

11th Sunday after Pentecost July 31, 2016

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to God Forever!



Procession of the Holy Cross

E pistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12; Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35



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SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY: Rosary 8:30 am
Festal Matins 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Daily Liturgy (Schedule of Services, Page 3)

Saturday: Great Vespers 5:00 pm
Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday 10:00 am—4:00 pm
Thursday OFF

THEOSIS: 2nd & 4th Thursday
pot luck dinner 6:00 pm
Bible Study 7:00 pm

Confession (Mystery of Reconciliation):

9:15—10:00 am on Sundays, before or after week-day Liturgies, or by appointment with Father

Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist:

Must be arranged three months in advance.
(Pre-Jordan requirement)

Mystery of Crowning:

Must be arranged six months in advance
(Pre-Cana requirement)

Sick and Shut-Ins: It is the family's responsibility to notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the hospital or confined to home because of sickness or old age. Father will bring the confined person the Holy Mysteries on a regular basis. It is recommended that one receive the Anointing of the Sick before any major surgery. Please don't let the priest be last to know that someone is ill!

Eastern Christian Formation Program: All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for 45 minutes (September through May)

Welcome to our Church! If you are looking for a spiritual home, contact Father Artur or the office staff for more information. God bless you.

Today 8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Matins/Confessions
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends
 Fr. Chris: +Joe Kosty, Sr. by Sven & Barbara Sven Svensson

August 1 ***Procession of the Cross / Start of the Dormition Fast***
Monday ***Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; Gospel: John 19:6-11.13-21.25-27.30-35***



6:00 pm Divine Liturgy/Veneration of the Holy Cross/Lesser Blessing of Water; Blessing on Linda Adamsko by Brian & Melinda Fitzpatrick
 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting

August 2 ***Translation of the Relics of Stephen***
Tuesday ***Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:15-21; Gospel: Mark 1:16-22***

9:00 am Divine Liturgy; Blessing on Michael Grega by Brian & Melinda Fitzpatrick
 6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting

August 3 ***Isaacius & Others Venerables***
Wednesday ***Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:11-16; Gospel: Mark 1:23-28***



5:30 pm OLPH Devotions
 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy; Blessing on Tessa Pettit by Pam Pettit

August 4 ***Seven Youths of Ephesus***
Thursday ***Epistle: 2 Corinthians 7:1-10; Gospel: Mark 1:29-35***

August 5 ***Eusignius Martyr***
Friday ***Epistle: 2 Corinthians 7:10-16; Gospel: Mark 2:18-22***



6:00 pm Vesper Divine Liturgy for Transfiguration Feast with Blessing of grapes & fruit
 Blessing on Marilyn Fore by Brian & Melinda Fitzpatrick

August 6 ***Transfiguration of Our Lord/Solemn Holy Day***
Saturday ***Epistle: 2 Peter 1:10-19; Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9***

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/For parish family, benefactors & friends/Blessing of grapes & fruit

August 7 ***12th Sunday after Pentecost***
Sunday ***Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26***

5:00 pm Great Vespers
 6:00 pm +Keenan Alan by Jilek Family

*Canned Goods
 Collection for
 Friars*

8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Festive Matins/Confessions
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends

Physician and Help of Those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm; O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their Iniquities, that they may glorify Your might divine

Sharif Rabadi	Fr. Julian Gnall	William Frank
Stephen Horner	Henry Zuger	Joseph Koetter
Katrina Anderson	John & Margie Disque	Mary Nell Preisler
Abraham Haddad	Phillip Fall	Mike Harahuc
Jenny Ford	Laura Dominquez	Robert Zadel
Robert Hasaka	Olga Bodnar	Nathan Barkocy
Threima Leech	Frances Brannan	Jack & Lorraine Hubbell
Priscilla Hughes	John Deflice	Quintin Santmaria
Steve Jakymiw	Mary Ann Kosty	& Family
Lillian Murphy	Jordan Smith	Heather Mattax
Marilyn Fore	Maggie Batsel	Larry Bennett
Demetrius Yackanich	Jean Pesce	Paola Terlaza
Sven & Barbara Svensson	Henry Burnette	

Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon against sin, and for healing. If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions, and join us on Sunday at 8:30 am. Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group

Intentions of the Rosary

1st Decade: Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states

2nd Decade: Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church

3rd Decade: Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church

4th Decade: Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them

5th Decade: Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul



Vocation Icon

Today: Donlin

Next Sunday: Brewer

Holy Father's Intentions for July

Universal: Indigenous Peoples

That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect.

