

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
Слава на вьку!

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Saturday 16:00 – 16:30
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23 August 2015: 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Leave-taking of the Feast of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Lupus.
The Holy Martyr Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Sat. Aug. 22 **17:00 Vigil of the 13th Sunday after Pentecost.** Suffrages for **Johnathan and Marsha Osif**, 4th Wedding Anniversary – *Martin, Dorothy, Tina Osif*; for + **Mary Ann Davis** – *Margaret Harouse*.

Sun. Aug. 23 **10:00 13th Sunday after Pentecost.** + Suffrages for the **parish**; for + **Walter Furwa** – *Edward DeFlorio*.

Sat. Aug. 29 **17:00 Vigil of the 14th Sunday after Pentecost.** Suffrages for **George and Lenora Malinich** – *Ashbaugh Family*

Sun. Aug. 30 **10:00 14th Sunday after Pentecost.** + Suffrages for the **parish**; for + **Mary Ann Davis** – *Alexander and Judy Giobbi*.

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Acolytes

Lectors

Ushers

Sat. Aug. 22	-----	M. Harhai	J. Kontir, R. Garber
Sun. Aug. 23	E. R. A. Hess	S. Vacha	G. Krynicky, D. Hess
Sat. Aug. 29	-----	J. Krynicky	J. Snitzer, D. Milhalko
Sun. Aug. 30	Ruggieri, Syphans	B. Chirdon	R. Garber, J. Knouse

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8/16/15 Collection: Adult: \$815.00 Student: \$3.00 Candles: \$70.00
Dormition: \$165.00 **Total: \$1053.00**

Attendance: Saturday 20 Sunday: 42 + 5 Dormition: 21 & 15

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ALL TROUBLES AVOIDABLE BY LOVE. CHRYSOSTOM: If love had been present, the Corinthians would not have been puffed up, they would not have divided into factions, they would not have gone to law before heathens, or indeed at all. If there had been love in the church that notorious person would not have taken his father's wife, they would not have looked down on their weaker brethren, and they would not have boasted about their spiritual gifts. HOMILIES ON THE EPISTLES OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS 44.2.

Refreshing Paul's Spirit. DIDYMUS THE BLIND: The spirit of a holy person is refreshed by thinking and doing things which are pious, for the spirit strives after what is good. PAULINE COMMENTARY FROM THE GREEK CHURCH.

HOUSE CHURCHES. AMBROSIASTER: Paul refers to two kinds of church—public and domestic. One in which everyone assembles, he calls public. The other, in which people gather together through friendship, he calls domestic. Any place where a presbyter celebrates the solemn rites is called a church. COMMENTARY ON PAUL'S EPISTLES.

DO NOT DESPISE THE CHURCH. ANONYMOUS SYRIAC AUTHOR: We should not despise the visible church which brings up everyone as children. Nor should we despise this church of the heart, seeing that she strengthens all who are sick. And we should yearn for the church on high, for she makes perfect all the saints. BOOK OF STEPS 1.3.

FREE FROM DECEIT. CHRYSOSTOM: Having bound them together by his exhortation, Paul goes on to bid them to set the seal on their union by means of the holy kiss, which unites and produces one body. The kiss is holy when it is free of deceit and hypocrisy. HOMILIES ON THE EPISTLES OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS 44.4.

MY LOVE BE WITH YOU. AMBROSIASTER: Because the Corinthians did not love one another, Paul gives them this teaching from himself, in order that they might learn to love each other with the same love with which they were loved by the apostle, not with carnal emotion but in Christ Jesus. COMMENTARY ON PAUL'S EPISTLES.

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Father has acquired from the Archeparchy a processional cross with matching **RIPIDIA**, which, in the Byzantine Churches, are sacred fans made of wood or metal, round, having either the iconographic likeness of a seraph with six wings surrounding a face or the icons of Christ and the Theotokos and set on the end of a pole. The seraphim symbolize the heavenly court before God attending the sacred action here in the earthly Liturgy as it is united with the eternal heavenly Liturgy. Ripidia are carried by the acolytes at the Great Entrance, lowered over the Book of the Gospels at the proclamation of the Good News, and at other times. As soon as poles are located or made, the acolytes will use them at the Divine Liturgy.



