

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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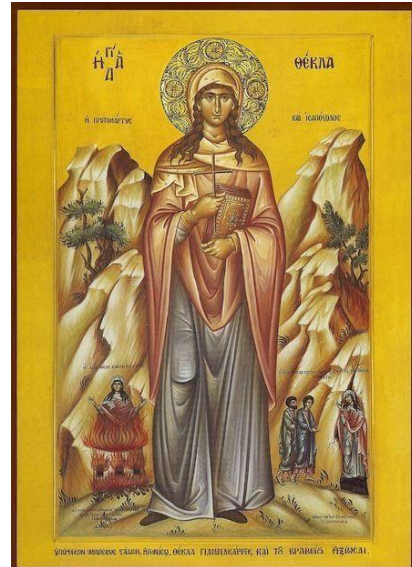
Glory Forever!  
Слава на вѣки!

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## 24 SEPTEMBER 2023 / 7532 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The Holy Martyr Thecla, First among Women and Equal to the Apostles*



### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Sept. 23 17:00 VIGIL: 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Suffrages pro populo*

Sun. Sept. 24 10:30 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Suffrages for + Patricia Krynicky – The Hess Family*

Sat. Sept. 30 17:00 VIGIL: 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Suffrages pro populo*

Sun. Oct. 01 10:30 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Suffrages for + Patricia Krynicky – Cheryl Rusinko*

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Adults: \$654

Candles: \$85

Holy Day: \$190

COLLECTION

Maintenance: \$30

**TOTAL: \$959**



On September 23<sup>rd</sup> the Constantinopolitan Churches celebrate the feast of the Conception of John the Baptist. There are only three people whose conception the Church commemorates on its liturgical calendar: The conception of Mary on December 8/9, the conception of Christ on March 25<sup>th</sup>, and the one the Church remembers on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, John the Baptist.

«On this day [Sept 23.] are celebrated God's mercy, His wondrous act and His wisdom: His mercy towards the devout and righteous parents of St. John, the aged Zachariah and Elisabeth, who had all their lives begged God for a child; the wonder of the conception of John in Elisabeth's more-than-aged womb; and the wisdom of the dispensation of man's salvation. For John, God had a specially great plan: that he should be a prophet and the forerunner of Christ the Lord, the Saviour of the world. Through His angels, God revealed the birth of Isaac to the childless Sarah, and of Samson to the childless Manoah and his wife, and of John the Baptist to the childless Zachariah and Elisabeth.

Through His angels, God revealed the birth of those for whom He had a special plan. How could children be born of aged parents? If someone is curious to find out, let him not ask men, for men do not know, nor does natural law (it being beyond natural law), but let him turn his gaze to the power of almighty God, Who made the whole world



from nothing and Who, for the creation of Adam, the first man, used no parents, either young or old. Instead of being curious, let us thank God that He often reveals to us His power and mercy and wisdom beyond the natural law, by which we would otherwise be fettered and, without these special wonders of God, would fall into despair and forgetfulness of Him.»

*From The Prologue From Ochred by Bishop Nikolai Velimirović*

**Troparion:** Be glad, O barren one who has not given birth until now, for behold, you have conceived the lamp of the Sun, and he shall enlighten all the earth, which is afflicted with blindness. Dance, O Zachariah, and cry out with boldness: The Prophet of the Most High is about to be born.

**Kontakion:** The great and renowned Zachariah rejoices radiantly, and exults with his wife Elisabeth; for worthily does she conceive John the Baptist, whom the Archangel announced joyously, and men honor as an initiate of grace.



## ~ Announcements ~

- **17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW!** St John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Uniontown this Sunday, 24 September from Noon to 4:00 pm, RAIN or SHINE. Music provided by DJ Arnie Amber. There will be a 50/50 drawing, Byzantine Auction, and delicious food: sandwiches, soups, halushki, baked goods, and more will be featured. A golf cart shuttle will be available for on-site transportation. Proceeds to benefit the Church's Maintenance Fund. See the flyer in the Narthex for more information.
- **ST MARY PARISH SUPER TURKEY / HAM BINGO:** Sunday, 12 November, Doors open at noon. Games start at 2:00 Tickets cost \$30 for 25 games. Price includes first set of cards, special, and a light lunch. Tickets must be reserved or paid for in advance. None will be sold at the door. There will be a basket raffle, 50/50, instant tickets, lottery tree. See the flyer in the Narthex for more information. Additional flyers advertising this fund raising event are also available in the Narthex for posting at local businesses; please take a copy to post. Proceeds to benefit the Church's Building and Maintenance Fund.