Evangelization: Latin America and the Caribbean

That the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean, by means of her mission to the continent, may announce the Gospel with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

July 24, 2016 - Attendance: 106

ETERNAL MEMORY!!! Anne Marie Simms, mother of our beloved parishioner Brent Dodson-Sands fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, July 21. We offer Brent's family our prayerful condolences and promise of prayers for Anne Marie's eternal repose and their consolation. May God grant His Handmaid Anne Marie blessed repose and remember her forever!

Please, join the Dodson-Sands family on Sunday August 7th from 5:30pm-7:30pm at the Montgomery Park Pool for their annual gathering to celebrate the short life of their son +Emeric Peter who was still born on August 9, 2010. He was small but loved greatly. Bring a suit, towel and a dish to share. Call Nicole with any question: 505-261-6510

Friars Needs:

We need smaller quantities (e.g., **not** #10-sz cans or 50-lb bags) of nonperishable food. We build food boxes for the poor families in our neighborhood, and we need smaller cans/packages of the following:
Rice
Beans
Pasta
Canned pasta sauce, store-bought (please no home-canned goods)
Canned or boxed soups
Canned vegetables and/or fruit
Canned meat and/or fish

Sangre de Cristo Explorers

Reminder of the Parent Exploration Q and A, Child Registration, and Uniform Sizing potluck! This coming Saturday, **August 6th** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help gathering hall. Come to **Saturday evening Liturgy at 6pm then stay for the potluck starting right after around 7:30.** Bring a dish to share! the Explorers program offers four unique single gender levels: **Otters** ages 6 and 8, **Timber Wolves** ages 8 to 12, **Explorers** ages 12 to 16 and **Wayfarer Explorers** ages 17 to 26. Come and learn more about the Explorers program to see if it is a good fit for the family!

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	COUNTER	HOST
August 7	Jose Salazar	Katara Dodson-Sands	Dorothy Curl Melinda Fitzpatrick	Rafael Plut Dorothy Curl	Open

Barbara's Hall Report

Thanks to the Jilek Family for hosting the social to celebrate Miriam's 6th birthday. There were lots of sub sandwiches, potato chips, Uncrustable Sandwiches, and a special cake for Miriam. Yum, there was a line out the door to get a piece of that cake! Happy Birthday Miriam, and may God grant you many more happy years!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Saturday, August 6	7:30 pm Sangre de Cristo Explorer parents meeting & pot luck dinner in the hall
August 15	Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos/Holy Day of Obligation
Sunday, August 14	5:00 pm Great Vespers with Litija
Monday, August 15	6:00 pm Festive Divine Liturgy /Blessing of Flowers/ Myrovanije
August 19—21	17th annual pilgrimage to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Olympia, Washington www.stgeorgeolympia.com . Pamphlets located on the greeting table.
Monday August 29	Beheading of St John the Baptist
September 3 & 4	Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Uniontown, Pennsylvania

WISDOM! LADIES BE ATTENTIVE—The Perpetual Helpers cordially invite each of you to the Women’s Spiritual Enrichment Week-end coming September 23-24. We are in the process of planning time to “set aside all earthly cares” and reflect on prayer. Watch for details coming in August to a bulletin near you. Now is the time we are asking for your input.

We have one more organizational meeting planned for **Thursday, August 4, at 6 p.m.** at Marilyn Fore’s residence. If circumstances prevent you from attending, PLEASE talk to Cindy or Pam today! Even Perpetual Helpers need help from time to time, so please come forward and offer an idea, a desire, or a commitment to this effort.

The Mission Society needs a volunteer who can help with website updating and maintenance, and regular checking of the email. This would help us raise more awareness and donations for our Church in Eastern Europe, especially Father Artur’s home region. Please contact Father Chris if you can help. Thank you!

Church improvements

In August we will be undertaking improvements in the church, and also the installation of a new Byzantine-style chandelier. All of this has been worked on with consultations with the parish advisory board and comments from parishioners, especially regarding the pews, floors, better circulation of air, and improving the lighting. Our next month promises to be a busy one.