Next Sunday's Readings: 14th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Corinthians 1: 21 – 2:4 Paul Postpones His Visit to Corinth
Matthew 22: 1 – 14 The Parable of the Marriage Feast



~ Announcements ~

- Continue to keep our parishioners **Dolores Harhai** and **Conrad Semensky** in your prayers. May God grant to these His servants, *Dolores* and *Conrad* peace, health and happiness for many blessed years!

▪ **The Beginning of the new Church Year 7524**, according to our Byzantine reckoning, is **Tuesday, 1 September**. In 1989, his All-Holiness Demetrius I Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople made this day a special day of prayer and supplication for the environment. On 6 August 2015, the feast of the Transfiguration, his Holiness Francis, Bishop of Rome, decreed that September 1 be a **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** in the Catholic Church. Pope Francis' letter is included below/



- **Festival Chairs:** If you have any unpaid bills at home, please give them to Father as soon as possible. If there are **FESTIVAL SIGNS** that have not yet been returned to the church, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!
- **RETURN TO REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE!** On the Sunday **AFTER** Labor Day – **13 September** – the Divine Liturgy will be served at its regular time: **10:30**.
- **A ONE MONTH OF CASH GIVEAWAY – OCTOBER 2015** – is being sold to benefit the parish handicap project. Donation: \$10. See Jennifer, Marlene, or David for tickets.
- **St. Florian** and **St. Mary parishes** will jointly host a **CASH BASH** on **Saturday, 7 November** at our parish hall. Stay tuned for further details in the weeks to come.



Pope Francis' letter announcing «World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation»

To my Venerable Brothers,

Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah TURKSON, President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

Cardinal Kurt KOCH, President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity

Sharing with my beloved brother the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew his concerns for the future of creation (cfr Encyclical Letter. Laudato Si, 7-9) and taking up the suggestion by his representative, the Metropolitan Ioannis of Pergamum who took part in the presentation of the Encyclical Laudato Si on the care of our common home, I wish to inform you that I have decided to set up also in the Catholic Church, the “World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation” which, beginning this year, will be celebrated on the 1st of September, as the Orthodox Church has done for some time now.

As Christians we wish to offer our contribution towards overcoming the ecological crisis which humanity is living through. Therefore, first of all we must draw from our rich spiritual heritage the reasons which feed our passion for the care of creation, always remembering that for believers in Jesus Christ, the Word of God who became man for us, “the life of the spirit is not dissociated from the body or from nature or from worldly realities, but lived in and with them, in communion with all that surrounds us.” (ibid. 216). The ecological crisis therefore calls us to a profound spiritual conversion: Christians are called to “an ecological conversion whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them.” (ibid., 217). Thus, “living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.”(ibid).

The annual World Day of prayer for the Care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvelous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live. The celebration of the Day on the same date as the Orthodox Church will be a valuable opportunity to bear witness to our growing communion with our orthodox brothers. We live in a time where all Christians are faced with identical and important challenges and we must give common replies to these in order to appear more credible and effective. Therefore it is my hope that this Day can involve, in some way, other Churches and ecclesial Communities and be celebrated in union with the initiatives that the World Council of Churches is promoting on this issue.

Cardinal Turkson, as President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, I asking you to inform the Justice and Peace Commissions of the Bishops’ Conferences, as well as the national and international Organizations involved in environmental issues about the establishment of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, so that in union with the needs and the local situation , this celebration can be rightly marked with the participation of the entire People of God: priests, men and women religious and the lay faithful. For this reason, it will be the task of this Dicastery, in collaboration with the Episcopal Conferences to set up relevant initiatives to promote and illustrate this Day, so that this annual celebration becomes a powerful moment of prayer, reflection, conversion and the adoption of appropriate life styles.

Cardinal Koch, as President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity, I’m asking you to make the necessary contacts with the Ecumenical Patriarchate and with the other ecumenical organizations so that this World Day can become the sign of a path along all believers in Christ walk together. It will also be your Dicastery’s task to take care of the coordination with similar initiatives set up by the World Council of Churches.

Whilst I look forward to the widest possible cooperation for the best start and development of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, I invoke the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God and of St. Francis of Assisi, whose Canticle of the Creatures inspires so many men and women of goodwill to live in praise of the Creator and with respect for creation. I support this pledge along with my Apostolic Blessing which I impart with all my heart to you, my dear Cardinals, and to all those who collaborate in your ministry.

From the Vatican, 6th August 2015
Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.