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9:00 AM-3:00 PM

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

* AMBO: Articles for publication should be submitted to: sttheocemetery@yahoo.com by Wednesday of each week before noon.

* CALENDAR: Event dates must be submitted by the 15th of each month.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

**MARTYR CALLISTRATUS
AND HIS 49 COMPANIONS**

PROTECTION OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS



OCTOBER 1

The Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos: “Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church, and with choirs of Saints she invisibly prays to God for us. Angels and Bishops venerate Her, Apostles and prophets rejoice together, Since for our sake she prays to the Eternal God!”

This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

On Sunday, October 1, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ St Andrew (October 2), at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. St John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop’s Throne, she continued her prayer.

After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed “more than the rays of the sun.” St Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, “Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?” Epiphanius answered, “I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe.”

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, “O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them not go away from my icon unheard.”

Sts Andrew and Epiphanius were worthy to see the Mother of God at prayer, and “for a long time observed the Protecting Veil spread over the people and shining with flashes of glory. As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, the Protecting Veil was also visible, but with her departure it also became invisible. After taking it with her, she left behind the grace of her visitation.”

At the Blachernae church, the memory of the miraculous appearance of the Mother of God was remembered. In the fourteenth century, the Russian pilgrim and clerk Alexander, saw in the church an icon of the Most Holy Theotokos praying for the world, depicting St Andrew in contemplation of her.

The Primary Chronicle of St Nestor reflects that the protective intercession of the Mother of God was needed because an attack of a large pagan Russian fleet under the leadership of Askole and Dir. The feast celebrates the divine destruction of the fleet which threatened Constantinople itself, sometime in the years 864-867 or according to the Russian historian Vasiliev, on June 18, 860. Ironically, this Feast is considered important by the Slavic Churches but not by the Greeks.

The Primary Chronicle of St Nestor also notes the miraculous deliverance followed an all-night Vigil and the dipping of the garment of the Mother of God into the waters of the sea at the Blachernae church, but does not mention Sts Andrew and Epiphanius and their vision of the Mother of God at prayer. These latter elements, and the beginnings of the celebrating of the Feast of the Protection, seem to postdate St Nestor and the Chronicle. A further historical complication might be noted under (October 2) dating St Andrew’s death to the year 936.

The year of death might not be quite reliable, or the assertion that he survived to a ripe old age after the vision of his youth, or that his vision involved some later pagan Russian raid which met with the same fate. The suggestion that St Andrew was a Slav (or a Scythian according to other sources, such as S. V. Bulgakov) is interesting, but not necessarily accurate. The extent of Slavic expansion and repopulation into Greece is the topic of scholarly disputes.

In the PROLOGUE, a Russian book of the twelfth century, a description of the establishment of the special Feast marking this event states, "For when we heard, we realized how wondrous and merciful was the vision... and it transpired that Your holy Protection should not remain without festal celebration, O Ever-Blessed One!"

Therefore, in the festal celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God, the Russian Church sings, "With the choirs of the Angels, O Sovereign Lady, with the venerable and glorious prophets, with the First-Ranked Apostles and with the Hieromartyrs and Hierarchs, pray for us sinners, glorifying the Feast of your Protection in the Russian Land." Moreover, it would seem that St Andrew, contemplating the miraculous vision was a Slav, was taken captive, and became the slave of the local inhabitant of Constantinople named Theognostus.

Churches in honor of the Protection of the Mother of God began to appear in Russia in the twelfth century. Widely known for its architectural merit is the temple of the Protection at Nerl, which was built in the year 1165 by holy Prince Andrew Bogoliubsky. The efforts of this holy prince also established in the Russian Church the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God, about the year 1164.

At Novgorod in the twelfth century there was a monastery of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos (the so-called Zverin monastery) In Moscow also under Tsar Ivan the Terrible the cathedral of the Protection of the Mother of God was built at the church of the Holy Trinity (known as the church of St Basil the Blessed).

On the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy 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 not perish by the increase of our sins. Protect us from every evil and from grievous woes, for in you do we hope, and venerating the Feast of your Protection, we magnify you."

