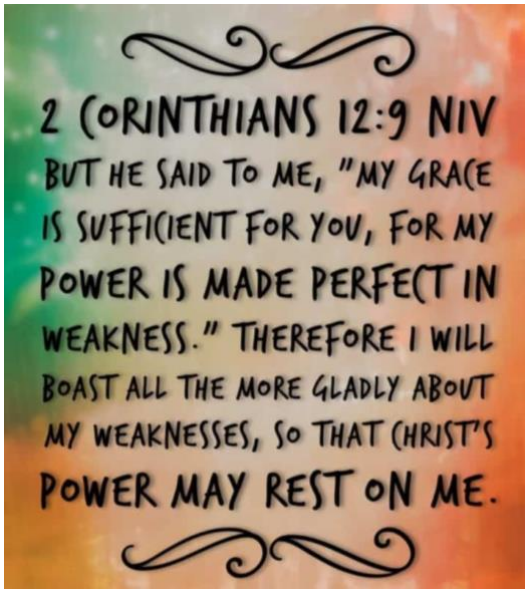

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We are on the New Calendar
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- Communion is only for Orthodox Christians.
- Preparation for Communion: going for Confession, praying, and fasting.
- Confessions: Vespers-first Saturday of the month, Sun. before Liturgy, or by appointment.
-Bring a list of living and deceased to the Altar. We'll pray for them during Liturgy.
- For pastoral visits at home or hospital or special prayer requests ask Fr. Oleg.
- Follow us on Facebook Click HERE

Christ is among us! Is and Shall Be! **Христос посеред нас! Є і Буде!**
Молімось за мир в Україні! **Let us pray for peace in Ukraine!**

Sun. 11 Oct. 18th SUNDAY after PENTECOST. TONE 2. FATHERS of the SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL (787). Holy APOSTLE PHILIP of the 70 & one of the Deacons (1st C) Ven. THEOPHANES, Confessor and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicea (847). Martyrs ZENAIDA and PHILONILLA of Tarsus, Cilicia (1st C). Ven THEOPHAN Faster of the Kyiv Caves (12 C) NECTARIUS (397), ARSACIUS (425), & SISINIUS (427), Patriarchs of Constantinople. Ven. KENNETH of Aghaboe (600). Ven. GUMMARUS of Leir, Belgium (774) Patriarch PHILOTHEUS of Constantinople (1379).
Epistles: 2nd Corinthians 11: 31-12:9 & Hebrews 13: 7-16
Gospels: Luke 7: 11-16 & John 17: 1-13

Welcome all for the Coffee Hour after the Liturgy – Запрошуємо на каву після Літургії

LITURGICAL MENEION & SCRIPTURE READINGS.

Mon. 12 Oct.	Ven. Cosmas the Hymnographer of Maiuma. Martyr Domnina of Anazarbus.	
	Phil. 2:12-16	**Lk. 6:24-30**
Tue. 13 Oct.	Martyr Florentius of Thessalonica. Martyr Benjamin, deacon, of Persia(424).	
	Phil. 2:16-23	**Lk. 6:37-45**
06:30 PM	***MOLEBEN FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE (HOLY GHOST, EASTON).***	
Wed. 14 Oct.	Ven. Parasceva (Petka) of Epibatima. St. Mykola Sviatosha, of Chernihiv.	
	Phil. 2:24-30	**Lk. 6:46-7:1**
Thu. 15 Oct.	Ven. Euthymius the New of Thessalonica, monk of Mt. Athos (889).	
	Phil. 3:1-8	**Lk. 7:17-30**
Fri. 16 Oct.	Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the Cross of the Lord (1st c.).	
	Phil. 3:8-19	**Lk. 7:31-35**
Sat. 17 Oct.	Prophet Hosea. Holy Martyrs and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian.	
	2 Cor. 1:8-11	**Lk. 5:27-32**
05:00 PM	***GREAT VESPERS.***	
Sun. 18 Oct.	***09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY.***	

- **Pyrohy schedule: November 5(sold out) and 19; December 3 and 17.** First come, first served (until we reach 220 doz.). To place an order please call Martha Dowling 610-682-4458. Please volunteer for peeling, running, cooking/mashing, pinching and clean-up.

- Church School. Ms. Mary Ost (Preschool/ Elementary). Ms. Karen Osmun (Secondary) right after the Holy Communion. Welcome all children and youth.

- Virtual Bible Study Day. Check the information on the board downstairs or ask Fr. Oleg.

