

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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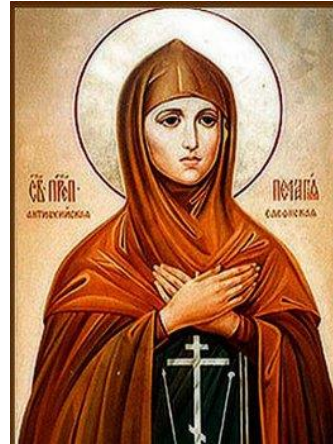
Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

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8 OCTOBER 2023 / 7532 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Our Venerable Mother Pelagia



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Oct. 07 17:00 VIGIL: 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Suffrages pro populo

Sun. Oct. 08 10:30 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *Suffrages*

for +Patricia Krynicky – James & Barbara Snitzer

Sat. Oct. 14 17:00 VIGIL: 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Suffrages pro populo; esp. for +Katherine Bossick – Janet Palmer

Sun. Oct. 15 10:30 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Suffrages for +Patricia Krynicky – Marge Hulyk

✠ 10 / 01 / 2023 ✠ Adults: \$765 ✠ Candles: \$63 ✠ Fuel: \$25 ✠ **TOTAL: \$853**
COLLECTION



Our Venerable Mother Pelagia: This Saint was a prominent actress of the city of Antioch, Syria and a pagan, who lived a life of unrestrained prodigality and led many to perdition. Instructed and baptized by a certain bishop named Nonnus (Saint Nonnus is commemorated on Nov. 10th), she departed for the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem, where she lived as a recluse, feigning to be a eunuch called Pelagia. She lived in such holiness and repentance that within three or four years she was deemed worthy to repose in an odor of sanctity, ca. 284 AD. Her tomb on the Mount of Olives has been a place of pilgrimage ever since. St. Pelagia's life serves as a remarkable testimony to God's willingness to forgive all sinners, no matter how

deep or long-lasting their transgressions. Her story shows us God's love and acceptance of all peoples, regardless of what their lives might have been like prior to their conversion. God's forgiveness is not reserved for a few, but freely offered to all!

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Venerable Pelagia

Pelagia the sinner repented,
And with knowledge of the true Faith, illumined her soul.
The world beckoned her, the world enticed her, but she hearkened not.
Her conscience was awakened, her soul began to shine.
How much effort she applied, how many struggles
she endured, wrestling with her sinful body –
itself like a decaying apple.
So much effort, so much suffering she invested
until she deified her unhappy soul through faith.
In the heavens, God's sun shone,
but Pelagia's soul shone more.
Repentance-God has left us repentance.
By repentance, Pelagia was glorified.



St. Pelagia's cave and tomb are around the corner from the Russian Convent of our Lord's Ascension located on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem (below). After the Divine Liturgy it is customary for the clergy and sisters of the convent to go to the tomb and serve a Moleben to St. Pelagia.



~ Announcements ~

- **WELCOME TO THE SHILOBOD FAMILY** – Leia and her children: Julian, Anya, and Ava – who have recently joined our parish. We extend to them a most warm welcome and wish them many spiritually blessed years with us. **Εἰς πολλὰ ἔτη! Ad multos annos! Многая літа!**
- **THE NEXT BINGO IS FRIDAY OCTOBER 13th!**
- **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. Proceeds

to benefit the Church's Building and Maintenance Fund. **NOTA BENE:** the Turkey / Ham Bingo will take the place of the bingo normally held on the second Friday of the month, *i.e.*, there will be **NO BINGO ON FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER!**

- **A SPAGHETTI DINNER** is being held at **St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church** in **Scottsdale** next **Sunday, October 15th** from **Noon to 3:00 pm**. Adults: \$10, children 12 and under \$5. Dinner includes: meatballs, salad, roll, dessert, and beverage. Take-out available. Basket raffle tickets will also be on hand for purchase. See flyer in Narthex for more information.



- **LEARN ABOUT OUR PAST, PREPARE FOR OUR FUTURE** Everyone is encouraged to attend the Assembly of our Byzantine Catholic Church at St Mary Church in Hillsborough, NJ, **on Friday, November 3 through Sunday, November 5, 2023**. Byzantine Catholics from across the United States and Canada are invited to attend. Metropolitan Archbishop William said, "Your presence and participation are vital and welcome. Please consider coming and supporting this historic Assembly 2023." The venue includes lectures, discussions, fellowship, and a gala dinner with folk music and dancing. 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 the ages of 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**.

