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Sunday, October 12th, 2025

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saint Cyriacus the Hermit of Palestine

Divine Liturgy/ Choir Sunday: 9:00 am **Sunday School: 10:20 am -11:15 am**

Panachida for +***Michael Savering*** offered by his wife, Mary Ann Savering

Tropar & Kondak: Resurrection Tone 1 pages 81-83

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

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Monday 10/13 … Vespers or the Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos – 4:00 pm

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Tuesday, October 14th, 2025

The Feast of the Protection of the Birth-giver of God

Divine Liturgy - 9:00 am
St. Romanos the Melodist
Patronal Feast of Diocesan Cantors and Choir Directors
Tropar & Kondak: Pages 113-114

Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

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Bible Study Tuesday, October 14th @ 6:30 pm

Joins us either here in our Cathedral Auditorium or via "Zoom"

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Choir Practice Wednesday, October 15th @6:30 pm

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Thur. 10/16 … +Arthur Sedoroff offered by Mary Sedoroff; and the +Departed members of the Osefchak family (Ignatz, Theresa, William, Julia, John, Michael, Marian), and the Bobin family (John, Ann, John, Anna, James, Phillip, Alfred, Zan, and Mary)……8:00 am

Sat. 10/18 … Sacrament of Holy Matrimony of ***Jared Scott Richard Franze*** and ***Sonja Sophia Anne Margaret Gable***……. 2:00 pm

No Vespers Scheduled

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Sunday, October 19th, 2025

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Apostle Thomas

Divine Liturgy/ Choir Sunday: 9:00 am Sunday School: 10:20 am -11:15 am

Panachida for +***Michael Timo*** offered by Michael and Diana Pirich; +***Margaret Herko*** offered by the Family; +***Anna Servachko; +Margaret Gregory*** offered by Archpriest Dr. Alexander and Pani Kerry Ganzi; +***John Koslin*** (29th Anniversary) offered by the Baranik family; and +***Mary Sprintz*** offered by daughter, Helen Dutko and family; ***Departed members of the Matolyak family: +Michael Matolyak Sr. and Mary Jane; +Michael Matolyak Jr., +Frank and Mary Bacha, and +Anthony and Anna Matolyak*** offered by the Michael Matolyak Jr. Family; ***+Paul, Anna, Vasil, Paul, Anna, George, Suzanne, and Anna Csubar***; and +***Mary Muchichko***; ***+Elias Kozar*** offered by Anna Kozar; ***+Rev, Father Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich*** offered by Father Deacon Michael and Diana Pirich; ***+Helen Yurosko and Michael and Barbara Romanko*** offered by the family; and ***+John Dzura Sr***., and ***+Charles and Elsie Arendas*** offered by Pani Kathy Buczak

Tropar & Kondak: Resurrection Tone 2 pages 84-86

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

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Services for the week of October 20th

Thur. 10/23 … +Rade and Mary Raslevich, Samuel, John, Nicholas, George, John, Paul, Helen, Olga Ann, and Steve offered by Stephen and Maryann Raslevich…….8:00 am

Sat. 10/25 … No Vespers Scheduled

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Sunday, October 26th, 2025

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

The Hieromartyr Carpus

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am Sunday School – 10:20 am

Resurrection Tone 1 - Tropar & Kondak: Pages 81 & 114

Epistles: Hebrews 13:7-16 Gospels: John 17:1-13

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – ***Phillip Penatzer (10/13), Susan Mesko (10/17), Frank Roley (10/18), Jason Buczak (10/19), Jennifer Dzvonik (10/19), Robin Nitkulinec (10/19), Larissa Lyons (10/22), and Marlane Zima (10/27).*** You were remembered today in the Proskomedia.

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THE ETERNAL LAMP – is offered the week of October 12th in memory of ***+Michael Savering by wife, Mary Ann.***

THE ALTAR CANDLES – are offered the week of October 12th in memory of ***+Michael Savering by wife, Mary Ann.***

THE ETERNAL LAMP – are offered the week of October 19th in memory of ***+Margaret Herko by Kris Bunda.***

THE ALTAR CANDLES – are offered the week of October 19th in honor of the ***20th Anniversary of Marriage of Christopher and Roxanne Miloro by the family.***

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BANNS OF MARRIAGE – are announced for ***Jared Scott Richard Franze***, son of Robin S. Franze and Susan (Pusz) Franze and ***Sonja Sophia Anne Margaret Gable***, daughter of David W. Gable and Patricia Jean (Gresh) Gable of Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral. The Sacrament of Matrimony will be administered at the Christ the Saviour Cathedral Parish, 300 Garfield Street, Johnstown, Pa. 15906 on Saturday, October 18th at 2:00 pm. This is the third official announcement.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Deacon Peter Sodini, Deacon Maximus Cannaverde, Alex Hurtsellers, Bradley Shaffer, Nicholas Cizin, John Bonnewicz-Coffey, John Fedornock III, Clay Rayburn, and Ignatios Leonardo.