ANNIVERSARIES:

11 Oct…William & Margaret Leindecker (57th)

BIRTHDAYS:
11 Oct…William Savitz
14 Oct…Marie Reichl
15 Oct…Cameron Tyler O'Steen (1 year old)
16 Oct…Jack Misko

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА! MANY YEARS!

NECROLOGY:
Ukrainian civilians and soldiers, killed in the Russian invasion.
11 Oct…Michael Bozhko (infant) '21, Andrew Micio '30, Mary Martnick '80
12 Oct…Anthony Fanok '59
13 Oct…Nicholas Alexander '25
14 Oct…John Zamuzhnyj '37
15 Oct…Samko Pretko '47

16 Oct…Harold Mauser ’85
ВІЧНАЯ ПАМ’ЯТЬ! MEMORY ETERNAL!

Євангеліє: 11 Після цього Ісус пішов до міста, що зветься Наїн; і з Ним ішло багато учеників Його і безліч народу. 12 Коли ж Він підійшов до воріт міста, саме виносили померлого, єдиного сина у матері, а вона була вдова; і чимало народу йшло з нею з міста. 13 Побачивши її, Господь змилосердився над нею і сказав їй: не плач. 14 І, підійшовши, доторкнувся до мар; ті, що несли, зупинилися, і Він сказав: юначе, тобі кажу, встань! 15 І мертвий сів і почав говорити; і віддав його Ісус матері його. 16 І всіх охопив страх, і славили Бога, кажучи: великий пророк постав між нами, і Бог відвідав народ Свій.

Prayer for the health & salvation of the afflicted: Ukrainian soldiers and civilians, wounded during the Russian aggression, Metropolitan Antony, Sherri Fedetz, Irene Alexander, Helen Crayosky, Caroline Hallman, Joseph Killino, Barbara Grason, Sandra Miller, Raisa Bakalets, Don Yurkonik, Karen Yurconic, Martha Dowling, Michael Szymonifka, Karen Kankula, Evelyn Kankula, Russel Kerick, Christina Truss, John Vitushinski, Matthew Vitushinsky, Luke Vitushinski, Nadine Savitz, William Savitz, William Leszczuk, Mary Berger, Jessica Meashock, Zachary Y. Siyufy, soldiers Oleh, and Volodymyr, Raisa Melnychuk, Vasyl Beizyn, Lubov Shevchuk, Volodymyr Hranat, Ihor Broda, Gary Lelo, Debi Hutnick, Eric Hewko, Phil O’Brien, child Charlie, Juliana, Shirl Merolli, Stephanie Donnelly, child Alexandria, Elizabeth Pastushenko, Elena Iaroshenko, MaryAnn Ramaley, Joshua Osmun, Aaliyah Osmun, Brendan Phillips, Adam Hewko, Andrew Thaxton, Susan Ferretti, Judy Albright, Daniel Kochenash, Christopher Mack, Norman Betrous, Lisa Kulhanek, Esther Wilt, Benjamin Tomeo, Olena Kalichenko, Robert, Marybeth Smith, Charles Ermert, Susan Grofic, Pauline Keresstus.

St. John Chrysostom: “The home of a Christian is a little Church; and in the Church there is no place for tyranny.”

“Fear of man is not from God, but from sin.” (St. Anthony the Great)

“Do not be terrifying in your own house, lest you become the cause of tears”(St. Ephrem the Syrian

“Anger is a fire that burns away peace in the home.” (St. John Cassian)

“Unjust violence against the weak is a grave sin.” (St. Basil the Great)

Saints of the Day:
Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy & Deacon (1st c.). One of the Seventy Apostles and among the first seven deacons chosen in Acts 6. He preached Christ in Samaria, converted the Ethiopian eunuch, and continued evangelizing throughout Asia Minor. He is remembered for his zeal, hospitality, and apostolic courage.
Martyrs Zenaida and Philonilla of Tarsus (1st c.). Cousins of the Apostle Paul who became Christian physicians. They treated the sick without payment and preached Christ through mercy. Their healing ministry provoked hostility, and they were martyred for their faith. They are honored as early unmercenary healers.
Patriarch Philotheus of Constantinople (1379). A holy patriarch who defended Orthodox teaching during difficult times. He supported missionary work among the Slavs and upheld hesychast theology taught by St. Gregory Palamas. His leadership strengthened the Church’s spiritual life.
Mon. 12 Oct. Venerable Cosmas the Hymnographer of Maiuma. A gifted poet and monk, adopted brother of St. John of Damascus. He composed many of the Church’s most beautiful canons and liturgical hymns. His life was

