

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church

Glory Forever!
Слава на вѣки!

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4 July 2021 / 7529 ~ 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Our Holy Father Andrew of Jerusalem, Archbishop of Crete. Our Venerable Mother Martha, Mother of St. Simeon the Venerable. Our Venerable Father Procopius of Sazava

LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. July 03 17:00 Vigil: 6th Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages for the health and well-being of **John Nemeth** – Jim & Mary Ann Kontir; for **+Helen Krynicky** – Nellie Costabili
- Sun. July 04 10:30 6th Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages pro populo, esp. for **+ Agnes Osif** – Jim & Susie Blanda
- Sat. July 10 17:00 Vigil: 7th Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages pro populo, esp. for **+John Krynicky** – daughter Joanne
- Sun. July 11 10:30 7th Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages for **+ Agnes Osif** – Marge Hulyk



06 / 27 / 2021	Adults: \$833	Children: \$12	Candles: \$80	Seminary: \$10
COLLECTION	Holy Day: \$160	Cemetery: \$40	TOTAL: \$1135	



OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S EPISTLE FROM ROMANS: Love is the fulfilling of the law and the ultimate goal of all our labors. Deep love for one another is the hallmark of the Christian fellowship at all times. Love must be accompanied by zeal and service if it is to be effective. Christians are called to rejoice because of their hope of eternal salvation, to be patient in times of suffering and persecution, and to pray without ceasing. In all these things the eschatological dimension of hope governs everything the Fathers say on the subject. The early Christians understood that persecution elicits spiritual growth, and therefore they ought to bless their persecutors. Christian pastoral care must be marked by sympathy and understanding for others but also by wisdom to know which reaction is the appropriate one at any given moment. Humility and peaceableness are the universal marks of a Christian. Christians repay evil with good and never seek revenge, which belongs to God alone. The Fathers believed that if Christians did good to their enemy they would be shaming the enemy into repentance. The coals of fire were understood as a kind of punishment that would burn away all rebellion and malice and prepare the enemy to receive Christ. The Christian demonstrates the superiority of good over evil by refusing to succumb to bitterness, even when provoked.



INDEPENDENCE DAY: In God’s plan of history – that mysterious drama that unites God’s providential care with our freedom – there are particular moments that reveal with glittering clarity that God is in charge. For Americans, Independence Day marks the anniversary of such a moment.

Nearly two and half centuries ago, on July 4, 1776, members of the Continental Congress approved Jefferson’s magnificent Declaration of Independence, proclaiming that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

For the first time a nation sprang forth, not simply from the bond of people living together in a place for years, but rather from an idea, the principle of the truth of the human person as sacred and unrepeatable. The Declaration acknowledged our origin as beings made by God, with rights God himself gave us. It is God’s law – his plan – that declares unequivocally that in our creation by the divine hand rests our equal liberty and the right inherent in us as God’s creatures. Our liberty arises not from us, but from the one who made us.



Independence Day honors not our own artificial schemes of liberty and equality but the founding principle of natural law that protects who we are: each one of us chosen, loved, and created as free beings by God our Father. No other authority will do: nothing other than divine truth provides proper grounding for ordered liberty. On God’s authority, then, the American founders in 1776, «with a firm reliance on the Protection of divine providence,» ventured forth in the great experiment, mutually pledging «to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our Sacred Honor.»

Anne Husted Burleigh in the July issue of *Magnificat*, Vol. 23, No.5



- **A WELCOME RECEPTION** for all the new families that have joined our parish will be held **next Sunday, July 11th** after the Divine Liturgy. Please come down to the basement of the church to meet them, welcome them to the parish, and enjoy some cake.