

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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20 AUGUST 2023 / 7531 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Post-festive Day of the Feast of the Dormition. The Holy Prophet Samuel.
The Holy King Stephen of Hungary.*



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Aug. 19 17:00 VIGIL: 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Suffrages for +Jack Overdorff – wife Joan

Sun. Aug. 20 10:30 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *Suffrages pro populo*

Sat. Aug. 26 17:00 VIGIL: 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Suffrages for health and well-being of Joan Mott;
for +Jack Overdorff – Daniel & Kathy Overdorff*

Sun. Aug. 27 10:30 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *Suffrages pro populo*

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08 / 13 / 2023 Adults: \$1311 Candles: \$69 Holy Day: \$55
COLLECTION TOTAL: \$1435



The Prophet Samuel was the fifteenth and last of the Judges of Israel, living more than 1146 years before the Birth of Christ. He was descended from the Tribe of Levi, and was the son of Elkanah from Ramathaim-Zophim of Mount Ephraim. He was born, having been besought from the Lord through the prayers of his mother Hannah (therefore he received the name Samuel, which means "besought from God"). Even before birth, he was dedicated to God. Her song, "My heart exults in the Lord," is the third Old Testament ode of the Canon.

When the boy reached the age of three, his mother went with him to Shiloh and in accord with her vow dedicated him to the worship of God. She gave him into the care of the High Priest Eli, who at this time was a judge over Israel. The prophet grew in the fear of God, and at twelve years of age he had a revelation that God would punish the house of the High Priest Eli, because he did not restrain the impiety of his sons. Eli's whole family was wiped out in a single day.

The prophecy was fulfilled when the Philistines, having slain in battle 30,000 Israelites (among them Hophni and Phinees, the sons of Eli the High Priest), gained victory and captured the Ark of the Covenant. Hearing this, the High Priest Eli fell backwards from his seat at the gate, and breaking his back, he died. The wife of Phinees, upon hearing what had happened in this very hour, gave birth to a son (Ichabod) and died with the words: "The glory has departed from Israel, for the Ark of God is taken away".

Upon the death of Eli, Samuel became the judge of the nation of Israel. The Ark of God was returned by the Philistines on their own initiative. After returning to God, the Israelites returned to all the cities that the Philistines had taken. In his old age, the Prophet Samuel made his sons Joel and Abiah judges over Israel, but they did not follow the integrity and righteous judgment of their father, since they were motivated by greed.

Then the elders of Israel, wanting the nation of God to be "like other nations", demanded of the Prophet Samuel that they have a king. The Prophet Samuel anointed Saul as king, but saw in this a downfall of the people, whom God Himself had governed until this time, announcing His will through "judges," His chosen saints. Resigning the position of judge, the Prophet Samuel asked the people if they consented to his continued governance, but no one stepped forward for him.

After denouncing the first king, Saul, for his disobedience to God, the Prophet Samuel anointed David as king. He had offered David asylum, saving him from the pursuit of King Saul. The Prophet Samuel died in extreme old age. His life is recorded in the Bible (1 Sam/1 Kgs; Sirach 46:13-20). In the year 406 A.D. the relics of the Prophet Samuel were transferred from Judea to Constantinople.

SAINT STEPHEN OF HUNGARY was baptized at the age of ten alongside his father. As a young man he united the disparate tribes of the Hungarians. In the year 1000, Pope Sylvester II granted him the authority to establish episcopal sees, and acknowledged him as king. As king, Stephen worked tirelessly to replace pagan practices with an authentic Christian culture. He built and endowed churches, and established tithes to support priests. He gave tenderly to the poor from his own resources. After a long illness, Stephen died in 1038, and was canonized in 1083. He is the first king of Hungary and its patron saint.

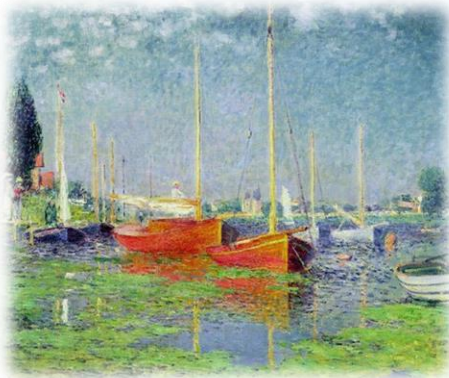
Historic Gathering of the Byzantine Catholic Church in America
You are invited to Participate!

Metropolitan Archbishop William, Bishop Kurt, and the Council of Hierarchs of the Byzantine Catholic Church invite YOU to attend the "Metropolitan Assembly" at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, New Jersey, on **Friday, November 3 through Sunday, November 5, 2023!** The theme of the Assembly is to "learn about our past and to prepare for our future!" Guest speakers include Dr. Paul Magosci, noted Author and Historian; Bishop Nil Lushchak of the Eparchy of Mukachevo; Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York; as well as other clergy and lay leaders. The Assembly includes lectures, discussions, fellowship, and a gala dinner with folk music and dancing. The fee includes meals, breaks, presentations, materials, and the gala on Saturday evening. The **Assembly cost is \$250 for individuals and \$400 for couples.** The Maria Theresa Foundation will underwrite the registration fees of individuals and couples between 18 and 35. For more information, contact the Assembly coordinators, **Fr. Ed Cimbala, at 212-677-0516** or **Fr. Yuriy Oros at 609-394-5004.** The **assembly website** is <https://www.byzantineassembly2023.org/> and the **email** is byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com. Hope to see YOU there!



~ **Announcements** ~

- **The 89th Annual Mount Saint Macrina Pilgrimage** – *Theotokos: Seeker of the Lost* – in honor of our Lady of Perpetual Help will take place September 2 – 3, 2023. A complete schedule of all services and events is posted in the Narthex and on the monastery's website at <https://sistersofstbasil.org/events-2/>.
- The principal exhibit to be hosted this fall at the Verostko Center at St Vincent College will be **Impressionist Legacies: The Michael and Aimée Rusinko Kakos Collection** that will open **Thursday, September 7 and run through Friday, November 17.** The Center is proud to debut an important selection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings recently gifted to the College on behalf of longtime philanthropists, Michael and Aimée Rusinko Kakos. Rarely seen by the public in decades, the collection features 88 pieces executed by 61 artists who worked alongside those whose names are synonymous with Impressionism and the modernist styles that immediately followed but have largely been omitted from art historical surveys.



The following week, the Center is hosting a lecture by Jennifer Thompson, Ph.D., Head of European Painting and Sculpture at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, on **Thursday, Sept. 14** at the Fred Rogers Center. **Entitled Beyond Paris: British Impressionists in the Rusinko Kakos Collection**, Dr. Thompson will explore the origins of the movement and the ways in which British painters embraced Impressionism's interest in color, fleeting sensations, visible brushwork, and modern subject matter. Reservations are requested and can be found by using the following link: **Beyond Paris: British Impressionists in the Rusinko Kakos Collection, a lecture by Jennifer Thompson, Ph.D. (jotform.com)**