marked by deep prayer and theological clarity.
Martyr Domnina of Anazarbus. A Christian woman who confessed Christ during persecution. She endured torture with steadfast faith and surrendered her life to God. Her witness strengthened many believers.
Tue. 13 Oct. Martyr Florentius of Thessalonica. A young Christian who refused to worship idols. He was tortured and killed for his unwavering confession of Christ. His courage became a source of consolation for the faithful.
Martyr Benjamin, Deacon, of Persia (424). A deacon who boldly preached the Gospel despite a royal ban. He was arrested and tortured for refusing silence. His martyrdom is remembered as a testimony to pastoral courage and fidelity.
Wed. 14 Oct. Venerable Parasceva (Petka) of Epibatos. A beloved ascetic saint of the Balkans. She lived in prayer, fasting, and purity, helping the poor and comforting the suffering. Her relics became a source of miracles, and she is honored as a gentle intercessor for all Christians.
St. Mykola Sviatosha of Chernihiv. A prince who renounced wealth and power to become a monk in the Kyiv Caves. He lived in humility, obedience, and charity, healing the sick and supporting the poor. His life shows the beauty of repentance and simplicity.
Thu. 15 Oct. Venerable Euthymius the New of Thessalonica (889). A monk of Mount Athos known for strict asceticism and spiritual wisdom. He founded monasteries and guided many disciples. His holiness shone through humility and quiet prayer.
Fri. 16 Oct. Martyr Longinus the Centurion (1st c.). The Roman centurion who witnessed Christ's crucifixion and confessed, "Truly this was the Son of God." He became a Christian preacher, was hunted by authorities, and finally martyred. His conversion shows the power of divine truth.
Sat. 17 Oct. Prophet Hosea. One of the Twelve Minor Prophets. His preaching called Israel to repentance and faithfulness, revealing God's steadfast love even toward a wayward people. His book remains a profound witness to divine mercy.
Holy Martyrs and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian. Twin brothers who healed the sick without payment, offering their medical skill as a ministry of Christ's compassion. They were martyred for their faith. They are honored as protectors of physicians and all who care for the suffering.

PROPERS for the DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHYRSTOM

Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 2: When You descended to death, O Life Immortal/ You slew Hell with the splendor of Your Godhead/ And when from the depths You raised the dead/ all the powers of Heaven cried out// "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You."

Tropar of the Dormition, Tone 1: In giving birth/ you preserved your virginity/ In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, Birth-Giver of God/ You were translated to life, Mother of Life// and through your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Tropar to the Holy Fathers, Tone 8: You are most glorious, Christ our God/ You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth/ Through them You have guided us to the True Faith// Greatly compassionate One, glory to You.

Kondak of the Resurrection, Tone 2: Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior/ seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb/ The dead arose/ Creation with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You// and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

Glory… Kondak to the Holy Fathers, Tone 8: The preaching of the Apostles and the doctrine of the Fathers/ confirmed One Faith in the Church/ In the garment of truth woven from heavenly theology// She rightly glorifies true piety.

Now and ever… Kondak of the Dormition, Tone 2: Neither the tomb nor death had power over the Birth-Giver of God/ she is ever watchful in her prayers and in her intercession lies unfailing hope/ for as the Mother of Life/ she has been translated to life by the One// Who dwelt within her ever-virginal womb.

Prokimen of the Resurrection, Tone 2: The Lord is my strength and my song/ He has become my salvation.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

2nd Prokimen for Holy Fathers, Tone 4: Blessed are You, Lord God of our Fathers, praised and glorified is Your Name to the ages.

Epistles: 2nd Corinthians 11:31-12:9 & Hebrews 13:7-16

Alleluia Verses, Tone 2. May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble. May the Name of the God of Jacob protect you.

Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call.

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Gospels: Luke 7:11-16 & John 17:1-13

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, you Righteous, praise befits the upright. Alleluia (3X)

Archpastoral Letter – Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Each October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month draws attention to a painful reality that can exist even behind the doors of our own homes and, at times, within our parish communities. Domestic violence is not merely a social problem outside the Church. Whenever a person is abused, threatened, humiliated, or forced to live in fear, the dignity of someone created in the image and likeness of God is violated.

Holy Scripture teaches that **"God is love."** Therefore, whenever violence is justified as love, whenever control is disguised as care, whenever humiliation is called discipline, or whenever fear replaces trust, something has gone terribly wrong. Orthodox tradition describes the Christian home as a "little church," where spouses love sacrificially, parents nurture their children, and every member of the household experiences safety, dignity, forgiveness, and peace. Domestic violence contradicts this sacred vocation.

