

**Glory to Jesus Christ!**  
**Слава Иисусу Христу!**

**Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church**  
**4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650**

**Glory Forever!**  
**Слава на вѣки!**

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**7 October 2012: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
*The Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus*

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat.	Oct.	06	<b>5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil</b> <i>52<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Martin &amp; Dorothy Osif requested by Tina Osif &amp; Robert Knouse Family</i>		
Sun.	Oct.	07	<b>10:30 AM: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost:</b> For Our Parishioners		
Sat.	Oct.	13	<b>5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil</b> <i>+Richard Matsko requested by Wife Jane and Children</i>		
Sun.	Oct.	14	<b>10:30 AM: Sunday of the Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council:</b> Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: For Our Parishioners		
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			<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Sat.	Oct.	06	M. Mihalko	M. Hulyk	J. Kontir, R. Garber
Sun.	Oct.	07	R. & E. Hess	J. Hess	D. Hess, G. Krynicky
Sat.	Oct.	13	M. Mihalko	L. Knouse	J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko
Sun.	Oct.	14	D. Cianciotti	L. Cianciotti	C. & D. Cianciotti

**Collection:** 09/30/12: Adult \$700; Student \$4; Candles \$33; Maintenance \$20; Holy Day \$82; **Total: \$839**



**The Great Martyrs of Syria Sergius and Bacchus** were appointed to high positions in the army by the emperor Maximian (*anno Domini* 284-305), who did not know that they were Christians. Envious people informed Maximian that his two trusted counselors did not honor the pagan gods. This was considered to be a crime against the state. The emperor, wanting to convince himself of the truth of the accusation, ordered Sergius and Bacchus to offer sacrifice to the idols, but they replied that they honored the One God and worshiped only Him. Maximian commanded that the martyrs be stripped of the insignia of military rank

(their belts, gold pendants, and rings), and then dressed them in feminine clothing. They were led through the city with an iron chains around their necks, and the people mocked them. Then he summoned Sergius and Bacchus to him again and in a friendly manner advised them not to be swayed by Christian fables, but to return to the Roman gods. The saints refuted the emperor's words, and demonstrated the folly of worshiping the pagan gods. The emperor commanded that they be sent to the governor of the eastern part of Syria, Antiochus, a fierce hater of Christians. Antiochus had received his position with the help of Sergius and Bacchus. "My fathers and benefactors!" he said. "Have pity on yourselves, and also on me. I do not want to condemn my benefactors to cruel tortures." The holy martyrs replied, "*For us life is Christ, and to die is gain.*" The enraged Antiochus ordered Bacchus to be mercilessly beaten, and the holy martyr surrendered his soul to the Lord. They shod Sergius with iron sandals with nails in their soles and sent him to another city, where he was beheaded with the sword.



The Cathedral of Saints Sergius, Bacchus and Leontius in Constantinople, built by the Emperor Justinian and also known as the «Little Hagia Sophia»; now a mosque.



**POKROV: Patronal Feast Day.** This past Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, our Pokrov supper was well attended after the Vespereal Liturgy at 5:00 pm. Father Cyprian Constantine, O.S.B. concelebrated the Divine Liturgy with Father Paul-Alexander. Post Avenue Catering provided an abundance of chicken and holupki. Parishioners brought their own specialty dishes. A **sincere «thank you»** to all who came and celebrated the patronal feast day of our church and took the time to prepare the special foods. **Special Thanks** also to anyone who helped with the decorations and preparation of the Hall for the dinner and also to everyone who helped in the clean up afterwards.



**~ Announcements ~**

- Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Anthony Giacobbi** who fell asleep in the Lord Saturday morning, 6 October at Latrobe Hospital. Arrangements are incomplete at this time. **ETERNAL MEMORY and BLESSED REPOSE.**
- **\*\*Special Thanks\*\*:** To **Dave Cholock** for replacing the door handle and lock on the Kitchen door of the Centre and for the installation of the new answering system.

- We warmly **WELCOME** some new parishioners to Saint Mary ~ Holy Protection Church: **Mrs. Christopher (Theresa) Woodring, and her two children, Kaitlyn – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and Alexander – 4<sup>th</sup> grade.** Please extend warm and charitable greetings in the Lord to them when you see them.
- **Archeparchial Charities Collection** will be taken up in the parishes of our Archeparchy on **28 October**. This major collection provides funds for home missions, foreign missions, the Holy Land, retired religious and other charitable works. Please use the special envelope for this occasion and please give generously to this important collection.

#### **Save the Dates...**

- ❖ October 11 – Year of Faith Begins – See New Evangelization Prayer on extra sheet.
- ❖ Sunday November 4 – Moleben for the Causes of the Martyred Ruthenian Hierarchs Holy Ghost Church — McKees Rocks, PA
- ❖ Sunday December 9 – 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Nicholas Charity Dinner – St. John the Baptist – Munhall, PA