Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Исусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection Byzantine Catholic Church

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Glory Forever! Слава на вики!

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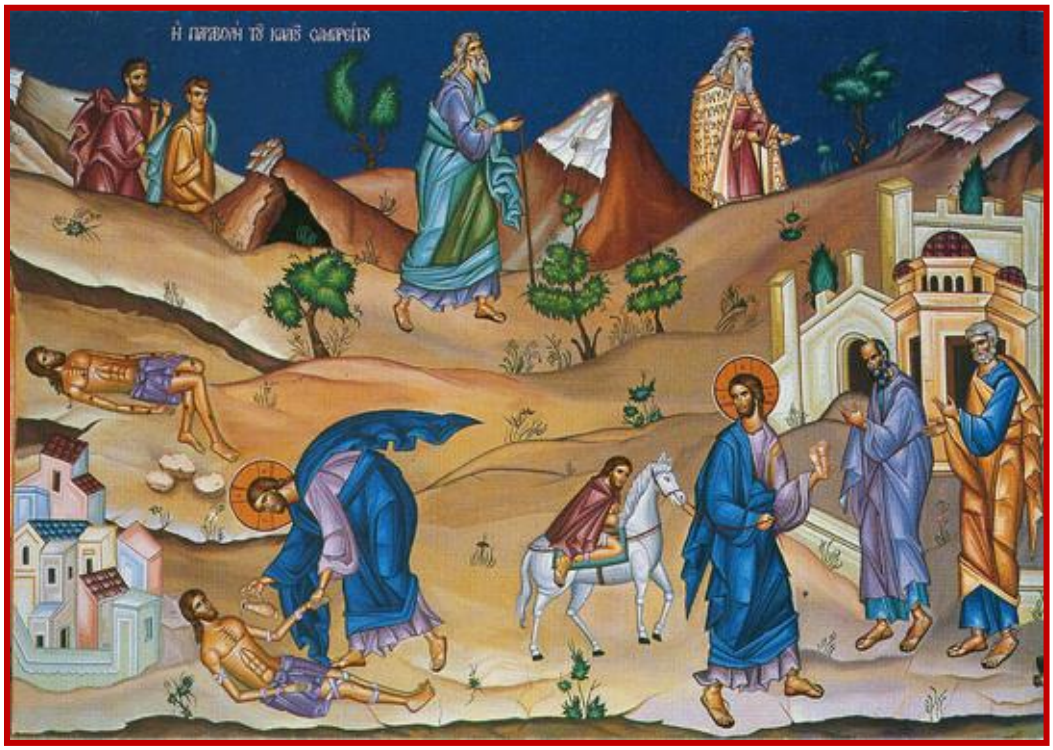
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Habib.



LITURGY SCHEDUE:

Sat. Nov. 14 17:00 Vigil: 25th Sunday after Pentecost Suffrages for **+John Lezo** – children: John & Dolores

Sun. Nov. 15 10:30 25th Sunday after Pentecost Suffrages *pro populo*

Fri. Nov. 20 18:30 The Entrance Of The Theotokos Into The Temple.

Sat. Nov. 21 17:00 Vigil: 26th Sunday after Pentecost Suffrages *pro populo*

Sun. Nov. 22 10:30 26th Sunday after Pentecost Suffrages for **+Dorothy Osif** – The Kontir Family.

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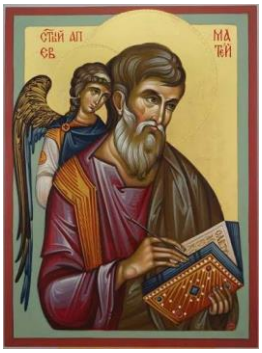
11 / 08 / 2026	Adult: $1415	Candles: $41	Arch. Charities: $25
COLLECTION	Holy Day: $25	Fuel: 45	GCU Tickets: $260
TOTAL: $1181	**ATTENDANCE:**	**Sat.** 14	**Sun.** 22

LITURGICAL CHANGES DURING THE NATIVITY FAST. In lieu of the Sunday Resurrection Antiphons, we will sing the **Typical Psalms** (Setting A) and the **Beatitudes** (see the hymn boards for the page numbers). There are also two special hymns that the cantor will sing during the great incensation before the start of the Divine Liturgy: «Come, O come now, our Redeemer» and «Drop down dew, you heavens». Please feel free to join in; music and texts are in the pews.

THE 40 DAY NATIVITY FAST in preparation for Christmas begins this **Sunday, November 15th**. This time is also often known as the Philip Fast as it begins the day after the feast of the Apostle Philip on November 14th. The Gospel used that day includes Philip's invitation to his friend Nathanael to «**Come and see**» the One Whom Moses in the Law and the prophets wrote about! During this coming season we prepare for Christ's Incarnation and Manifestation in the flesh. It is a time in which we too are called to «come and see» Jesus more fully so as to arrive at a deeper faith in Him. These 40 days of **prayer**, **fasting**, and **almsgiving** mirror the Great Fast and provide us with the opportunity to voluntarily use these ascetic disciplines to rekindle the faith we have received in Holy Baptism. The various church services, starting with the **Presentation of the Virgin in the Temple,** already prepare us for the Incarnation. At Matins we sing *«Christ is born – Glorify Him! Christ has descended from heaven – Receive Him! Christ is on earth – Be uplifted!»* On the **Feast of St. Andrew** (Nov. 30): *«Rejoice O Isaiah! Receive the Word of God and prophesy to us of the Virgin Mary…Bethlehem, rise up! Eden, open your gates! Magi, take the road to see your Salvation resting in the manger Who is proclaimed by the star shining in the heigth of heaven.»* On **St Nicholas Day**, *«Make ready, O Zion! The Lamb is coming bearing the Infant Jesus under her heart. Be glad, O Zion! Rejoice, O Jerusalem! Open your gates to me that I may enter and see the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes…»* Sadly too many Christians are much more aware of the preparations made by stores and shopping malls and e-commerice for Christmas than they are of those made by the Church. Let us make every effort to start our spiritual prepartions 40 days prior to that great and holy day:

The Nativity of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ!



THE HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST MATTHEW, who was also called Levi, was the son of Alphæus and lived in the region of the Galilee. A publican (tax-collector for the Romans) before being called by Christ, he became one of the Twelve Apostles and an Evangelist. While still in Palestine, he wrote his Gospel first in Hebrew (or Aramaic), being also the first of all to write the Gospel. When he is depicted in icons, there is portrayed next to him the likeness of a man, one of the symbolic living creatures mentioned by Ezekiel (1.10), which, as Saint Irenaeus writes, is a symbol of our Savior's Incarnation. His feast day is November 16th.

- Kindly remember the following parishioners in your prayers as they convalesce from recent surgeries: Patricia and Daniel.
- **IT'S A GIRL!!!** Congratulations to Joshua and Kallie on the birth of their first child – Sophia Elizabeth. Mother and daughter are doing well; and dad too. May God grant these His servants peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years.



- The annual **ARCHDIOCESAN CHARITIES COLLECTION** will be taken throughout the month of November. This appeal provides funding for foreign and home missions, the Holy Land, retired religious, and various other worthy causes sponsored by our Archeparchy. Please give as generously as you can!