

# Ambo

ST. THEODOSIUS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL



OCTOBER 9, 2022

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GLORIFICATION OF  
SAINT TIKHON,  
APOSTLE TO AMERICA

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## Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

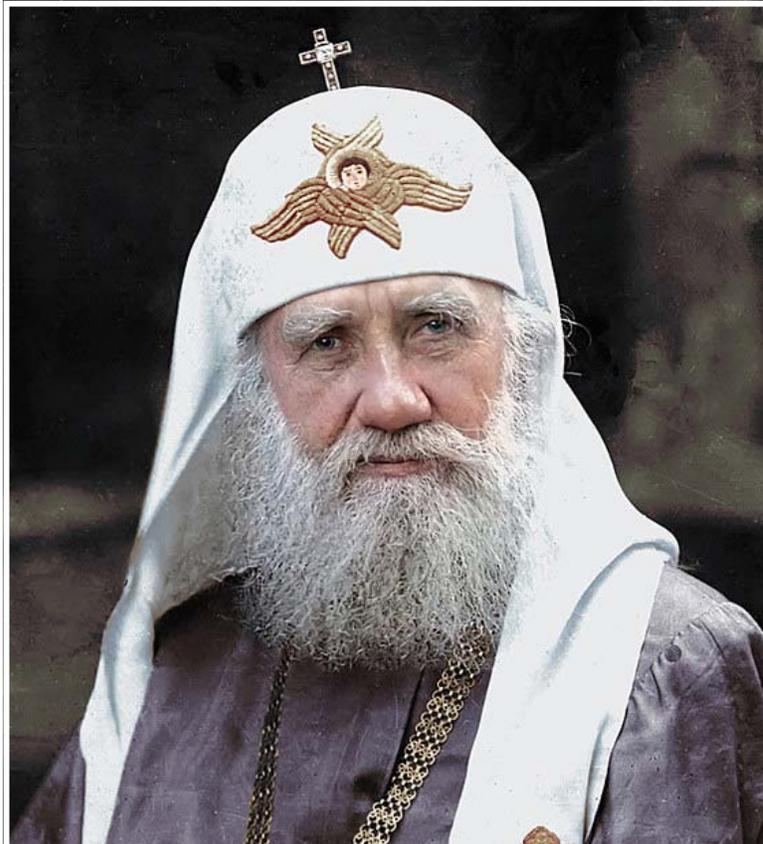
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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## The Glorification of Saint Tikhon, Apostle to America (Oct 9)

Saint Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Apostle to America was born as Vasily Ivanovich Belavin on January 19, 1865 into the family of Ioann Belavin, a rural priest of the Toropetz district of the Pskov diocese. His childhood and adolescence were spent in the village in direct contact with peasants and their labor. From his early years he displayed a particular religious dis-

position, love for the Church as well as rare meekness and humility.

From 1878 to 1883, Vasily studied at the Pskov Theological Seminary. The modest seminarian was tender and affectionate by nature. He was fair-haired and tall of stature. His fellow students liked and respected him for his piety, brilliant progress in studies, and constant readiness to help comrades, who often turned to him for explanations of lessons, especially for help in drawing up and correcting numerous compositions. Vasily was called "bishop" and "patriarch" by his classmates.

In 1888, at the age of 23, Vasily Belavin graduated from the Saint Petersburg Theological Academy as a layman, and returned to the Pskov Seminary as an instructor of Moral and Dogmatic Theology. The whole seminary and the town of Pskov became very fond of him. He led an austere and chaste life, and in 1891, when he turned 26, he took monastic vows. Nearly the whole town gathered for the ceremony. He embarked on this new way of life consciously and deliberately, desiring to dedicate himself entirely to the service of the Church. The meek and humble young man was given the name Tikhon in honor of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk.

He was transferred from the Pskov Seminary to the Kholm Theological Seminary in 1892, and was raised to the rank of archimandrite. Archimandrite Tikhon was consecrated Bishop of Lublin on October 19, 1897, and returned to Kholm for a year as Vicar Bishop of the Kholm Diocese. Bishop Tikhon zealously devoted his energy to the establishment of the new vicariate. His attractive moral make-up won the general affection, of not only the Russian population, but also of the Lithuanians and Poles. On September 14, 1898, Bishop Tikhon was made Bishop of the Aleutians and Alaska. As head of the Orthodox Church in America, Bishop Tikhon was a zealous laborer in the Lord's vineyard.

He did much to promote the spread of Orthodoxy, and to improve his vast diocese. He reorganized the diocesan structure, and changed its name from "Diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska" to "Diocese of the Aleutians and North America" in 1900. Both clergy and laity loved their archpastor, and held him in such esteem that the Americans made Archbishop Tikhon an honorary citizen of the United States.

On May 22, 1901, he blessed the cornerstone for Saint Nicholas Cathedral in New York, and was also involved in establishing other churches. On November 9, 1902, he consecrated the church of Saint Nicholas in Brooklyn for the Syrian Orthodox immigrants. Two weeks later, he consecrated Saint Nicholas Cathedral in NY.

In 1905, the American Mission was made an Archdio-

cese, and Saint Tikhon was elevated to the rank of Archbishop. He had two vicar bishops: Bishop Innocent (Pustynsky) in Alaska, and Saint Raphael (Hawaweeny) in Brooklyn to assist him in administering his large, ethnically diverse diocese. In June of 1905, Saint Tikhon gave his blessing for the establishment of Saint Tikhon's Monastery.

In 1907, he returned to Russia, and was appointed to Yaroslavl, where he quickly won the affection of his flock. They came to love him as a friendly, communicative, and wise archpastor. He spoke simply to his subordinates, never resorting to a peremptory or overbearing tone. When he had to reprimand someone, he did so in a good-natured, sometimes joking manner, which encouraged the person to correct his mistakes.

When Saint Tikhon was transferred to Lithuania on December 22, 1913, the people of Yaroslavl voted him an honorary citizen of their town. After his transfer to Vilnius, he did much in terms of material support for various charitable institutions. There too, his generous soul and love of people clearly manifested themselves. World War I broke out when His Eminence was in Vilnius. He spared no effort to help the poor residents of the Vilnius region who were left without a roof over their heads or means of subsistence as a result of the war with the Germans, and who flocked to their archpastor in droves.

After the February Revolution and formation of a new Synod, Saint Tikhon became one of its members. On June 21, 1917, the Moscow Diocesan Congress of clergy and laity elected him as their ruling bishop. He was a zealous and educated archpastor, widely known even outside his country.

On August 15, 1917, a local council was opened in Moscow, and Archbishop Tikhon was raised to the dignity of Metropolitan, and then elected as chairman of the council. The council had as its aim to restore the life of Russian Orthodox Church on strictly canonical principles, and its primary concern was the restoration of the Patriarchate. All council members would select three candidates, and then a lot would reveal the will

of God. The council members chose three candidates: Archbishop Anthony of Kharkov, the wisest, Archbishop Arseny of Novgorod, the strictest, and Metropolitan Tikhon of Moscow, the kindest of the Russian hierarchs.

On November 5, following the Divine Liturgy and a *Molieben* in the Cathedral of Christ the Savior, a monk removed one of the three ballots from the ballot box, which stood before the Vladimir Icon of the Mother of God. Metropolitan Vladimir of Kiev announced Metropolitan Tikhon as the newly elected Patriarch. Saint Tikhon did not change after becoming the primate of the Russian Orthodox Church. In accepting the will of the council, Patriarch Tikhon referred to the scroll that the Prophet Ezekiel had to eat, on which was written, "Lamentations, mourning, and woe." He foresaw that his ministry would be filled with affliction and tears, but through all his suffering, he remained the same accessible, unassuming, and kindly person.

All who met Saint Tikhon were surprised by his accessibility, simplicity and modesty. His gentle disposition did not prevent him from showing firmness in Church matters, however, particularly when he had to defend the Church from her enemies. He bore a very heavy cross. He had to administer and direct the Church amidst wholesale church disorganization, without auxiliary administrative bodies, in conditions of internal schisms and upheavals by various adherents of the Living Church, renovationists, and autocephalists.

The situation was complicated by external circumstances: the change of the political system, by the accession to power of the godless regime, by hunger, and civil war. This was a time when Church property was being confiscated, when clergy were subjected to court trials and persecutions, and Christ's Church endured repression. News of this came to the Patriarch from all ends of Russia. His exceptionally high moral and religious authority helped him to unite the scattered and enfeebled flock. At a crucial time for the church, his unblemished name was a bright beacon pointing the way to the truth of Orthodoxy. In his messages, he called on people to fulfill the commandments of

Christ, and to attain spiritual rebirth through repentance. His irreproachable life was an example to all.

In order to save thousands of lives and to improve the general position of the church, the Patriarch took measures to prevent clergy from making purely political statements. On September 25, 1919, when the civil war was at its height, he issued a message to the clergy urging them to stay away from political struggle.

In 1924, Patriarch Tikhon began to feel unwell. He checked into a hospital, but would leave it on Sundays and Feast Days in order to conduct services. On Sunday, April 5, 1925, he served his last Liturgy, and died two days later. On March 25/April 7, 1925 the Patriarch received Metropolitan Peter and had a long talk with him. In the evening, the Patriarch slept a little, then he woke up and asked what time it was. When he was told it was 11:45 P.M., he made the Sign of the Cross twice and said, "Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee." He did not have time to cross himself a third time.

Almost a million people came to say farewell to the Patriarch. The large cathedral of the Donskoy Monastery in Moscow could not contain the crowd, which overflowed the monastery property into the square and adjacent streets. Saint Tikhon, the eleventh Patriarch of Moscow, was primate of the Russian Church for seven and a half years.

On September 26/October 9, 1989, the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church glorified Patriarch Tikhon and numbered him among the saints. For nearly seventy years, Saint Tikhon's relics were believed lost, but in February 1992, they were discovered in a concealed place in the Donskoy Monastery.

It would be difficult to imagine the Russian Orthodox Church without Patriarch Tikhon during those years. He did so much for the Church and for the strengthening of the Faith itself during those difficult years of trial. Perhaps the saint's own words can best sum up his life: "May God teach every one of us to strive for His truth, and for the good of the Holy Church, rather than something for our own sake."

## VISITATIONS

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest's ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here: Father Jan Cizmar - 1(440) 732-8182 - [st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com](mailto:st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com)

### **Congratulations Georgij and Tsvetelina !!!**

Child Sara was born Friday, September 30th, 2022

And congratulations to Sara for being born to such wonderful parents!

### ARCHANGEL MICHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

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## St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

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September 28, 2022

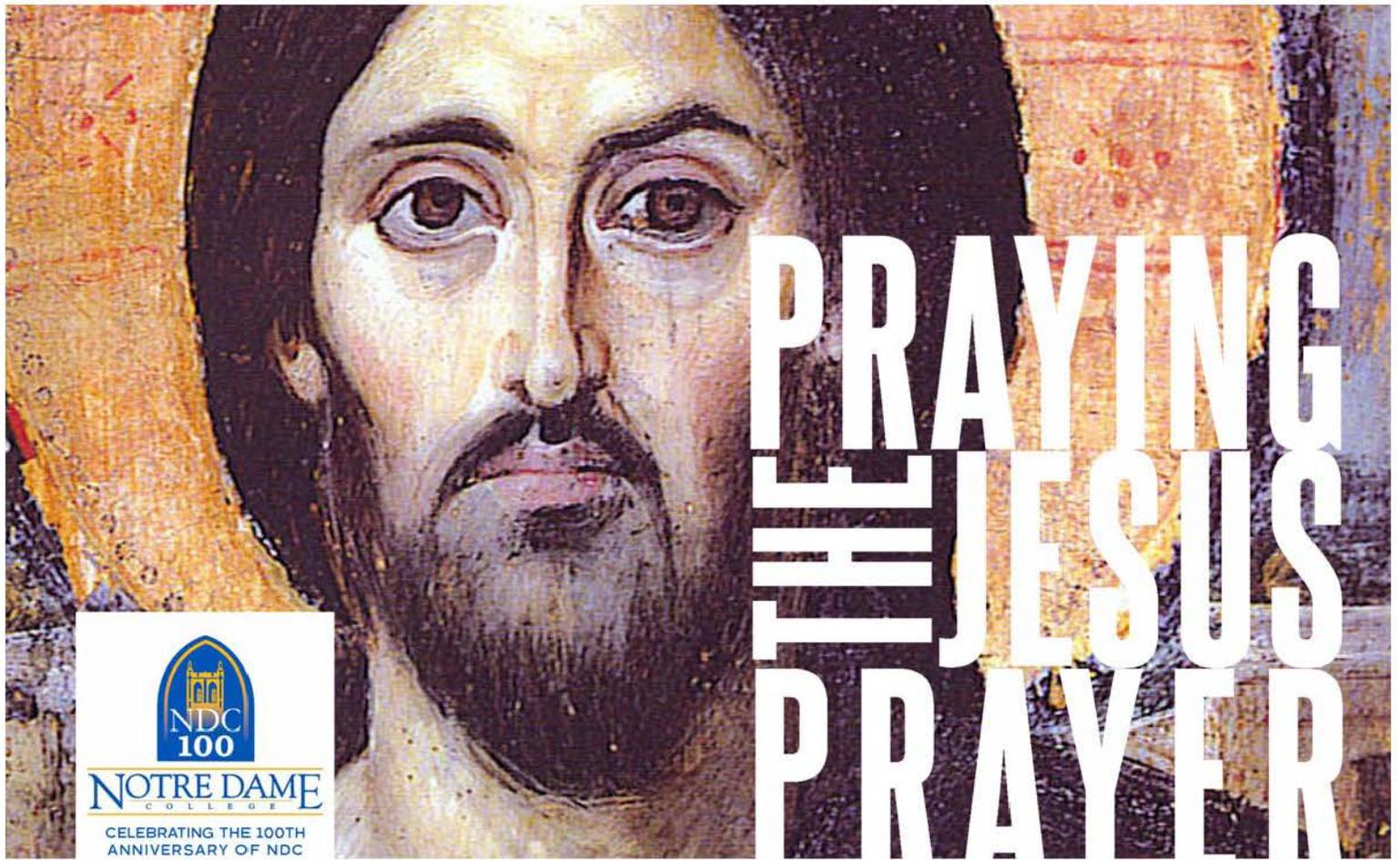
Dear Reverend Fathers of Northeast Ohio,

