

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection  
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Glory Forever!  
Слава на вѣки!

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## 2 JULY 2023 / 7531 – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Deposition of the Venerable Robes of the Theotokos at Blachernæ.*



### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. July 01 17:00 VIGIL: FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Suffrages for +Mary Lezo – Agnes Uhall & Family

Sun. July 02 10:30 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Suffrages pro populo

Sat. July 08 17:00 VIGIL: SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Suffrages for +Mary Lezo – Cassidy & Braydon Felsinger; for  
health and wellbeing of Mary Ann Bukowski – Marge Hulyk

Sun. July 09 10:30 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Suffrages pro populo

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**06 / 25 / 2023**  
**COLLECTION**  
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Adults: \$759  
**TOTAL: \$925**  
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Holy Days: \$80  
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Candles: \$86  
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During the reign of Leo the Great (457-474) two patricians and brethren on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land lodged with an old widow, a Christian of Jewish descent. Seeing the many miracles wrought at a small shrine in her house, they pressed her until she revealed to them that she had



raiment of the most holy Theotokos kept in a small coffer. Our Lady had had two virgins in her lifetime who attended upon her; before her holy dormition, she gave each of them one of her divine garments as a blessing. This old widow was of the family of one of those two virgins, and it had come through the generations into her hands. With the permission of God, that this holy relic might be had for the profit of many, the two men took the garment by stealth and brought it to Blachernæ near Constantinople, and building a church in honor of the Apostles Peter and Mark, they secretly enshrined the garment therein. But here again, because of the multitude of miracles that were worked, it became known to the Emperor Leo, and a magnificent church was built, as some say, by that same Leo, but according to others, by his predecessors Marcian and Pulcheria, and enlarged by Leo when the holy raiment was found. The Emperor Justin the Younger completed the church, which the Emperor Romanus IV Diogenes raised up immediately again after it had burned in 1070. It

burned again in 1434, and from that time it remained a small house of prayer together with the renowned holy spring. After the 7<sup>th</sup> century, the name Blachernæ was given to other churches and monasteries by their pious founders out of reverence for this famous church in Constantinople.

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*Follow exactly the way prescribed for you by the Lord, your God, that you may live and prosper, and may have long life in the land which you are to occupy. (cf. Deut. 5:33)*  
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With the gift of a land and a nation comes responsibility to the Giver of the gift. As Christians, let us never forget that our founders' vision of liberty, peace, and justice for all can only be realized through the reign of Christ in our hearts and in our society. God will bless us as a nation if we give Him His due.



*Be free, yet without using freedom as a pretext for evil, but as slaves of God (1 Pt. 2:16).*

According to the Gospel, freedom is not achievement but gift. Freedom is not license but radical obedience to God's liberating Law of Love. Let us give thanks for the gifts of freedom we have received and, trusting in God as did our nation's founders, let us seek to share them as gifts with all who are enslaved by political oppression, social or economic injustice, or personal sin.

## ~ Announcements ~

- ✠ **ETERNAL MEMORY!** Kindly remember in your prayers James, father of Steven, who fell asleep in the Lord this past Sunday afternoon. *In blessed repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to your departed servant James and remember him forever! Бѣчнаа памать!*
- ✠ Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who are dealing with various health issues: John, Dolores, Patricia, James, John & Norma, Gregory. «*May God grant to these His servants peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years!*»
- ✠ Belated **CONGRATULATIONS** to John & Norma who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary! «*May God grant to His servants Norma & John peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years!*»