Violence is not limited to physical assault. Abuse can take the form of intimidation, isolation, manipulation, obsessive control, or the deliberate destruction of another person's dignity. Words can wound; threats can imprison; fear can become a cage even without visible bruises. **There is no Christian justification for domestic abuse.** Neither Scripture nor the teachings of the Church on marriage, obedience, forgiveness, sacrifice, or bearing one's cross may ever be twisted to excuse cruelty. Christ never commands anyone to accept violence as proof of faithfulness.

Saint Paul writes: **“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church.”** Christ’s authority is expressed through self-giving love, not domination or terror. Christian marriage is not about power over another person but about laying down one’s life for the other. A husband who terrorizes his wife is not exercising Christian headship; a wife who abuses her husband is not practicing Christian love; parents who terrorize their children cannot call it Christian discipline. While women and children are most often victims, men can also suffer abuse and must not be ashamed to seek help.

FIND HELP RESOURCES SPECIFIC FOR YOUR STATE
justice.gov/ovw/resources-victims-and-survivors

NATIONAL HOTLINES
NOTE: National hotline organizations can connect survivors with local direct service providers.
thehotline.org

National Domestic Violence Hotline
- 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
- 1-800-787-3224 (TTY)

National Sexual Assault Hotline
- 1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

Teen Dating Abuse Helpline
- 1-866-331-9474
- 1-866-331-8453 (TTY)

Victim Connect Resource Center Helpline
- 1-855-4-VICTIM (855-484-2846)

To those experiencing domestic violence, the Church speaks directly: **you do not need to suffer in silence.** Seeking safety is not a sin. Asking for help is not a betrayal of marriage. Speaking with your priest, a counselor, law enforcement, or trained advocates is not weakness of faith. When danger is immediate, protecting life must come first. Forgiveness does not mean pretending violence never happened; reconciliation requires truth and cannot be forced when danger remains.

The Church must never hide abuse for the sake of appearances. It must be a place where wounded people encounter Christ. Clergy are called to respond with seriousness, compassion, discretion, and pastoral responsibility. Priests are spiritual fathers, but they are not expected to handle such situations alone. Some circumstances require mental-health professionals, physicians, social-service agencies, domestic-violence specialists, or civil authorities. Referral is not abandonment; the priest remains pastorally present.

October also brings the Feast of the **Protection (Pokrova) of the Most Holy Theotokos**. As we ask her to cover us with her protecting veil, we accept the responsibility to protect the vulnerable. We remember especially families wounded by the war in Ukraine—widows, orphans, veterans, refugees, and all carrying visible or hidden trauma. Trauma never excuses violence, but traumatized people must not be abandoned.

Peace begins at home. Let every Orthodox household become a true “little church,” where Christ is welcomed, dignity is honored, children are safe, spouses

ORTHODOX NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

Eight young men and women were enrolled as catechumens in Holy Cross Church in Macon, Georgia by Priest Theodore Ehmer.

Romanian and Serbian faithful from Timok Valley gathered at Malajnica Monastery in Serbia to proclaim the glorification of the 20th century saint, St. Magdalena who reposed in 1962.

St. Sava's Orthodox Church in Allen, Texas has expanded its catechumenate class to more than fifty participants.

400 participants met at the Orthodox Scout Gathering at St. George Al-Humayrah Monastery in Syria with Metropolitan Roman of Al-Hannat.

A new Orthodox coffee, tea and light lunch café of St. Nektarios of Aegina has opened in Tannersville, PA and was blessed by Fr. Jovicic of Holy Trinity Church, Stroudsburg.

A wave of Baptisms, Chrismations and Catechumenate classes has surged across the United States such as All Saints Parish, Raleigh, NC where 16 people were recently received into the Orthodox Faith.

More than 600 faithful attended the consecration of the Cathedral of St. John the Forerunner at the women's monastery in Goldendale, Washington State, founded in 1995 by Elder Ephraim of Arizona.

On an official visit to Rivne, Metropolitan Epiphaniy celebrated the Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Protection of the Virgin Mary.

Come Taste the Wine!

Wine Tasting Social

Sponsored by the

Assumption of the Virgin Mary

UOL Chapter

1301 Newport Avenue

Northampton, PA 18067

Saturday, November 7, 2026

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Wine and complements will be served

Donation $35

Reservations: Call Mike - 610-262-5292