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27

Sept. 27 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1
Luke 5:1-11

Sept. 29 Eph. 5:20-26
Luke 5:12-16

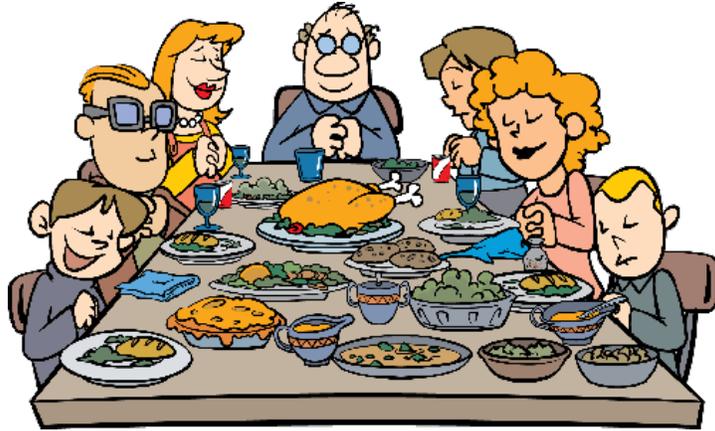
Oct. 2 Eph. 6:18-24
Luke 6:17-23

Sept. 28 Eph. 4:25-32
Luke 4:37-44

Sept. 30 Eph. 5:25-33
Luke 5:33-39

Oct. 3 1 Cor. 15:39-45
Luke 5:17-26

Oct. 1 Heb. 9:1-7
Luke 10:38-42,
11:27-28



Parish Feast Day Dinner

Sunday, September 27th

at Agostino's

12:00 PM - Cocktails

1:00 PM - Dinner

\$10 per person, \$20 per household

For tickets, please see Deacon Dan or Mat. Jennifer Boerio

Thank you to everyone for their kind donations. The Altar Society received \$255 which covered all of our baking expenses. The remaining cookies have been frozen and will be available for sale during Coffee Hour. Thank you again.





PRAYER REQUESTS

Departed:

Ill Afflicted & Special Intentions:

Matushka Catherine Jula
Protopresbyter Vasilije Sokolovic
Protopresbyter Rastko Trbuhovic
Archpriest Theodore Bobosh
Mother Anna
Mary
Michael
Betty Balasz
Judy Baughman
Carol Bohurjak
Frank Byndas
Navada Coneley
Metodije Damljanovic (Child)
**Horia Dascalescu (Lavinia Morris's
brother)**
Cindy Durkalski
Nashwa Fam
Leonora Felon
Dorothy Fowler
Vladimir Fowler
Julia Grabowski
**Roger Haupt (Lisa Theodore's
cousin)**

Sandee Holod
**Matthew Hunley (Phyllis
Gindlesperger's brother-in-law)**
Donna Jacak
Victor Jacak
**Patrick Jacobson (friend of Paul
Pangrace)**
Joy Jahans (friend of Paul Pangrace)
**Stephen Jahans (friend of Paul
Pangrace)**
**Diane Kearsy (Janice Tkacz's
sister)**
Maher Khalil
Thomas Khalil
**John Kovalski (friend of Paul
Pangrace)**
Dorothy Laskovich
Paul Laskovich
**Ralph Magee (Erin Zawolowycz's
father)**
Paul Mihal
**Anna Mysiw (friend and neighbor of
Helen Antonik)**
**Maude Palumbo (Michelle Rajisch's
mother)**

**Debra Parhamovich (Karen Felon's
sister)**
**Grace Parhamovich (Karen Felon's
mother)**
Daria Petrokowski
Debby Pinta
Cindy Powkowski
**Cheryl Regrut (Deb Ellis's
sister-in-law)**
Valerie Rolls (Fr. John's cousin)
Dorothy Romig
Julia Sankovic (Child)
**Elaine Sudnick (Joy Pfeiffer's
mother)**
Gabriel Tabeling
Janice Tkacz
**Elisabeth Wright (friend of Paul
Pangrace)**
Erin Zawolowycz
Alice Zdinak (Fr. John's Mother)

**Douglas & Kaitlyn Evans
& Unborn Child**

**Please note that names will remain on the list for
approximately one month and then removed.
If you would like a name to be relisted, please
contact the office at 216-741-1310.**

Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy. While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy. You are also invited to join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall following Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

Coffee Hour:

9/27/15	Cathy Weber & Mat. Jenn Boerio
10/4/15	Mary Swit & Tammy Ponomarenko
10/11/15	Steve Rusnak
10/18/15	Joyce Tabeling & Judy Schwind
10/25/15	Joy & David Pfeiffer
11/1/15	Mat. Cindy Zdinak & The Van Sickles
11/8/15	Dan & Lavinia Morris