August 1 - This week is the beginning: new chandelier, new light fixtures with ceiling fans;

August 16 All week: Removing icons from nave walls and painting of the walls in the nave (from iconostas to west wall), preparation of new choir area;

Second half of September: repairs of parquet wooden floor;

End of September: installation of new pews.

August 1 is a day of multiple events in the Byzantine rite calendar. It marks the start of the Dormition Fast; the Procession of the Holy Cross; the Seven Macabee Martyrs (Old Testament saints) with their mother and teacher; and the Little Blessing of Water.

Dormition Fast – this second “summer Lent” lasts for only two weeks, ending at Vespers on August 14. The Dormition of Our Lady is a great feast, marked by pilgrimages across Eastern Europe to Marian shrines, and at our eparchy’s shrine in Olympia, WA. This was a strict fast in Europe, excluding meat, dairy, fish, oil and wine. Basically people ate vegetables! This Fast is much mitigated today, is voluntary in the United States, and the Church suggests abstinence from meat on Monday and Wednesday in addition to Friday. It is a pious custom to sing Paraklis to the Theotokos during this Fast.

Procession of the Holy Cross – In medieval cities, summer was the season of plague and other ailments. This is why the Dormition Blessing of Flowers includes medical herbs, used in medicine. It became the custom to carry the Cross through the streets of Constantinople and other cities on August 1, height of the plague season, to ask for protection from illness. A Cross can be set up at the tetrapod, with flowers around it.

Small or Little Blessing of Water – It was the practice in the Byzantine rite to bless holy water on the first day of the month, February – December. Only the August blessing has survived, probably because of the summer heat and the demand for new holy water, and the carrying of the Cross this day (a cross is inserted three times into the water being blessed). Holy water can be sanctified at

Maccabee Martyrs – The history of the Maccabean revolt against forced imposition of pagan practice is found in the Bible in 1 and 2 Maccabees. This story is found in 2 Maccabees 6:18–7:42. This chapter strongly influenced Christian writing about the sufferings of martyrs. In particular, the discourse of the mother to her last, and youngest, son is deeply moving.

The Maccabee books recount the struggle that took place when Antiochus IV began his rabid persecution of the Jews, trying to force them into the Hellenic world and paganism. The first uses of the words "Judaism" and "Hellenism" appear in the Bible in these books. The last high priests were incredibly corrupt and gave Antiochus the impression that the office was simply one that could be traded around for bribes. The last one actually stole sacred vessels from the Temple, resulting in riots.

Antiochus brutally suppressed the riots, installed altars of Greek gods and a statue of Zeus on the altar in the Temple itself, and ordered pagan worship. Jewish sacrifice was forbidden, sabbaths and feasts were banned. Circumcision was outlawed, and mothers who circumcised their babies were killed along with their families. There was resistance, and there were Jews who caved, but in 166 BC Antiochus came up against this family.

The mother, whose name is usually rendered Salome, was brought forward with her seven children, because they refused to eat pork. The boys' names are generally given as Habim, Antonin, Guriah, Eleazar, Eusebon, Hadim (Halim) and Marcellus - which is a Greek name! Thus the family interacted with the larger society, but held firm to its Jewish beliefs.

The account says of her: “[she] was the most remarkable of all, and deserves to be remembered with special honor. She watched her seven sons die in the space of a single day, yet she bore it. In addition, the scribe Eleazar, over 90 years old, was killed for the crime of teaching the Jewish faith, in particular to this stubborn family, and refusing to sacrifice to the idols. The mother died last, either executed or throwing herself off of a high building to save herself from the Greeks. **The Church preserves this feast because of what it teaches about constancy in faith, no matter what the cost, and the Maccabean Martyrs have been invoked over the centuries as inspiring figures.**

Blessing of Chariots



Theodore Andrew Peacock was born to Teresa & Willie Peacock on July 8, 2016 & will receive the Sacraments of Initiation on July 31 at Holy Protection of The Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church. The Godparents, Michael & Alicia Wells, request your prayers: God grant Theodore many blessed & happy years!



Jose and Mia Salazar are happy to introduce new family member!
Stefania Eleanora Salazar, born 7/21/16, 8lbs., 19.5 in.
Mom and baby are doing great! Thank you for all the prayers!