

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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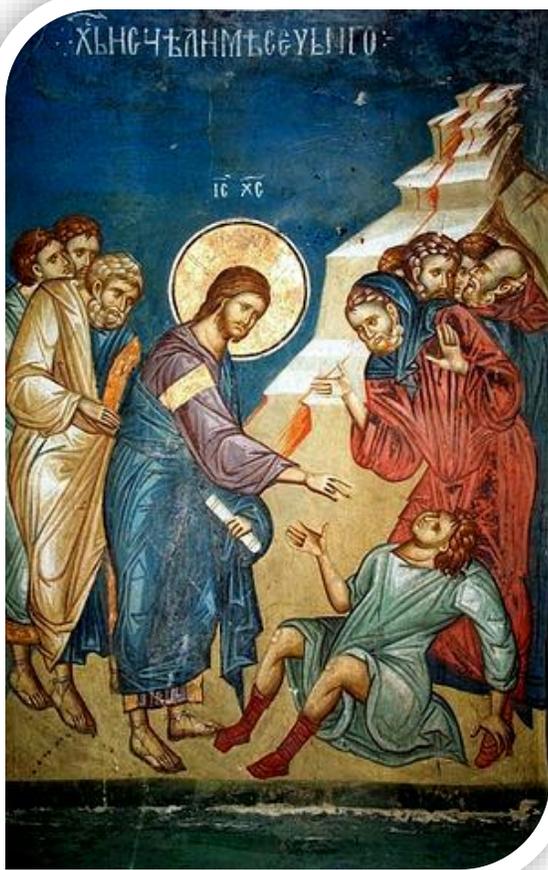
Glory Forever!  
Слава на вики!

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## 1 August 2021 / 7529 ~ 10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The Procession of the Wood of the Venerable and Life-giving Cross.  
The Holy Seven Maccabees, their Mother Solominia and the Elder Eleazar.*



### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

**Sat. July 31 17:00 Vigil: 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages for + Jack Overdorff – wife, Joan **PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**

**Sun. Aug. 01 10:30 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages pro populo **PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**

**Thurs. Aug. 05 18:30 Vespertal Divine Liturgy: Transfiguration, BLESSING OF FRUIT.** Suffrages for +Jack Overdorff – wife, Joan.

**Fri. Aug 06 9:30 Feast of the Transfiguration, BLESSING OF FRUIT.**

**Sat. Aug. 07 17:00 Vigil: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages for +John & Suzanna Muchoney – granddaughter Joanne

**Sun. Aug. 08 10:30 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages pro populo

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**07 / 25 / 2021**  
**COLLECTION**

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Adults: \$1044  
Holy Day: \$10

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Children: \$4  
Cemetery: \$75

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Candles: \$66  
**TOTAL: \$1199**



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

### **The Procession of the Venerable Wood of the Life-Creating Cross of the Lord**

In the Greek Horologion of 1897 the derivation of this Feast is explained: «Because of the illnesses that occur in August, it was customary, in former times, to carry the Venerable Wood of the Cross through the streets and squares of Constantinople for the sanctification of the city, and for relief from sickness. On the eve (July 31), it was taken out of the imperial treasury, and laid upon the altar of the Great Church of Hagia Sophia (the Holy Wisdom [of God]). From this Feast until the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, they carried the Cross throughout the city in procession, offering it to the people to venerate. This also is the Procession of the Venerable Cross.

In the Russian Church this Feast is combined also with the remembrance of the Baptism of Rus, on August 1, 988. In the "Account of the Order of Services in the Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Great Church of the Dormition," compiled in 1627 by order of Patriarch Philaret of Moscow and All Rus, there is the following explanation of the Feast: «On the day of the Procession of the Venerable Cross there is a church procession for the sanctification of water and for the enlightenment of the people, throughout all the towns and places." Knowledge of the day of the actual Baptism of Rus was preserved in the Chronicles of the sixteenth century: "The Baptism of the Great Prince Vladimir of Kiev and all Rus was on August 1.»

In the present practice of the Russian Church, the Lesser Sanctification of Water on August 1 is done either before or after Liturgy. Because of the Blessing of Water, this first Feast of the Savior in August is sometimes called "**Savior of the Water.**" There may also be a Blessing of New Honey today, which is why the Feast is also called "**Savior of the Honey.**" From this day the newly gathered honey is blessed and tasted.



## ~ Announcements ~

- **This evening, August 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a free 90-Minute Webinar on «How to Attend a Byzantine Catholic Divine Liturgy»** where you will learn about the spirit and structure of the Byzantine Divine Liturgy. This webinar is geared mainly to Western Christians (Catholic or Protestant) who have never attended a Byzantine Divine Liturgy before or have only recently started attending? Byzantine Christians who want to learn more about their own rich tradition would also benefit from this webinar. The webinar is free, but you must register to attend.

A Zoom link will be sent to you a day prior to the event. Co-Sponsored by the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix and Vineyard of the Lord Catholic Ministries

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## How to Attend A Byzantine Catholic Divine Liturgy

Free Webinar – August 1  
7pm EST/4pm PST



Presenters

Fr. Daniel Dogier – Fr. Deacon Anthony Dragani – Robert Kiesko



"Let yourself be taken over by the light of Christ and spread His light wherever you go." - Pope St. John Paul II

- **BLESSING OF FRUIT:** This year the feast of the **Transfiguration of our Lord** is this coming **Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**. It is a pious custom of our Church to bless fruit (especially apples and grapes) on this day. Parishioners are invited and encouraged to bring a bowl of fruit to be blessed at both Liturgies after the Ambon Prayer.