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20th Sunday after Pentecost / 2nd Sunday of Luke / Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos (Pokrov) / Venerable Romanus the Melodist (556)



9:30 am – Divine Liturgy Tone 3 Liturgical Color: **Blue**
Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 / Hebrews 9:1-7; Gospel: Luke 6:31-36 / Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28
Additional collection for our Capital Improvement Fund

SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Friday, October 19 – 9:30 Moleben for Parents Grieving a Miscarriage, Stillbirth, or Loss of a Child
The opportunity for the Holy Mystery of Confession is available following every service.

Monday	Sts Cyprian & Justina (304)	Philippians 4:10-23	Luke 6:24-30
Tuesday	Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, (96)	Colossians 1:1-2,7-11	Luke 6:37-45
* Wednesday	Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bp. of Athens (1st c.).	Colossians 1:18-23	Luke 6:46-7:1
Thursday	Martyr Charitina of Amisus (304)	Colossians 1:24-29	Luke 7:17-30
* Friday	Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas (1st c.)	Colossians 2:1-7	Luke 7:31-35
Saturday	Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria (290-303)	2 Corinthians 3:12-18	Luke 5:27-32

** Let us imitate Christ and the Saints and fast as they did.*

Sunday, Oct. 21 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost / 3rd Sunday of Luke / Venerable Pelagia the Penitent (457)
/ Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council (787)

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy Tone 4 Liturgical Color: **Gold**
Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 / Hebrews 13:7-16; Gospel: Luke 7:11-16 / John 17:1-13
YOUTH Sunday / Panachida for +Richard Radick (28th anniversary) and for the Founders of our Parish
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A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors!

**Glory Be To Jesus Christ! (Glory Be Forever!)
Slava Isusu Christu! (Slava Na Viki!)**

We are happy that you have joined us today! **Please join us downstairs** for coffee and a bite to eat. It is our pleasure to have you in our presence this morning and we wish God's Blessings to all who visit with us today and hope you stop in again soon!

If you have any questions in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy, please see Father Dave and he will gladly answer any of your questions to the best of his ability. He looks forward to meeting you!

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LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY

- Tuesday, October 23 – 86th Anniversary of the founding of our parish in 1932
- Thursday, October 25 – 9:30am Akathist in times of Sorrow and Depression on the Feast of St. Anastasia, Patron Saint of those suffering from mental disorders (October is Mental Health Awareness Month)
- Friday, October 26 – 9:30am Akathist to St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre on Carpatho-Rusyn Day in North America
- Sunday, October 28 – Add'l Collection for our Community Outreach / Special Meeting following Liturgy
- Thursday, November 1 – 9:30am Moleben to the Theotokos with holy anointing
- Sunday, November 4 – Daylight Savings Time ends

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PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please have submissions for this section to Father by Wednesday.)

Special Meeting – There will be a Special Meeting at St John's on **October 28th** to provide a location update followed with a vote. We pray that you will be able to attend.

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A New Moleben – In honor of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day in the United States

this week (enacted in 2006), we will have a service of intercession for the healing and comfort of those who are grieving an infant death, stillbirth or miscarriage and for the remembrance of their children. This will be the first time that we will have this prayer service. *Please contact Father with anyone you would like prayed for.*

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This Bulletin Is Offered:
If you wish to sponsor a bulletin *In Honor of* (anniversary, birthday, etc.) or *In Memory of* someone, please do so by signing up on the sheet on the table in the Vestibule of the Church or by contacting Fr. Dave. An additional stewardship offering to the Church is requested.



Weekly Candle Intentions/Memorials were offered last week by Tim Martin; Viola Peifer; Melanie Shuster; Barbara Kirish; Lawrence Martin; Olga Radick; Eleanor Sanger; Carol Lorenzi; Joanne Nelson; Patty Watson; Rich Mirilovich; Cindy Pavidonis; John Radick.

"I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." - John 8:12

The Eternal Lamp was offered last week by John Gaydos, Jr., in Memory of Mother, Catherine. May Her Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamjat!

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Garage Sale – Thank you again to everyone who helped this year's garage sale be such a success! We helped many people and raised \$2,141 from the sale! (*Ironically \$10 off from last year!*) Thank you again for your countless hours that were put into this form of community stewardship outreach! (*FYI the leftover boxes will be picked up on Wednesday.*)

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Congratulations! to Lara & EJ Pido (+Fr Herbert's grandson) & their families on the birth of **Nikolai Pido** born on 10/12 at 2:25 (7.8 lb - 21 in).