Greeters:

Karen Felon & Paul Pangrace
Mat. Jenn Boerio & Tammy Ponomarenko
Sonia Vorell & Karen Felon
Linda Smotzer & Virginia Medvec
Nina & Elizabeth Antonik
Michael Tabeling & Tammy Ponomarenko
Karen Felon & Paul Pangrace



GOD'S GIFTS TO US - OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly expenses:	\$ 6,538.00
Last week's collection	<u>\$ 2,986.00</u>
Over/Under	< \$ 3,552.00 >

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry ministry continues through Merrick House. They currently use the bags in their Moms First program. We can always use your help by "sponsoring a bag". Envelopes are in the foyer, \$10 fills a bag. Thank you and God bless you for helping those in need. - Dan Morris



Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for *The Health Of* or *In Memory Of* your loved ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

For the entire 2015 year:

In loving memory of Olga Fritskey
from John & Ruth Fritskey

For the week of September 27th:

In loving memory of Mary Ann Silberhorn
from her family

Orthodox Women in the Healing Ministries

Holy Dormition Monastery, Rives Junction, Michigan

*23rd Annual Retreat
October 2, 3, & 4, 2015*



The Mothers of Modern Medicine
Sts. Hermione, Philonella & Zenaida

“Tending on God: A Spiritual Perspective on Healing.”

Speaker: Fr. Silviu Nicolae Bunta, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, University of Dayton in Ohio
Teaching Bible, ancient Judaism, Hebrew, Greek, OCF advisor

Fr. Silviu Bunta grew up in Romania under the Communists. During his childhood he attended clandestine church services with his grandparents, and began his life in the Eastern Orthodox Church. Since that time Father has earned his B.A. degree in theology from the University of Sibiu, and a Master's degree in biblical studies from the University of Oradea, both in Romania. His PhD in Hebrew Bible is from Marquette University in Marquette, WI. While at University of Dayton Father Silviu has taught classes on more than 15 different topics, including Hebrew, Greek, Judaism and of course Orthodoxy. The classes that Father teaches are known for their friendly, relaxed atmosphere and he has a reputation for being an outgoing, passionate, and inspiring teacher.

REGISTRATION: OWHM.ORG

Please register by using one of the two methods listed below:

1. Use the [Pay Pal](#) link on our web site [owhm.org](#).
2. [Mail](#) the registration form found on the web site with a check or a money order made out to OWHM (U. S. dollars only please) to: OWHM - Monica Dellas, 2744 Carric Court, Jackson, MI 49201 (517-414-3829)

SOMETHING
RUSSIAN
FESTIVAL



Tuesday and Wednesday 10^{am} to 9^{pm}

OCTOBER 6 & 7

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

755 S. Cleveland Avenue
Mogadore Ohio 44260

at Rt 532 and US 224

food, imports,
entertainment and more
free admission free parking

somethingrussian.com



**EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD
OF GREATER CLEVELAND
53rd Anniversary Year**



Unity Through Participation



OCTOBER



**Monday
October 12, 2015**

**Pan-Orthodox
Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
7:00pm**

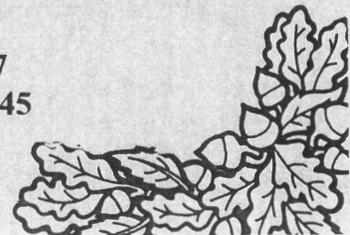
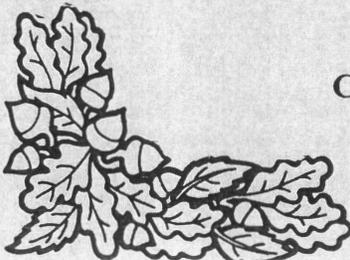


**Saint Matthew the Evangelist Orthodox Church
10383 Albion Road
North Royalton, OH 44133**

Doors open: 6:30pm

**Reservations Required
Tickets to be obtained from your Parish Representative
Tickets: \$15.00/Adults
\$7.50/Under 12**

**or
Contact: Karen Felon 440-238-3837
Helen Beverly 440-212-5545**



What does God have to do with sex?



A **Pure Living** spiritual expedition sponsored by **ZOE for Life!** Teens & Twenties don't miss this opportunity to recognize how precious you are in the sight of God. **What does God have to do with sex** is a Pure Living Spiritual Expedition based on the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Orthodox faith.