We cordially invite you to join us in celebration of our patronal saint, Demetrios the Great Martyr and Myrrh-Streamer, with services on Monday, October 25 and Tuesday, October 26. Our celebration of St. Demetrios will begin with Great Vespers on Monday, October 25 at 6pm, followed by fellowship in our hall. Orthros (Matins) and Divine Liturgy will begin at 8:20 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. respectively. A luncheon will be provided following Divine Liturgy, which you are also invited to as our guests. His Eminence, Metropolitan Savas, will be joining us for both services. All clergy are welcome to serve, and we will be wearing red vestment.

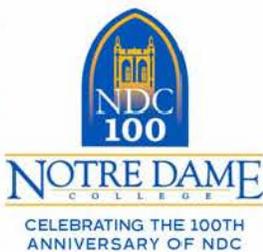
Please let me know by October 15 if you will be able to join us so we can have an accurate count for the luncheon and to accommodate everyone in the Sanctuary. We pray that God's Grace and Peace be with you and your communities, and we look forward to praying together!

Sincerely,

Rev. Fr. Andrew T. Lentz



# PRAYING THE JESUS PRAYER



In this seminar, **FREDERICA MATHEWES-GREEN** presents insights into the ancient desert prayer that tunes the heart to God. The Jesus Prayer "has historically been passed on face-to-face, from one Christ-loving person to the next, down the generations ever since the desert saints... As you form the habit of saying this prayer in the back of your mind all the time, it soaks into you, like dye into cotton, and colors the way you encounter every person and circumstance you meet."

*Frederica Mathewes-Green is a wide-ranging author of eight books, including The Illumined Heart, The Open Door, and Mary as Early Christians Knew Her. She is the khouria (spiritual mother) of Holy Cross Orthodox Church near Baltimore.*



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3256 WARREN ROAD, CLEVELAND, OH 44111**

DOORS OPEN AT 10:00 A.M.  
10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. PRESENTATION  
11:30 A.M. - 12:00 NOON - Q&A WITH THE PRESENTER  
12:00 NOON - TOURS OF THE ROMANIAN ETHNIC ART MUSEUM

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# Special Teaching Evening

with  
**Paul Finley**

**What** does our Orthodox Faith teach concerning the currently very controversial topic of abortion? A teaching evening to explain it all will be led by Paul Finley, the director of St. Herman FOCUS Orthodox Homeless Shelter in Cleveland. Teaching, discussion, refreshments, fellowship ... Please come and invite your friends.

## Topic: **The Pro-Life Christian: "Fighting Without and Fear Within"**

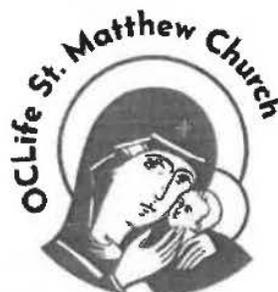
(2 Cor. 7:5)



**Where:** St. Matthew the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox Church  
10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton

