

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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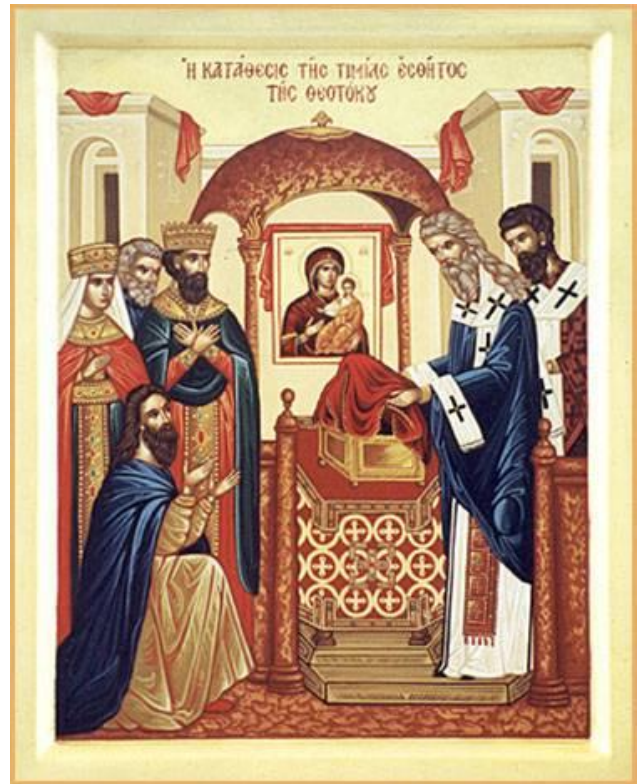
Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

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31 AUGUST 2025 / 7533 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Deposition of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos.



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Aug 30 17:00 Vigil: **12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Suffrages for +Helen DeFlorio – James Kontir Family
- Sun. Aug 31 10:30 **12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** Last Sunday
and Day of the Liturgical Year 7533 ~ *Suffrages pro populo*
- Sat. Sept. 06 17:00 Vigil: **SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF
THE HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS**
Suffrages for +Helen DeFlorio – Marge Hulyk
- Sun. Sept. 07 10:30 **SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE
HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS.** *Suffrages pro populo*



**08 / 24 / 2025
COLLECTION**



Adults: \$1153
ATTENDANCE



Candles: \$88
Sat. 11 + 5



**TOTAL: \$1241
Sun. 26 + 7**





THE PLACING OF THE VENERABLE BELT OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS in a church of Constantinople's Chalcoprateia district took place during the reign of the Emperor Theodosius the Younger. Before this the holy relic, entrusted to the Apostle Thomas by Mary herself, was kept by pious Christians at Jerusalem after her Dormition. During the reign of the Emperor Leo the Wise (886-911), his wife Zoe was afflicted with an unclean spirit, and he prayed that God would heal her. The empress had a vision that she would be healed of her infirmity if the Belt of the Theotokos was placed upon her. The emperor then asked the Patriarch to open the coffer. The Patriarch removed the seal and opened the coffer in which the relic was kept, and the Belt of the Mother of God appeared completely whole and undamaged by time. The Patriarch placed the Belt on the sick empress, and immediately she was freed from her infirmity. They sang hymns of thanksgiving to the Most Holy Theotokos, then they placed the venerable Belt back into the coffer and resealed it. In commemoration of the miraculous occurrence and the twofold placing of the venerable Belt, the «Feast of the Placing of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos» was established in 942.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 7534! The bishops of the First Ecumenical Council (The First Council of Nicæa), convened *anno Domini* 325 by the Emperor Constantine the Great, decreed that the Church's liturgical year should begin on **September 1st**. This was the custom in Constantinople until its fall in 1453 and in Russia until the reign of Peter I. September 1 is still festively celebrated as the New Year at the Patriarchate of Constantinople. The lunar month corresponding to September on the Jewish calendar marks the beginning of the civil or calendar year – *Rosh Ha Shanah*; it was at this time that our Lord Jesus went into the synagogue at Nazareth and read the words of the prophet Isaiah, «*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to proclaim 'the acceptable year of the Lord.'*» (Isaiah 61:1-2; Luke 4: 16-21). The service of the Menaion for January 1 is for our Lord's Circumcision and for the memorial of Saint Basil the Great, without any mention of its being the beginning of a new year.



~ Announcements ~

- **THANK YOU** to an anonymous parishioner who donated \$2000 towards the cost of the sealing and lining of the lower parking lots! *May the Lord grant to His servant peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years! Многая літа!*
- **A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE:** Divine Liturgy will be served at 3:00 pm, **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th** at St. Elias Church, Munhall. The dinner will take place after the Divine Liturgy in the church basement.
- **THE BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE** is selling **\$500 strip tickets**. The winning number will be taken from the «Pick 3 Daily Number 1st Evening Drawing» on **Sunday, September 21st**.