Saturday, October 24th 2015

9:30 am-5pm

Vespers at 5pm

Holy Trinity Orth. Church
6822 Broadview Road
Parma, OH 44134

Let us know if you are coming RSVP and bring **1 non-perishable food** item with you!

Email: lea.g.khoury@gmail.com or call Lea Khoury (216) 551-7650

"For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." (Ephesians 5:30-31)

Saved for Greater Work

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.



On September 28th the Church honors Saint Chariton the Confessor.

Saints who are given the title "Confessor" rather than "Martyr" are those who witnessed to the faith and often suffered for it, but were not put to death as the direct result of their witness. Chariton did undergo imprisonment and torture when he boldly professed his faith, but was not martyred. God saved him for greater work.

Born in about 254, Chariton belonged to a well-respected family in the city of Iconium (now Konya, in Turkey) which was also the home of another saint named Thecla, a young woman who for three solid days listened from her window to Saint Paul's preaching on his first missionary journey. She was so convinced by what she heard that she later became a missionary herself, preaching and teaching as a helper to Paul.

Thecla was an example to Chariton. He began to speak publicly and often about his dedication to Jesus Christ. Before long he was arrested by the governor, and told to stop insulting the gods by claiming that only the one God of the Christians was real.

But the governor had no success with Chariton, who told him that the pagan gods were merely prideful demons who had been cast out of heaven into the depths of hell because they hated God and refused to worship Him.

At first the governor tried to talk Chariton out of his beliefs. But Chariton chose to challenge him, trying to make him examine his own beliefs and see their superficiality. Chariton said, "If your gods are truly worthy of worship, you shouldn't be letting me deride them and trying to reason with me. Why don't you defend them, and silence me once and for all?"

He went on, "Do your gods feel with their hands, or speak with their mouths, or see with their eyes? No, they do none of these things. They are dead idols, and they are nothing like the living God, Jesus Christ, and His Father in heaven."

The governor wasn't ready to hear any more, or to test the truth of Chariton's words. He ordered that the outspoken Christian be beaten and put in prison, where he was routinely tortured.

Chariton did not die in prison, and when the harsh measures against Christians were lifted, he was released. Setting out for Jerusalem, he was waylaid by robbers. But once again, though hurt, he didn't lose his life. He gave up his plans to live in a city, and went into the desert.

The later years of Chariton's life were given to the establishment of two monasteries, the first in the wilderness of Pharan and the second near Jericho. Both became well-known for the holiness of the men who came to live in them, learning from the example of Saint Chariton.

We don't know why some saints died as martyrs and others, though tested and made to suffer, did not. But the martyred ones apparently had finished their work. Some, like Saint Chariton, were being saved for greater work still to be accomplished.

Kontakion - Tone 2

You delighted in the monastic life, divinely-wise one
and conquered the bodily passions;
you increased in faith,
blossoming as the tree of life in the midst of Paradise,
most blessed and holy Chariton!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2015

Sunday, Sept. 27

MARTYR CALLISTRATUS AND
HIS 49 COMPANIONS

SOS Sunday

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

12:00 PM Parish Feast Day Dinner @

Agostino's

Monday, Sept. 28

VEN. CHARITON

THE CONFESSOR

MARTYRDOM OF PRINCE

WESCESLAUS

Tuesday, Sept. 29

VEN. CYRIACUS,

HERMIT OF PALESTINE

Wednesday, Sept. 30

HIEROMARTYR GREGORY,

BISHOP OF ARMENIA

6:00 PM Vespers Liturgy

(Pokrov)

REMINDER:



Please be sure
that cell phones
are turned off
before entering
the temple.

SEPTEMBER
Special Collection
YOUTH WORK

Thursday, Oct. 1

PROTECTION (POKROV)
OF THE MOST-HOLY

THEOTOKOES

No Faith Enrichment

Friday, Oct. 2

HIEROMARTYR CYPRIAN,

MARTYRS JUSTINA

AND THEOCTISTUS

Saturday, Oct. 3

HIEROMARTYR DIONYSIU

THE AREOPAGITE,

BISHOP OF ATHENS

4:45 Church School

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, Oct. 4

HIEROMARTYR HIEROTHEUS

MARTYRS DOMNINA &

BERENICE (VERONICA)

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy



St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral

733 Starkweather Avenue

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SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER