

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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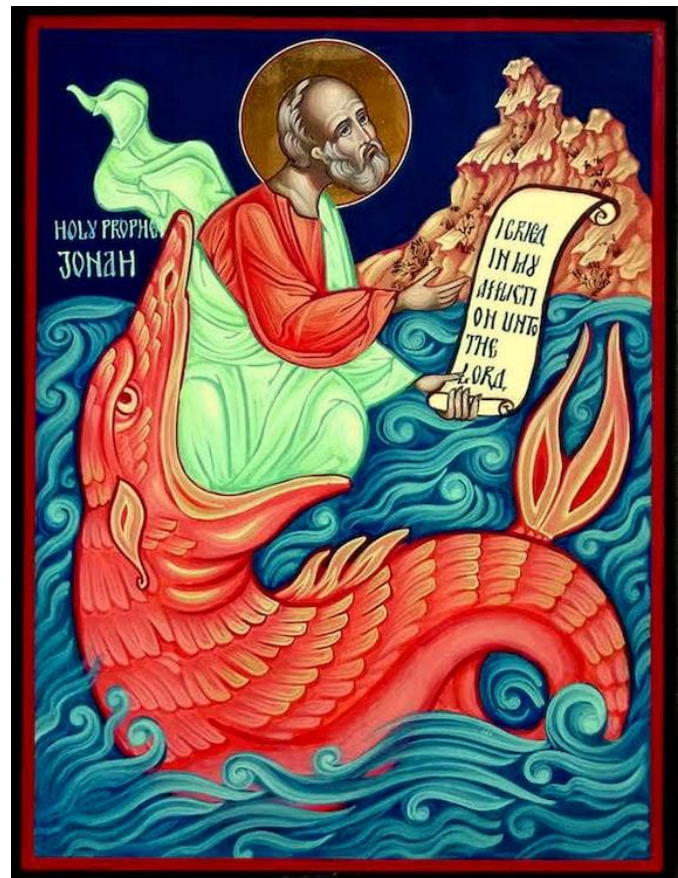
Glory Forever!  
Слава на вики!

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## 21 SEPTEMBER 2025 / 7534 ~ SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

*Apodosis (Leave-taking) of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.  
The Holy Apostle Quadratus, Bishop of Athens. The Holy Prophet Jonah.*



### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Sept. 20 17:00 Vigil: **SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF  
THE HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS**

*Suffrages pro populo*

Sun. Sept. 21 10:30 **SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE  
HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS** *Suffrages for Daniel  
and Jennifer Hess – 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*

Sat. Sept. 27 17:00 Vigil: **16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
*Suffrages for +Helen DeFlorio, 40<sup>th</sup> Day Liturgy and Panachida*

Sun. Sept. 28 10:30 **16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** *Suffrages pro populo*





**09 / 14 / 2025**

Adults: \$1350

Candles: \$44

Holy Day: \$105

**COLLECTION**

**TOTAL: \$1499**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Sat.** 17 + 5

**Sun.** 31 + 5



**THE LUCAN JUMP:** On Monday, 22 September, the continuous reading of the Gospel of the Holy Evangelist Luke begins and will be read until the Great Fast of 2026. This year there will be a discrepancy of two week between the week of the Epistle and that of the Gospel until January 4, 2026 when the cycle is restored with the 31<sup>st</sup> week after Pentecost. This is noted on your Liturgical Wall Calendar where for Monday, 22 September you will see: Ep. 16<sup>th</sup> week after Pentecost; Gos. 18<sup>th</sup> week after Pentecost. The Greek Orthodox Church and some Byzantine Catholic Churches, *e.g.*, The Melkites, begins to number the Sundays by the «Weeks after the Holy Cross». An historical factor in this practice was that September 23<sup>rd</sup> was both the birthday of the Emperor Augustus and the beginning of the New Year, so that reading a new Gospel seemed appropriate at this time. Later, for financial reasons (taxing of the population: the Indiction), the New Year was moved to September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**THE PROPHET JONAH**, the son of Amathi, of the town of Geth-hopher (IV Kings 14:25), was of the tribe of Zabulon; he prophesied during the years 838-810 before Christ. God commanded him to go to Nineveh, the great city of the Assyrians, and to proclaim that its destruction was nigh at hand because of the sins of its people. But he, as a Prophet who knew the great compassion of God, feared that at his preaching the Ninevites would repent; that God, accepting their repentance in His love for man, would not fulfill Jonah's threats; and that he would be branded a false prophet. So he disobeyed the divine command, and boarded a ship and departed elsewhere. Yet, the sudden and fearful sea-storm and the revelation of Jonah's disobedience caused the sailors to cast him into the sea. A great sea-monster appeared straightway by divine providence, and swallowed him up. For three days and nights he was found in its belly and he prayed, saying the words, "I cried aloud in my affliction unto the Lord my God..." (Jonah 2:3, the Sixth ode of the Holy Psalter). The sea-monster then vomited him up on dry land and he again heard God's command. Wherefore, he went and preached, saying, "In three days, Nineveh shall be destroyed." The people became terrified and all repented. The great, the small, babes at the breast, and even the irrational beasts themselves fasted, and thus, having found mercy from God, they were spared His wrath. Jonah's book of prophecy is divided into four chapters, and is placed fifth in order among the twelve minor Prophets. His three-day sojourn in the sea-monster's belly is an image of our Savior's three-day burial and His life-bringing Resurrection (Matt. 12:39-40). His name means "dove."



## ~ Announcements ~

- **ETERNAL MEMORY!** Please remember in your prayers the cantor Charles R. Galbach, father of Loretta Prescott, who has fallen asleep in the Lord. Charles was a long time cantor at St. Nicholas Church in Greensburg, but frequently cantored at funerals for us here at St Mary. The parish extends its condolences and prayers to the Galbach family as they mourn his passing. *In blessed repose, grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your departed servant, the cantor Charles, and remember him forever.* **Бѣчнаа памать!**

- **19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR AND TRUCK SHOW** will be held on **Sunday, 28 September** at St John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in the parking lot of the Church located at 185 E. Main Street, Uniontown, PA. Proceeds will benefit the Church's Maintenance Fund. See the flyer posted in the Narthex for more information and details concerning this event or call 724-438-1382 (leave message).
- **PILGRIM VOCATION ICON PROGRAM TO BEGIN IN TWO WEEKS!** The seeds of God's grace are planted in our hearts hoping to find fertile fields that will bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit and, in particular, ministerial service in the Church. Prayer is integral in the process of nurturing Church vocations. On **Sunday, 5 October**, the entire Byzantine Catholic Church in America is beginning a Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program. Each week, the icon is taken by a household in the parish. Those who accept the icon agree to pray during that time for religious and priestly vocations. Everyone in the parish is invited and encouraged to have this icon in their home for one week. Prayer booklets are provided. Please sign up on the sheet that is posted in the Narthex. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Father.