

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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## 1 SEPTEMBER 2024 / 7533 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Beginning of the Church Year 7533.** Our Venerable Father Simeon the Stylite and his Mother. Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos of Miasena. The Holy Martyr Aeithalas. The Forty Holy Women Martyred with their Instructor Ammon the Deacon. The Holy Martyr Callista and her two Brothers, Evod and Hemogenes. The Just Joshua, Son of Nun.



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### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Aug. 31 17:00 Vigil: **15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** Suffrages for +Edmund Davis – Elizabeth Wisniewski.
- Sun. Sept. 01 10:30 **15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** Suffrages pro populo; esp. for + Susan Wassil – Joshua Lucas.
- Sat. Sept. 07 17:00 Vigil: **SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS**, w/ Mirovanije. Suffrages for +Mary Lezo – her children Dolores and John.
- Sun. Sept. 08 10:30 **SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS**, w/ Mirovanije. Suffrages pro populo.

08 / 25 / 2024  
COLLECTION  
ATTENDANCE:

Adults: \$720  
Cemetery: \$385  
Sat. 8 + 2

Candles: \$53  
**TOTAL: \$1163**  
Sun. 31 + 1

Holy Day: \$5

**SUB TOTAL: \$778**



**THE INDICTION ~ NEW YEAR:** It is this vision that gives to the Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox faithful a sense of holy joy as they enter upon the Church New Year: grounding our soul in the seasons of the Church rather than in the seasons of earthly life, we feel a holy excitement, an anticipation of sacred joy as we look forward to the Feasts of the Church Year. In those feasts, we will do more than simply commemorate Christ. We will actually enter into His Holy Spirit by whose living, mystical power the events of Christ's earthly life are experienced not so much as *historical* as *living* events that are as alive in the Spirit *today* as they were yesterday, and as they will be tomorrow.

And so we greet the Church New Year with joy. We look forward to another year of learning and practicing the mysteries of Christ, folding our daily life into the Spirit that animates the body of the Church in her liturgical life and festal celebrations. In the Eucharistic joy of those Feasts, we shall enter body and soul into the mystery of Christ's Incarnation, His Death and Resurrection, His Ascension into Heaven, and the outpouring of His Holy Spirit on all flesh on the blessed Feast of Pentecost. By submitting ourselves to the Way of Christ and to His holy commandments, our earthly life finds its meaning in the hope that we are being incorporated into the holy Body and Mind of Christ so that it is no longer we who live but Christ who lives in us; so that as we die *in the Lord*, it is this body of death that dies while our soul and body that were created by God in the beginning as good, very good, begin to live in the crucified and risen body of Christ, His holy Church, the fullness of Him Who is all in all. Amen.

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Our righteous Father Symeon was born about the year 390 in a certain village named Sis, in the mountain region of Cilicia and Syria. Having first been a shepherd, he entered the monastic discipline



at a young age. After trying various kinds of ascetical practices, both in the monastery and then in the wilderness, he began standing on pillars of progressively greater height, and heroically persevered in this for more than forty years; the greater part of this time he spent standing upright, even when one of his feet became gangrenous, and other parts of his body gave way under the strain. He did not adopt this strange way of life out of vainglory, a charge that some of his contemporaries made against him at the first: because he was already famous for his asceticism and holiness before ascending his first pillar (in Greek, style, whence he is called "Stylite"), many pious people came to him wishing to touch his garments, either for healing or for a blessing; to escape the continual vexation they caused, he made a pillar about ten feet high, and then higher and higher, until the fourth and last was about fifty feet high. The Church historian Theodoret of Cyrrhus, an eyewitness of his exploits who wrote of him while

Symeon was yet alive, called him "the great wonder of the world." God gave him the grace to persevere in such an astonishing form of asceticism that multitudes came to see him from Persia, Armenia, South Arabia, Georgia, Thrace, Spain, Italy, Gaul, and the British Isles. Theodoret says that he became so

famous in Rome that the Nomadic Arabs by the thousands believed in Christ and were baptized because of him; the King of Persia sent envoys to inquire into his way of life, and the Queen asked to be sent oil that he had blessed. He also was a great defender of sound doctrine, and confirmed the Orthodoxy of the Holy Council of Chalcedon for many who had been beguiled by the teachings of the Monophysites, including the Empress Eudocia, widow of Theodosius the Younger. After a life of unheard-of achievements and struggles, he reposed in peace at the age of sixty-nine, in the year 459.

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«The graceful speech of a Christian is characterized by delicacy and politeness. That is what creates love, brings peace and joy. On the contrary, rudeness begets hatred, enmity, sorrow, the desire to win in disputes, unrest and war.» *St. Nektarios of Aegina*



## ~ Announcements ~

- **MEA CULPA! Thomas Syphan** was inadvertently omitted from last week's hard copy of the bulletin. Thomas has begun his third year at Case Western University School of Medicine.
- Our next bingo is **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>! A SPECIAL TICKET ITEM** will be a «**BARREL OF CHEER**». Parishioners are asked to donate a bottle or two of their favorite refreshment for this fundraising event. Thank you!
- **THE BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE** is selling **\$500 strip tickets**. The winning number will be taken from the «Pick 3 Daily Number 1<sup>st</sup> Evening Drawing» on **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**.