"Preserve her and this child which she has borne. Cover her with the shelter of thy wings from this day until her final end, through the prayers of the most Holy Theotokos and of all the saints. Amen"

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Sr. ACRY – will have a meeting **NEXT Sunday (10/21)** following Coffee Hour. If you would like more information about joining this philanthropic group, please plan to stay!

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Protecting Veil of the Theotokos of Pittsburgh Icon – This Icon is being reproduced by the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery (Saxonburg, PA) with all proceeds going to the

monastery to help rebuild after their lightning strike and fire. Please email Father for an order form or see the sheet in the hall as sizes and prices vary from 11"x14" for \$65 to 18"x24" for \$290 (there are 5 different styles to choose from).

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Reading (or Chanting) of the Third Hour

– Beginning soon, we will have the 3rd Hour read prior to the start of the Divine Liturgy. This will begin by 9:15. If you are interested in this prayerful stewardship of the church, please contact Fr Dave. **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING A LOOK AT THE SERVICE BEFORE OFFERING YOUR TIME, PLEASE LET FATHER KNOW.**

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Parish Stewardship Opportunities...

As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. (Lk. 6:31)

- Pray for our parish and it's future
- Sponsor a Coffee Social
- Offer to Read/Chant the Third Hour

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Our Stewardship Gift To God

Stewardship/Dues:	\$ 565
Candles/Small C./Eternal Lamp/C. box:	\$ 190
Envelopes: Sunday/Feast Day/Special:	\$ 1135
Community Outreach (matching):	\$ 112
Total Collections:	\$ 2002
Relocation Fund:	\$ 110
Fundraising (Garage Sale):	\$ 41
<i>Collection for the Saints: "On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper." 1 Cor 16:2</i>	

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Patron Saint Commemorations – We began commemorating our Patron Saints during the Proskomedia (Preparation) prayers of the Divine Liturgy and during the Great Entrance prayers. (FATHER WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INCLUDE THEM IN OUR NEXT PARISH DIRECTORY). Please contact Father Dave to confirm that he has the date of your Name's Day. Here are a couple website to search if you are not sure when your Name Day is:

orthodoxwiki.org/Baptismal_names

(can help with more unique names)

holyltrinityorthodox.com/calendar/

(an "Old" Calendar site)

christopherklitou.com/when_is_my_nameday_d.htm

("New" calendar, but includes a lot of links to see the icons for the Saints)

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Panachida (Memorial) Services – If you desire to offer Panachida (Memorial) Services in memory of your departed loved ones, please, contact Fr. Dave ahead of Sunday to make these arrangements. Depending on the number of requests, we may combine with other families' commemorations. Typically in the Orthodox Church, Panachida's are offered on the anniversary of one's passing from this life to our eternal life. Also note that sponsoring the bulletin in memory of someone should not replace having the prayers of a Panachida (Memorial) Service. Thank you.

Coffee Social Steward Schedule

October 21: **Olga Radick**

October 28: ???

November 4: ???

The Divine Liturgy concludes at the final blessing, but the liturgy continues downstairs as we gather in love and fellowship with our parish family and visiting neighbors. (Everyone is also encouraged to help clean up after.) Thank you to all those who support and keep this critical ministry alive in our parish!

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Diocesan Website: www.acrod.org
 Camp Nazareth: www.campnazareth.org
 FB: www.facebook.com/acroddiocese
 Twitter: twitter.com/acrodnews
 You Tube: youtube.com/acroddiocese

ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH

Upcoming Orthodox Food Festivals:

- **October 14** – St. Michael (146 3rd Ave., Rankin) *Carpatho-Rusyn*
- **October 19-21** – St. George (New Church / New Location: 3230 Washington Pike, Bridgeville) *Mediterranean* www.StGeorgeBridgeville.org
- **October 27** – St John the Baptist (211 Cable Ave., East Pittsburgh) *Carpatho-Rusyn*

