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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

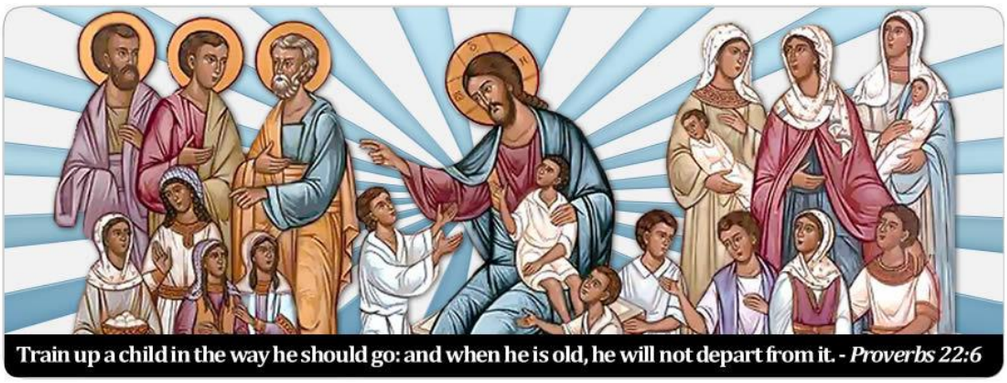
Ecclesiastical New Year – Saint Symeon the Stylite

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

Panachida for ***Mary Baranik (51st Anniversary), and***
+Anna Evanisko offered by the Evanisko and Miloro Families;
+Susan Semancik and ***+Uncle Andy Makar*** offered by Fr. Robert and Pani Kathy Buczak;
+Annette (Horbal) Regan (40th Day) and + Nicholas Horbal offered by the family;
+Elsie Arendas offered by Sue Deitle and Family; ***+Mary Hanak*** offered by Ron and Sharon Kuzmyak and ***+Dr. Donald Koval*** offered by his family

Resurrection Tone 5 - Tropar & Kondak: pages 93-95
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14th!

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Services for the week of September 14th

Wed. 9/17 …+Anna and Michael Bolha offered by the family; +Michael, John, and Anna Kurutz; and +Andrew Mindek (Perpetual)……8:00 am
Thur. 9/18 … +Mary Matola offered by Charles Matola; +John and Helen Herman; and +Anna Krisfalusi offered by Mr. & Mrs. Elias Kozar (Perpetual)……8:00 am
Sat. 9/20 … ***Vespers for the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos – 4:00 pm***

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Bible Study Tuesday, September 16th @ 6:30 pm

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Sunday, September 21st, 2025

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

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am Sunday School 10:20 am – 11:15am

Baptism and Initiation into the Orthodox Faith of Kevin Elijah Roberts

Tropar & Kondak: Page 105
Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

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The Church commemorates this day the birth of Mary (Mariam) by her aged parents Joachim and Anna. What was God's purpose for us and how did her birth fulfill the eternal will? It is our unification with God and our divinization. Suffice it to add these thoughtful words of Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan: "Unless man were redeemed, it would avail him nothing to be born." Saint Andrew of Crete also comments, "This day is for us the beginning of all holy days. It is the door to kindness and truth." Saint Gregory Palamas comments that "for her sake, the God-possessed prophets pronounced prophesies, and miracles are wrought to foretell that future great miracle of the world, the Ever-virgin Mother of God. Generation after generation of unpredictable changes in life and historical events make a path to their ultimate destination, to the new mystery that will be wrought in her. The rites and laws had provided beforehand a type of future truth of the Spirit. The end, or rather the beginning and root, of those earlier events and wonders of God is announce to Joachim and Anna, of what was to be accomplished in the daughter (Mary)."

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Services for the Week of September 21st

Tue. 9/23 …+Mary Mirilovich offered by husband John and family; +Very Reverend Michael Conrad; +Martha Lucas; and +Christine Olga Hotrovich offered by Deacon Joseph Hotrovich……...……8:00 am

Thur. 9/25… +Margaret Peggy Furda offered by the family; +Husband Michael, Justine, sons John and Nicholas, Justina, parents Andrew and Mary, in-laws Paul and Anna, and brother Michael offered by Justina Slachta……..……8:00 am

Fri. 9/26 …+Charles Puskar offered by Mr. and Mrs. George Stegura; (Perpetual)…….8:00 am

Fri. 9/26 … ***Vespers for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – 4:00 pm***

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Saturday, September 27th, 2025

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

+Nicholas Slachta offered by Vivian, Nick and Wendy Slachta (Remembered in Proskomedia)

A Day of Strict Fasting

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am
Tropar & Kondak: Pages 109-112
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Gospel: John 19:6-35

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Sat. 9/27 … Great Vespers…….4:00 pm

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THE ETERNAL LAMP and ALTAR CANDLES – are offered the week of September 14th in memory of ***Nicholas Horbal*** by his children.

