

Glory to Jesus Christ! St. Mary ~ Holy Protection Glory Forever!
 Слава Иисусу Христу! Byzantine Catholic Church Слава на вики!
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26 JULY 2020 / 7528 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The Holy Priest-Martyr Hermolaus and His Companions. The Holy Martyr Paraskevia.
 Our Venerable Father Moses the Carpathian of the Monastery of the Caves.*



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. July 25 17:00 Vigil: **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages for
 + Jack Overdorff – Betty Lipko
 Sun. July 26 10:30 **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost** *pro populo, esp. for
 the health of Suzanne Hurst* – Patricia & James Krisner, parents
 Sat. Aug. 1 17:00 Vigil: **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages for
 + Jack Overdorff – Cheryl Rusinko
 Sun. Aug. 2 10:30 **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost** *pro populo,*
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07 / 19 / 2020 Adults: \$1849 Children: \$6 Candles: \$35
 COLLECTION Holy Days: \$40 Hall Roof: \$100 **TOTAL: \$2030**

THE DORMITION FAST begins August 1th through the 14th. The traditional rule for this fast is a strict abstinence with the usual mitigations (wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6th). It is, therefore observed as the Great Fast. In some parishes the *Paraklis to the Theotokos* is frequently sung during this time.

IN THE NEWS: *Painting Jesus isn't Dangerous – Orthodox Street Art in Contemporary Russia* is an article in the July / August 2020 issue of the bimonthly magazine *Russian Life*. Moscow is seeing religious symbolism crop up in unexpected places. «The police usually react with: 'What are you drawing there? Jesus? Okay, then, finish up and move on.' So says Arseny Bochkov, who over the past couple of years has been blanketing Moscow with images of Christ. His works, which are sometimes quite simple, leave a striking impression. They evoke an informal Orthodoxy that is full of life.»

Opening paragraph from the article by Natasha Beskhebnaya

Common Statement on Hagia Sophia

As Brothers in Christ, and the leaders of our respective communities here in New York, we lament and decry the decision of the Turkish government to change the status quo of the world renown Hagia Sophia, and re-convert this monument of human and divine achievement into a mosque. The Hagia Sophia was for nearly

a millennium not only the greatest Church in the world, but the greatest edifice as well. Its purpose was to be a place of Christian worship par excellence. When the Roman Empire came to a conclusion by conquest, and the Great Church was converted into a mosque, this was an era when human events were advanced through violence. But this is not the way we live today. The creation of the modern State of Turkey is synonymous with a secular ideal of inclusivity. By changing the status of Hagia Sophia from a mosque to a museum, President Atatürk manifested this global monument to be a sign of transition from a theocratic empire, to a secular state that valued the equality of all its citizens. We affirm the wisdom of this earlier decision, and call for a reversal of the current policy of the Turkish government to change the status of Hagia Sophia. We stand together as brothers in faith, and in solidarity with all people of good will and good faith, so that Hagia Sophia may remain what She is – a symbol of encounter, history, spiritual aspiration, and human achievement of the highest order, glorifying the One God Who has made us all to be sisters and brothers of one human family.

† ELPIDOPHOROS
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Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

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