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DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN DONORS DRIVE-2025

We are currently accepting donations of $100.00 or more toward this fundraising event for Camp Nazareth and the Diocese. Thank you for your consideration of this Diocesan Fundraiser.

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A.C.R.Y. NEWS

The 2026 ACRY Membership dues will be collected starting October 2025 thru December 1, 2025. Renewal fee is $20.00 and all new members' dues will be waived for the first year. We hope you will join us for spiritual fellowship and community service! "Lot's-of-Luck" calendars will be sold starting Sunday, October 5, 2025 thru December 15, 2025 after Divine Liturgy during coffee hour while supplies last. Chapter #20 thanks everyone for your continued support! - **Rose Ann**

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2025 Fall Encounter at Camp Nazareth

Sponsored by the National Jr. A.C.R.Y.

November 7–9, 2025 • Mercer, PA

The National Jr. A.C.R.Y. invites all youth ages 8–18 to gather for the 2025 Fall Encounter at Camp Nazareth this Veterans Day Weekend, November 7-9! This year's Encounter continues the theme from this past summer at Camp Nazareth with the story of Moses, the Israelites, and the Exodus: *"The Lord is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation"* (Exodus 15:2). Now our children will hear the story of Joshua and the people of Israel as they enter the Promised Land, drawing strength from the command of the Lord: *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go"* (Joshua 1:9). The theme will help us discover how courage and faithfulness are essential for following Christ, the "New Joshua," who leads us into the true Promised Land of His Kingdom through the life of the Church. Through discussions, worship, and fellowship, participants will reflect on what it means to take courageous steps in their own spiritual lives and to trust Christ as He opens the way before us to His Kingdom. The Fall Encounter will include all the hallmarks of the weekend at Camp Nazareth: worship in the Camp Church, campfires, sports, great food, activities, time with friends, and the joy of being together in Christ. Cost is $120 per participant (ages 8–18) Thanks to the generosity of the National Sr. A.C.R.Y., financial assistance is available to families who may need help with the cost. Please contact Fr. Matthew Dutko, Jr. A.C.R.Y. Spiritual Advisor, at 404-268-6359 for more information. Come, seek Christ, find courage to carry your Cross, and be renewed in faith and hope at the 2025 Fall Encounter at Camp Nazareth

Drop-off on Friday, 11/7 between 6-7:30pm. Pick-up on Sunday, 11/9 between 11am-11:30am.

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Did you know that you can make donations to Christ the Saviour Cathedral on-line? Many parishioners and non-parishioners save time and efforts by donating to the Cathedral at: **https://www.acrod.org/directories/cathedral/**

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You have never really lived

until you have done something for someone who cannot possibly pay you back

The Protection of the Theotokos



On October 1/14 our Holy Church celebrates the "Holy Protection of the Theotokos" the feast originated in the vision that St. Andrew, the Fool for Christ, had of the Theotokos covering the faithful who prayed to her. On October 1, 911 St. Andrew saw in his vision of the Theotokos hovering over the faithful protecting them with her veil (omophorion) as they prayed in the Church of the Mother of God – Blachernae in Constantinople. She was safeguarding all who prayed for her protection.

What does this mean for us today over a thousand years later? As Orthodox Christians, the communion of the saints and the power of prayer are realities that we cannot underestimate. The Mother of God stands at the throne of Our Lord ever praying and interceding for us, her children. From the cross Christ said to the Theotokos, "Woman behold your son!" and to His beloved disciple, St. John, "Behold Your Mother!' And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home" (John 19, 26-27). At the foot of Christ's cross, the Theotokos became a mother to all of us. The Apolytikion of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos remind us:

In giving birth, O Theotokos, you have retained your virginity, and in falling asleep you have not forsaken the world. You who are the Mother of Life have past over into life and through your prayers you do deliver our souls from death.

"You have not forsaken the world…." This is the essence of the Theotokos,' ever-present ever-watchful, ever-praying protection for us, her children. Such is the love of a Mother. Throughout the ages, she appears to holy people and people in distress to assure us of her continuing care. St Andrew is not the only one that has seen her. People who have seen her are people like you or I. She has appeared in churches, to monks on Mount Athos, in hospital rooms and in other places that she knows need her loving care. She appears to comfort and reassure her children that she is protecting us through her constant prayers. The hymns of the Church remind us that she is "more honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim." She stands at the right hand of her Son, the model of the Church interceding always for those who in faith call upon her. As we celebrate the Feast of Her Protection let us join with the angels to sing this hymn from the Divine Liturgy According to St. Basil:

All of creation rejoices in you, O full of grace; the assembly of the angels and the human race, You are a sanctified temple and a spiritual paradise, the glory from whom God was incarnate and became a child – Our God, existing before all ages. He made your womb a throne, and your body more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O full of grace. Glory to You!