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Sunday, September 28th, 2025

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Divine Liturgy/ Choir Sunday – 9:00 am **Sunday School – 10:20 am**

Panachida for +***John Haschak Sr.*** & ***+Bethany Haschak (Birthday Remembrance)*** offered by Michael & Sandy Haschak; ***+Nicholas Slachta*** offered by Vivan, Nick and Wendy Slachta ***+Donna Zizan*** offered by Vivian Slachta; ***+David Mirilovich*** (Birthday Remembrance) offered by the Family ***+George and Anna Havrilesko***

Resurrection Tone 7 -Tropar & Kondak: Pages 99 & 110

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – ***Joan Bost (9/14), Susan Koval (9/16), Marlene Matolyak (9/19), and Sharon Kuzmyak (9/21)) John Poloyak (9/24), Michael Oleksa (9/25) Helen Koval (9/26), and Tiffany Machik (9/27)*** You were remembered today in the Proskomedia.

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QUOTES FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

God wants and desires only one thing from us; our humbleness. He does not need anything else; just to humble ourselves, so He can make us partakers of His divine grace, which was granted to us through the mystery of Holy Baptism and Chrismation. Although we did not love Him yet, neither had we struggled to acquire His grace, He gave it to us as a gift out of His extreme kindness. He is only asking from us to humble ourselves and respond out of gratefulness and appreciation to His love. Thus, divine grace, which abides in us, will be activated and function accordingly. It will make us love God and get to know Him; it will do everything for us, if only we humble ourselves and allow for it to act. The only obstacle to the energy of God's grace is our pride, our lack of humility. - ***Elder Paisios of the Holy Mountain***

Do not desert a friend in time of need, nor forsake him nor fail him, for friendship is the support of life. Let us then bear our burdens as the Apostle has taught for He spoke to those whom the charity of the same one body has embraced together. If friends in prosperity help friends, why do they not also in times of adversity offer their support? Let us aid by giving counsel, let us offer our best endeavors, let us sympathize with them with all our heart.

St. Ambrose of Milan

When Jesus Christ the Saviour Himself was obedient, it was not for a brief period of time, but unto death. Therefore, if we are always obedient, we will always be happy. But to our sorrow, the cruel passion of self-love has made our will like iron – unbending to obedience. Thus it often seems to us that we are smart, and that we can see things better than others can.

St. Anthony of Optina

The demons very much fear six virtues: 1) Hunger (fasting), 2) Thirst (fasting), 3) the Prayer of Jesus, 4) the Sign of the Cross correctly upon oneself, 5) frequent Communion of the Most Pure Mysteries of Christ, if one worthily communes, 6) undoubting hope in God. There is nothing more frightful than this weapon against the demons. - ***St. Paisius Velichkovsky***

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You have never really lived

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

Saint Symeon the Stylite



Symeon was born to a shepherd's family in the Cappadocian village of Sisan in Syria. When he was a youth, he was deeply moved after hearing the Beatitudes, and decided to join a monastery. His desire for fasting and asceticism grew quickly.

The abbot asked him to withdraw from the monastery due to his strict asceticism, fearing that the other brothers would imitate the extreme fasts. Symeon withdrew to live in an empty well in the nearby mountains. The monks searched for him and asked Symeon to return to the monastery, but he soon left again to continue his asceticism.

Crowds came to him to receive healing and to learn more about the Christian faith, but to avoid them, Symeon went up to a pillar and began to live there in a little cell, still devoted to prayer and fasting. He sat or stood in prayer for many weeks at a time, but he was hardly cut off from the world.

He wrote letters and even received visitors via a ladder. Many threatened and ridiculed him, but far more were inspired by his constant fasting and prayer. Those who were attentive to his teachings include the Emperor Theodosius II of Rome and his wife, Empress Aelia Eudocia, as well as the Righteous Genevieve of Paris. His letter to the Emperor Leo of Constantinople in favor of the Council of Chalcedon was highly respected. Many people came to listen to him and even to be baptized:

"Theodoret says that he became so famous in Rome that the Nomadic Arabs by the thousands believed in Christ and were baptized because of him; the King of Persia sent envoys to inquire into his way of life, and the Queen asked to be sent oil that he had blessed. He also was a great defender of sound doctrine, and confirmed the Orthodoxy of the Holy Council of Chalcedon for many who had been beguiled by the teachings of the Monophysites, including the Empress Eudocia, widow of Theodosius the Younger. After a life of unheard-of achievements and struggles, he reposed in peace at the age of sixty-nine, in the year 459." (1)

His body was taken down three days after his death, and his relics were sent to Antioch.