

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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27 NOVEMBER 2022 / 7531 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The Holy Martyr James the Persian. Our Venerable Father Palladius.
The Holy Icon of the Mother of God, called «The Sign».*



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Nov. 26 17:00 Vigil: **25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Suffrages for +Jack Overdorff – Dan & Kathy Overdorff;
+Helen Krynicki – Richard & Mary Urbanowski*

Sun. Nov. 27 10:30 **25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** *Suffrages pro populo.*

Wed. Nov. 30 18:30 **EMANNUEL MOLEBEN**

Sat. Dec. 03 17:00 Vigil: **26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Suffrages for +David Overdorff – Mary Bezbiaty

Sun. Dec. 04 10:30 **26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** *Suffrages pro populo*

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COLLECTION

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Adults: \$739
Holy Days: \$35

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Children: \$7
Arch. Charities: \$15

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Candles: \$57
TOTAL: \$853

The icon of the Theotokos depicted in the apse of Byzantine Churches of the Slav tradition shows the Holy Virgin with her hands raised in prayer and the Lord Jesus in her womb. Because she holds the Creator of all things within her, she is described in our Church as «*more spacious than the heavens.*» This icon is called «**of the Sign**», recalling the prophecy of Isaiah regarding the coming of a leader who would deliver Israel from the Assyrians: «*The Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Emmanuel.*» (Is 7:14) The early Church believed that this prophecy was ultimately fulfilled in the conception of our Lord Jesus, son of the ever-virgin Mary. The Theotokos pregnant with Christ is the definitive sign of God's love for His creation. The image of Christ in this icon represents Him, not as a fetus, but rather robed in divine glory, and often holding a scroll, symbolic of His role as teacher. His face is depicted as that of a mature man, indicating that He is at one and the same time both fully

human and fully the eternal God, one of the Holy Trinity. His right hand is raised in blessing. Christ is depicted within a mandorla, an ancient design of two circles coming together and overlapping one another, symbolizing the interactions and interdependence of opposing worlds and forces. The early Church adopted this symbol to describe the coming together of heaven and earth in the Incarnation. This icon has become a «sign» of something else in the modern world: the sanctity of life in the womb. That Christ is depicted in the womb as an adult reminds us that there is no difference in being between an embryo, a fetus or a neonate. Life is human and sacred from the first moment of conception!



~ Announcements ~

- ✠ **THANK YOU!!!** Many, many thanks to all who helped in any way, large or small, to make last Sunday's Turkey Bingo such a great success!
- ✠ **PLEASE REMEMBER** the following parishioners in your prayers: Cassidy Fullman, Jim Fullman, Sr., Jim Basinger, John Kernicky, Pat Krynicky, Ron DeFlorio. *May the Divine Physician of soul and body, Christ our true God, visit and heal these His servants, and grant them full health and vigor, that they may give thanks and bless the Name of the Lord all the days of their life.*
- ✠ **CHRISTMAS CRAFT / BAKE SALE!** The Ethnic Craft Club of **St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Uniontown** will be having its annual Christmas Craft / Bake Sale on **Saturday, December 3** from **Noon to 5:00**, and **Sunday, December 4** from **10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. The sale will feature decorations, wood crafted items, folk crafts, religious articles, parish cookbooks, imported items, homemade candy, various baked goods, and many other articles that would make fine Christmas gifts or holiday decorations. There will be a display of collectible Nativity sets (subject to change), raffles, and a basket raffle sponsored by St. John Social Ministry. Admission is free. For information, call: 724-439-1382 (Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, leave message).
- ✠ **ST JOHN THE BAPTIST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH, SCOTTTDALE** is having their **Christmas Craft Show** on **Saturday, December 3** for **9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. Check out their handmade crafts and enjoy some ethnic food.