

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Priest-Martyr Hermolaus and His Companions. The Holy Venerable Martyr Paraskeve. Our Venerable Father Moses the Carpathian, Monastery of the Caves.



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. July 25 17:00 Vigil: **NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Suffrages: **+Susan Dusecina** – son, Fr. Regis

Sun. July 26 10:30 **NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** Suffrages *pro populo*

Sat. Aug. 01 17:00 Vigil: **TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Suffrages for **+David Rusinko** – Cheryl Rusinko

Sun. Aug. 02 10:30 **TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** Suffrages *pro populo*



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COLLECTION

Adult: \$851
ATTENDANCE:

Candles: \$57
Sat. 16

Total: \$908
Sun. 19 + 3



CHROMATIUS: Who was able to walk on the sea if not the Creator of the universe? He, indeed, about Whom the Holy Spirit had spoken long ago through blessed **Job** [saying]: «Who alone stretched out the heavens and walked on the sea as well as the earth.» **Solomon** spoke about Him in the person of [Holy] Wisdom: «I dwelt in the highest places and My throne was in a pillar of cloud. I orbited the heavenly sphere alone and walked on the waves of the sea.» **David** like-

wise declared in his psalm: «*God, Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters.*» So too **Habakkuk** noted, «*The raging waters swept on; the deep gave forth its voice.*» What is more evident than this testimony? What is more clear? It points to Him walking on the water as well as on the ground. This is God's only begotten Son, Who long ago according to the will of the Father stretched out the heavens and at the time of **Moses** – in a pillar of cloud showed the people a way to follow.

TRACTATE ON MATTHEW 52.2.



SAINT PARASKEVE, who was from a certain village near Rome, was born to pious parents, Agatho and Politia. Since she was born on a Friday (in Greek, Paraskeve), she was given this name, which means "preparation" or "preparedness" (compare Matt. 27:62, Mark 15:42, Luke 23:54, and John 19:31, where 'Friday' is called "the day of the preparation"). From childhood she was instructed in the sacred letters and devoted herself to the study of the divine Scriptures, while leading a monastic life and guiding many to the Faith of Christ. During the reign of the Emperor Antoninus Pius, she was apprehended because she was a Christian and was urged to worship the idols, but she answered with the words of Jeremias: "Let the gods that have not made heaven and the earth perish from off the earth" (Jer. 10:11). Because of this she endured exceedingly painful torments, and was beheaded in the year 140. The faithful pray to her for the healing of eye ailments.



SAINT HERMOLAUS and those with him were priests of the Church in Nicomedia, living in hiding after the Emperor Maximian had burnt to death the 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia (Dec. 28). It was Hermolaus who converted Saint Panteleimon to Christ. When Saint Panteleimon was seized as a Christian and was asked by Maximian who it was that had turned him from the idols, the Saint, enlightened by God that the time of his teacher's martyrdom also was at hand, revealed to Maximian that it was Hermolaus the priest. Saint Hermolaus was taken with Saints Hermippus and Hermocrates, and when they had confessed Christ to be the only true God, they were beheaded in the year 305. Saint Hermolaus is one of the Holy Unmercenaries.



THE DORMITION OF HOLY ANNA – 25 July: According to tradition, Saint Anna, mother of the Theotokos and the ancestor of God, lived for sixty-nine years, and her spouse Joachim, for eighty; according to one account, Saint Joachim died two years before Saint Anna. The Theotokos had been orphaned of both her parents already when she was eleven years of age, when she was living in the Temple. Saint Anna is invoked for conceiving children and for help in difficult childbirth.

The name **ANNA** comes from the Hebrew word **חַנָּה** (Hannah or Chanah), meaning «**grace**» or «**favor**.» When the Old Testament was translated from Hebrew into Greek, the name Hannah was rendered as Ἀννα (Hanna), which was then Latinized as **Anna**.

THE DORMITION FAST begins Saturday, August 1st and ends on the 14th. The traditional rule for this fast is a strict abstinence from meat, eggs and dairy products, with the usual mitigations of wine and oil for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6th). It is, therefore, observed as during the Great Fast. It is also a custom of our Church to pray the

Paraklesis to the Most Holy Theotokos either as a parish community or individually. This fast is mentioned as the Autumn Fast by Leo the Great, and it was fixed in 1166 during the reign of the Ecumenical Patriarch Luke Chrysoberges. It may have originally been a forty day fast before the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, that is, from August 6th to 14th September. It is now, however, a two week fast before the feast of the Dormition. It is interrupted by the feast of the Transfiguration. There are two aliturgical days (days then the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated), August 3 – 4.

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**PROCESSION OF THE HOLY CROSS:** Because of the many diseases that occurred during the month of August in the Eastern Mediterranean basin, there was a long-standing custom in Constantinople to carry the precious Wood of the Cross in procession throughout the city for its sanctification and deliverance from illnesses. The Holy Cross was brought forth from the imperial treasury on the last day of July and placed upon the Holy Table of the Great Church of Hagia Sophia (the Holy Wisdom of Christ); and beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>, until the Dormition of the Theotokos, it was carried in procession throughout the city and also set forth for veneration before the people.



«Let us never be boastful or challenging, or jealous toward one another. Help carry one another's burdens; in that way you will fulfill the law of Christ.»

*Galatians 5:26; 6:2*



### ~ Announcements ~

- **THANK YOU** to all those who have been donating so generously of their time and treasure to help maintain the parish grounds over the summer: Greg, Jim, Joshua, Dan and Jen, and Tom.
- **THANK YOU** also to Mr. Ryan Wilt of Hoffer Wilt Funeral Home for again sponsoring our parish's 2027 liturgical wall calendar.