

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
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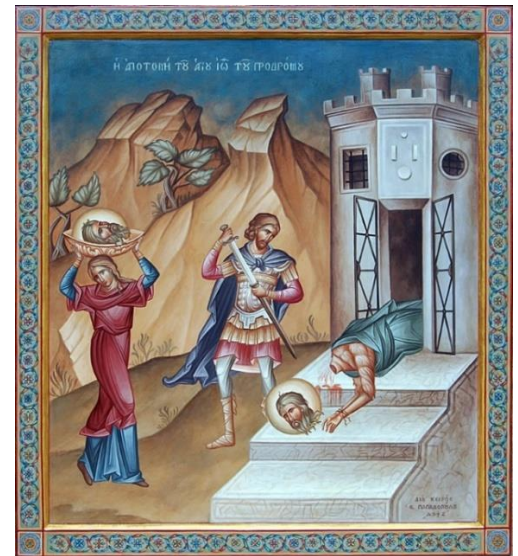
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Postfestive Day of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist. Our Holy Fathers Alexander, John, and Paul the Younger, Patriarchs of Constantinople.



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Aug. 29 17:00 Vigil: **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Suffrages for +**David Rusinko** – Linda Green

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

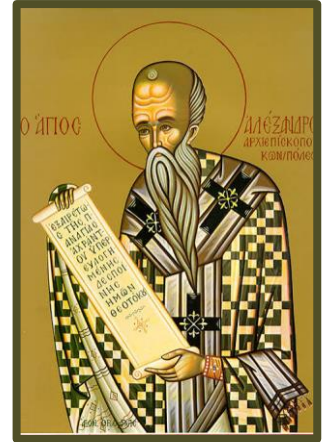
Sat. Sept. 05 17:00 Vigil: **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Suffrages for + **David Rusinko** – Michael Bilik

Sun. Sept. 06 10:30 **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Suffrages *pro populo*

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08 / 23 / 2026	Adult: \$1366	Candles: \$69	TOTAL: \$1435
COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE:	Sat. 17	Sun. 29 + 3
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SAINT ALEXANDER was sent to the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea as the delegate of Saint Metrophanes, Bishop of Constantinople, to whose throne he succeeded in the year 325. When Arius had deceitfully professed allegiance to the Council of Nicaea, Saint Alexander, knowing his guile, refused to receive him into communion; Arius' powerful partisans threatened that they would use force to bring Arius into the communion of the Church the following day. Saint

Alexander prayed fervently that God might spare the Church; and as Arius was in a privy place relieving nature, his bowels gushed forth with an effusion of blood, and thus Arius died the death of Judas. Saint Alexander was Patriarch of Constantinople from 325 until 337, when he was succeeded by Saint Paul the Confessor, who died a martyr's death at the hands of the Arians. **Saint John**, commemorated also on this day, appears to be the one who was Patriarch during the years 562-577, surnamed Scholasticus, who is also commemorated on February 21. He was from Antioch, where he had been a lawyer (*scholasticus*); he was made presbyter, then was sent to Constantinople as representative (*apocrisiarius*) of the Patriarch of Antioch, and was appointed Patriarch of Constantinople by the Emperor Justinian. **Saint Paul the Younger** was Patriarch of Constantinople during the years 687 - 693, in the reign of Emperor Justinian II, and presided over the Quinisext Council in 692.



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR 7535!** The bishops of the First Ecumenical Council (The First Council of Nicæa), convened a.D. 325 by the Emperor Constantine the Great, decreed that the Church's liturgical year should begin on **September 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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.

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FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR! We thank God for the gift of intelligence, the capacity to know and understand the world, ourselves, and Him the «Creator of all things, visible and invisible». We also praise Him for the gift of faith, that grace that sanctifies and illuminates our mind so that we may know Him intimately, as a communion of Persons Who desires that we share in His divine Life and Love. With St. Augustine, let us say: «*We who speak and you who listen acknowledge ourselves as fellow disciples of a single Teacher.*» For Christ's Good News guides both teacher and student towards the objective truth which, in transcending the particular and the subjective, points to the universal and absolute that enables us to proclaim the hope that does not disappoint.

Pope Benedict XVI (adapted)



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- **THEOTOKOS: BEACON OF HOPE!** The 92nd Annual Mount Saint Macrina Pilgrimage in honor of our Lady of Perpetual Help will take place on the monastery grounds in Uniontown next weekend: **September 4th – 7th**. A schedule of services for each day of the pilgrimage is posted in the Narthex.
- **REMINDER!** The Divine Liturgy that is being served for the «Celebration of Marriage» is at **3:00 pm – Sunday, September 20th – at St. Elias Church** in Munhall. If you plan to attend the dinner after the Liturgy, **make sure you have sent in your RSVP!**
- **\$500 LOTTERY STRIP TICKET!** The winning number will be taken from the «Pick 3 Daily Number 1st Evening Drawing» on **September 21st**.