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Raising Believing Children – This workshop will be on **Saturday, October 27th** from 10am to 3pm at Camp Nazareth (339 Pew Rd., Mercer, PA) Presentations and discussions led by His Grace, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa and Very Rev. Stephen Loposky. Lunch and Snacks provided. Freewill offering will be taken at the door. *Child Care provided by Camp Nazareth.* Register for the event at www.acrod.org

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Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Ensemble - will have their next performance on **Saturday, October 27th** at 2:30pm at the Andrew Carnegie Music Hall (300 Beechwood Ave, Carnegie, PA 15106) with a reception to follow. From Noon to 2:30 there will be a Ukrainian Marketplace with Traditional Ukrainian Food and Cultural Items. Concert tickets are \$18 for adults; \$15 for Seniors and Students. To reserve tickets or for information contact: kyivdance@aol.com or 412-527-5359 or www.kyivdance.org. Sponsored by St Peter & St Paul Ukrainian Church, Carnegie, PA.

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Visitation of the Myrrh-streaming Tender-Heart Icon of the Theotokos, the “Kardiotissa” – On **Friday, November 9th**, the weeping icon from our sister parish in Taylor, PA will be visiting Holy Cross Orthodox Church (Gilkeson Rd., Pittsburgh, PA) for an All-night Vigil. The Icon will arrive at 6p; Small Paraklesis Service at 7p; Festive Matins at 10p; Divine Liturgy at 11:30p; Light Meal at 1am. The church will then be open all night before the icon departs Saturday morning.

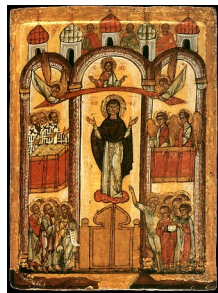
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Fall Youth Encounter – The Annual Fall Youth Encounter will take place from **Friday, Nov 9 at 7pm thru brunch on Sunday, Nov 11** at Camp Nazareth (Pew Road, Mercer, PA). The Encounter is sponsored by the National JR. ACRY and is open to youth ages 8-18. All Diocesan youth are invited and do not have to be a member of the JR. ACRY to attend. The weekend will be full of fun activities, spiritual activities and time spent in one of the best places on earth along with His Grace Bishop Gregory. Come and bring a friend and experience all your faith and friendships have to offer in our Lord Jesus Christ! Please contact Father Dave for registration information.

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LIVING ORTHODOXY

On the **Feast of the Protection** (Pokrov) of the Most-Holy Theotokos, Mother of God, we celebrate the appearance of our Blessed Mother in a city that was set to be overwhelmed by outside military forces. The invasion of the outside forces would have meant the certain death of everyone inside the city of Vlaherna in the 1100's. At a moment of desperation, the people turned to prayer and the Virgin Mother appeared in the center of the Church, to everyone's beholding. There, she knelt in prayer and wept great tears. She removed her veil and taking it in her arms, she spread it above the



people of the city as a mark of protection. Miraculously, danger was averted and the city was spared from invasion and death.

On the feast of the Protection of the Theotokos we implore the defense and assistance of the Queen of Heaven: "Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin Mother of God, that we perish not by the increase of our sins, protect us from every evil and from grievous woes; for on you do we hope, and venerating the feast of your Protection, you do we magnify".

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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The Monk Romanos the Melodist *Commemorated on October 14/1*

The Monk Romanos the Melodist was born in the V Century in the Syrian city of Emessa. Having moved on to Constantinople, he became a church-attendant in the temple of Saint Sophia. The monk spent his nights alone at prayer in a field or in the Blakherna church out beyond the city.

Saint Romanos did not initially have the talent for reading and song. One time, on the eve of the Nativity of Christ, he read the kathisma verses, but so poorly, that another reader had to take his place, and the clergy made fun of Romanos. The youth for a long while in grief prayed before an icon of the MostHoly Mother of God. The Mother of God appeared at night in a dream-vision to the saint, and haven given him a scroll (in Greek "kondakion" or "khontakhion"), commanded him to eat it. Thus did the Monk Romanos receive the



gift of book understanding, composition and the making of churchly song. This was on the day of the Nativity of Christ. For the all-night vigil Saint Romanos in a wondrous voice sang forth in church his first kondak: "Today the Virgin giveth birth to the Transcendent One...". From this scroll ("kondakion") all the songs of the monk became known as kondakions or kondaks. Saint Romanos was also the first to write in the form of the "ikos", – a song-form which he incorporated into the all-night vigil at his places of domicile (in Greek "oikos").

