

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

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23 September, 2012: Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
The Conception of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat.	Sept.	22	5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil <i>+Larry Pfrogner requested by Jim & Mary Ann Kontir</i>			
Sun.	Sept.	23	10:30 AM: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: For Our Parishioners			
Sat.	Sept.	29	5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil <i>+Michael Bankovich requested by Connie & Mike Bankovich</i>			
Sun.	Sept.	30	10:30 AM: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: For Our Parishioners 5:00 PM: Vesperal Liturgy: Protection of the Theotokos <i>Health & Well-being of Mary Ann Kontir requested by Husband Jim</i>			
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			<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>		<u>Ushers</u>
Sat.	Sept.	22	M. Mihalko	M. Hulyk		J. Kontir, R. Garber
Sun.	Sept.	23	E. & R. Hess	L. Knouse		B. Knouse, W. Furwa
Sat.	Sept.	29	M. Mihalko	J. Kontir		J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko
Sun.	Sept.	30(am)	D. Cianciotti	S. Vacha		J. Knouse, C. Cianciotti
Sun.	Sept.	30(pm)	Any Present	J. Hess / L. Cianciotti		Any 2 Present

Collection: 09/16/12: Adult \$ 737; Student \$ 4; Candles \$ 42; Holy Day \$ 105 ; Cemetery \$ 20; **Total: \$ 908**



“Fishers of Men” In the Gospel, Jesus needed collaborators in his ministry to reach others. He used their boats, their talents, and their very selves, making them “fishers of men.” So many in our parishes still need to hear and respond to his Word! Our Lord still needs those collaborators – priests – to help us all hear his Word today. Pray for vocations; encourage vocations in our parish; consider your own vocation!

Conception of John the Baptist: This came to pass fifteen months before the birth of Christ, after the vision of the Angel that Zachariah, the father of the Forerunner, saw in the Temple while he executed the priest's office in the order of his course during the feast of the Tabernacles, as tradition bears witness.

In this vision, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Zachariah and said to him, "*Your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name John*" (Luke 1:13). Knowing that Elizabeth was barren, and that both he and she were elderly, Zachariah did not believe what the Angel told him, although he had before him the example of Abraham and Sarah, of Hannah, mother of the Prophet Samuel, and of other barren women in Israel who gave birth by the power of God. Hence, he was condemned by the Archangel to remain speechless until the fulfillment of these words in their season, which also came to pass (Luke 1:7-24).

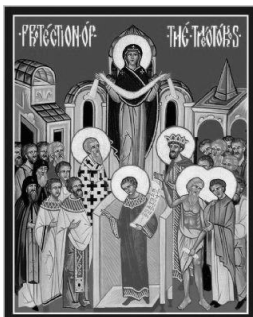
Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone Rejoice, O you barren one who had not borne until now; for lo, in all truth you have conceived the lamp of the Sun, and he shall send forth his light over all the earth, which is afflicted with blindness. Dance, O Zachariah, and cry out with great boldness: The one to be born is the blest Prophet of God Most High.

Kontakion in the First Tone Great Zachariah now rejoices with resplendence; Elizabeth his glorious yoke-mate exults; for she has conceived divine John the Forerunner worthily, whom the great Archangel had announced with rejoicing, whom, as it is meet, we revere as a sacred initiate of grace divine.



~ **Announcements** ~

- **“Catechetical Sunday”** Last Sunday our ECF students and teachers received special blessings as they embarked on a new step in their journey toward Heaven. Keep them in your prayers, encourage the students and their parents in their studies, and ask God’s enlightenment upon them and those who accepted the responsibility to teach them the Way of our Lord through lessons, activities and example.



POKROV: Patronal Feast Day. On Sunday, September 30th, Vesperal Divine Liturgy will be served at **5:00 PM** w/ supper to follow. The church will provide chicken or spareribs, holupki, cake, and drinks. Use the **sign-up sheet** in the Narthex to give us an idea of how many people to expect and what specialty food you will be providing. Choose b/w **CHICKEN or SPARERIBS** as to the additional meat. The one with the most votes will be served along w/ holupki. **Please make every effort to join your parish family in**

honor of the Patronal feast day of our church ~ The Protection of the Holy Theotokos. Weather permitting, after the Divine Liturgy all the children, young adults, and adults (who so wish) will take part in an out-door procession around the church before going to the parish centre for dinner.

- **«Seton Hill University Alumni Day of Recollection» October 20th 10:30-5:00** Caritas Christi Motherhouse, Greensburg Cost-\$25.00 Continental Breakfast, Lunch, anticipated Sunday Mass. Registration call 724-830-1005 or email alumni.setonhill.edu/reflect.

- **Westmoreland County Information & Referral Helpline** has provided Christmas to families who are suffering from devastating circumstances such as death, illness, fire, flood, etc.; families who would not be able to provide Christmas for their children without help. If you would like to participate in making Christmas special for a family this year, please contact Wanda Layman, Coordinator, at 724-836-2020 or 1-800-222-8848. Monetary contributions must be received in this office no later than Friday, November 16, 2012. Last year the helpline provided Christmas for 172 children. 100% of all donations go to help the families.
- The **Latrobe Senior Center** at 15 Ave. C in Latrobe is having a *Chicken & Biscuit Dinner* on September 25th from 4 to 6 pm. The \$6.00 dinner includes chicken, biscuits, vegetable, dessert, and a drink. Homemade soup will be served October 3rd from 4 to 5:30. The selections are Vegetable, Italian Wedding, & Broccoli Cheese. Pint=\$2.50 and a Quart = \$5.00. Call 724-539-0237 with questions or to place an order.
- **September is Hunger Action Month across America.** *The Westmoreland County Food Bank is seeking donations—either monetary or food items. The WCFB serves approximately 15,000 people monthly. Because of the high cost of food, a decrease in local food donations, & the reduction in State Food Purchase Program & Emergency Food and Shelter Program grant funding necessitates buying more and more of the food that is distributed. Check out the September Calendar for Hunger Action Month to see the various ways that you can help or call Louise Wilhelm at 724-468-8660, ext. 13.*