**When:** Sunday, **October 23**, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 10/9/2022

### **Departed:**

#### **Metropolitan Herman**

**Lydia Schreck** (*mother of Vera Rolf*)

### **Special Intentions:**

**Deacon Paul Mitchell** (*Tom Mitchell's father*)

**Subdeacon Theodore Lentz**

**Reader Paul Pangrace**

**Reader Frank Tkacz**

**Reader Ron Latre** (*cousin of Felons*)

**Dan Boerio**

**Jennifer Boerio**

**Horia Dascalescu** (*Lavinia's brother*)

**Diane Kearsey** (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

**Janice Tkacz**

**Eleanor Wachovec** (*friend of Karen Felon*)

**Rachel Ohlin** (*relative of Tatiana*)

**Erin Zawolowycz**

**Mickey O'Brien** (*friend of Arlene*)

**Joe Czajkowski** (*son of Jerry*)

**Carol Nielsen** (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

**Matthew Ponomarenko**

**Virginia Medvec**

**Stephen Chwalyk**

**Child Benjamin Udell** (*son of Michael and Lacey*)

**Jeffrey Parhamovich** (*brother of Karen Felon*)

**Maggie Parhamovich** (*sister-in-law of Karen Felon*)

**Margaret Peyton** (*Cathy's aunt*)

**Kristin Robinson** (*friend of Nicholas Kozak*)

**Jean Woycitzky Thompson** (*Frank's cousin*)

**Child Anna Marie Luvison** (*daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison*)

**Martha Musil** (*mother of Linda Kovach*)

**Debra Parhamovich** (*sister of Karen Felon*)

**Grace Mary Parhamovich** (*mother of Karen Felon*)

**Peter**

**Gayle Vidovich**

**Child Emilia** (*newborn of Jeremy & Yvonne*)

**Betty Balasz**

**Constantinos**

**Amelia**

**Tina Hile** (*Nisi & Cindy's sister*)

**Lonnie Ellis** (*Husband to Debra Ellis*)

**Jimmy Prochazka**

**Robby Prock**

**William Steingass** (*brother of Haralambos*)

**Jennifer Humphrey**

**Andrew Mytrohovich**

**Georgij and Tsvetelina and Newborn Sara**

**John Baker** (*friend of Nisi*)

**Anna-Marie**

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to

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Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<p><b>Sunday, October 9</b> Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3 Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15 Genesis 14:14-20 Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15 -17 Deuteronomy 10:14-21 Luke 24:36-53</p>	<p>Hebrews 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16 Hebrews 13:7-16 John 17:1-13 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 Luke 7:11-16</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, October 11</b> Ephesians 5:20-26 Luke 8:1-3</p>	<p><b>Friday, October 14</b> Ephesians 6:18-24 Luke 9:12-18</p>
	<p><b>Monday, October 10</b> Ephesians 4:25-32 Luke 7:36-50</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, October 12</b> Ephesians 5:25-33 Luke 8:22-25</p>	<p><b>Saturday, October 15</b> 1 Corinthians 15:39-45 Luke 6:1-10</p>
		<p><b>Thursday, October 13</b> Ephesians 5:33-6:9 Luke 9:7-11</p>	<p><b>Sunday, October 16</b> John 20:1-10 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Luke 8:5-15</p>

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#### Sunday, October 9

Glorification of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Enlightener of North America (1989)  
Holy Apostle James (Jacob), Son of Alphæus (1st c.)  
Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council  
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour

#### Monday, October 10

Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia, at Nicomedia, and 200 Martyrs with them (303-311)

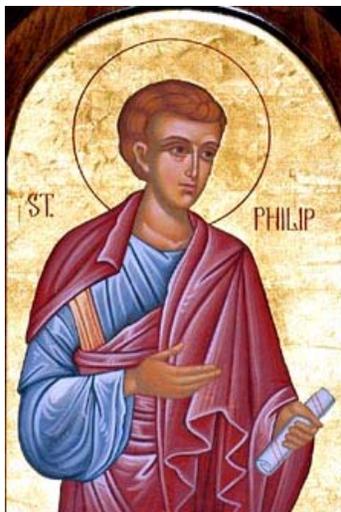
#### Tuesday, October 11

Ven. Philotheus, Patriarch of Constantinople (1379).  
Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, one of the Seven Deacons (1st c.)

#### Wednesday, October 12

Martyrs Probus, Tarachus, and Andronicus, at Tarsus in Cilicia (304)

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2022



6:00 PM Akathist to the Holy Theotokos

#### Thursday, October 13

Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus, Agathadorus, and Agathonica, at Pergamum (251)  
11:00 AM Faith Enrichment

#### Friday, October 14

Martyrs Gervasius, Nazarius, Protasius, and Celsus of Milan (1st c.)

#### Saturday, October 15

Ven. Euthymius the New, of Thessalonica, Monk of Mt. Athos (889)  
6:00 PM Great Vespers

#### Sunday, October 16

Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the Cross of the Lord (1st c.)  
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy with Baptism (Roman Alexei Cruz, Grandson of Barbara Toone, Godson of Beverly Buriss)  
Coffee Hour