For his zealous service Saint Romanos was ordained to the dignity of deacon and became a teacher of song. Up until his death, which occurred in about the year 556, the Monk-deacon Romanos the Melodist composed nearly a thousand church-songs, many of which Christians still use to glorify the Lord.

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SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7

The Earthly and the Heavenly Sanctuaries

9 Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. ²For a tabernacle was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. ³Behind the second curtain stood a tabernacle called the Holy of Holies, ⁴having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; ⁵above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

⁶These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tabernacle, performing their ritual duties; ⁷but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

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

Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

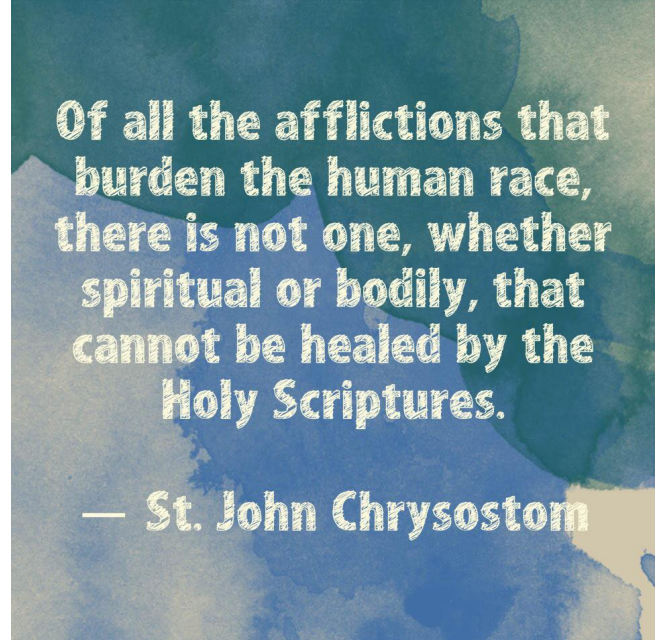
³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a village; and a woman named Martha received him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said,

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"Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; ⁴²one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."

True Blessedness

²⁷As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" ²⁸But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"



SPIRITUAL VITAMINS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY – FEAST OF THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS (POKROV)

"The Virgin-Mother is, as it were, the sole border connecting the created and the uncreated Divine Essence.... And all who lift up praise unto God also sing her praises after God. She is the reason for and blessing of those who came before her, and the gift and giver to those present and intercessor for those in eternity. She is the basis of prophets, beginning of apostles, confirmation of martyrs, and foundation of teachers. She is the glory of those on earth, joy of those in Heaven, adornment of all Creation. She is the beginning, the spring and root of hope prepared for us in the Heavens, the hope that we might all be vouchsafed by her prayers for us, to receive Jesus Christ our Lord, in glory Born of the Father before all ages, and latter days Incarnate of her." +St. Gregory Palamas

MONDAY

"Do not say: 'I have sinned much, and therefore I am not bold enough to fall down before God.' Do not despair. Simply do not increase your sins in despair and, with the help of the All-merciful One, you will not be put to shame. For He said, 'he who comes to Me I will not cast out.' (John. 6:37) And so, be bold and believe that He is pure and cleanses those who draw near to Him." +St. Gennadius of Constantinople

TUESDAY

"It is possible to pray at all times, in all places, with mind and spirit. You can lift up your mind and heart to God while walking, sitting, working, in a crowd and in solitude. His door is always open, unlike man's. We can always say to Him in our hearts 'Lord, Lord have mercy.'" + St. Tikhon of Zadonsk

WEDNESDAY

"The years pass by quickly. It wouldn't be good for a young person to remain undecided too long at the crossroads of life. A cross must be chosen – one of the two paths of our Church [marriage or monasticism] – in accordance with the individual's inclination and personal philotimo and then to proceed with trust in Christ." +St. Paisios of Mount Athos

THURSDAY

"We baptize even infants, though they are not defiled by sins, so they too may be given holiness, righteousness, adoption, inheritance, brotherhood with Christ, and membership in Him." +St. John Chrysostom

FRIDAY

"God's saints are near to believing hearts and, like the truest and kindest of friends, are ready in a moment to help the faithful and pious who call upon them with faith and love." +St. John of Kronstadt

