Icon of the Protection of the Theotokos - October 1st

September 27, 2020

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saints Cyril and Methodius
Byzantine Catholic Church

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Rev. Fr. Vasyl Sokolovych
Parochial Administrator
908-404-0777

Sunday
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
(If unable to attend in person, our Divine Liturgy is streamed via our Facebook page.)

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Web Site: sscyrilmethodius.org
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<th>Saturday</th>
<th>Denis the Areopagite Bishop-Martyr</th>
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<td>October 4 Tone 1</td>
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Call the parish office (919-239-4877) to make an appointment or to speak with Fr. Vasyl (908-404-0777).

**SSCM CHURCH/HALL SCHEDULE**

The **St. Nicholas Mission** celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church every Saturday at 4:00 PM. The **Eritrean Orthodox** celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

The **Coptic Orthodox** celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
September 27, 2020

If you are new to our area or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home for you, we warmly invite you to become part of our parish family.

If you wish to register with our parish, please email Michelle Rubush at sscyrilmethodius@gmail.com

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!

Byzantine Catholic Greetings

Glory to Jesus Christ!  Glory Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu!  Slava na viki!  (Slavonic)

Please remember in your prayers:
John Patrick Rose, Elizabeth Macario, Fr. Mark and family, and Fr. Vasyl and family

Please pray for the repose + of the souls of our faithful departed:
+Natalie and John Morgan, +Rev Fr. Richard Rohrer, +Gloria Shuey

In Blessed Repose, Grant O Lord, Eternal Rest to the Soul of Your Departed Servants and May their Memory be Eternal.

We accomplished so much in the hall on Saturday! Fresh paint, new fan, clean floor, sanitized and organized cabinets, clean refrigerator, the list goes on. Many thanks to everyone who participated.

CHURCH CLEANING

If you would like to help, please contact Joe Deaton or Michelle Rubush. We need to have enough volunteers so no one is cleaning more than once every three months. Volunteers may do the cleaning anytime during the week when the church is not in use. Thank you to our current volunteers!

| Sept 27-Oct 2 | E. Tsakanikas | Oct 18-23 | A. Taylor |
| Oct 4-9 | G. Tsakanikas | Oct 25-30 | Morgan |
| Oct 11-16 | Kingery | Nov 1-6 | Larraine |
One of the situations which multi-ethnic parishes face is which Holy Days to commemorate. For example, the Protection of the Mother of God on October 1/14 is only found on the Church calendar in those parishes which use the Russian Synaxarion. Although the incident it commemorates took place in Constantinople, it is not included in the Greek Synaxarion. In the Russian Churches this is one of the favorite Holy Days. Many churches and cathedrals are dedicated to the Protection (Pokrov, Aghia Skepi) of the Mother of God.

The Mother of God appeared several times after she left this earth. One of these times occurred in the 10th century in the Blachernae Church in Constantinople, in which were preserved her robe, veil and part of her belt. During the Vigil at 4 AM, the Saints Andrew and Epiphanios saw a majestic woman walking toward the ambo (the area before the altar). She was not alone. St. John the Baptist, St. John the Theologian, and other saints and choirs of angels were escorting her. On reaching the center of the church, the Mother of God knelt down and prayed for a long time. She prayed so fervently that her face was bathed in tears. Then, she stood up and went before the altar table, where she again prayed. Then she removed the veil over her head. It shone like lightning. She held it high, stretched over her arms, in a gesture of prayer of intercession for those present in the church and on us. As a result, this commemoration on October 1/14 was instituted to remind us both of this event, and of the Mother of God's constant protection, whenever we prayerfully seek that protection, that shelter, in distress.

“Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” St. Francis of Assisi

In spite of the pandemic, the needs of our church continue and bills still must be paid. Many have worked behind the scenes to fulfill some of those needs. Thanks to the family who purchased ten copies of “For Little Eyes,” a Liturgical book for children. Thank you to all who continue to share your time, talent and treasure. May God bless you abundantly!

THE BYZANTEENS

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

ByzanTEENS is an official ministry of the Catholic Metropolitan Church of the USA. The ministry is a function of the Intereparchial Youth Commission, whose members serve in each of the four eparchies of the Byzantine Catholic Church and is guided by an episcopal moderator. Our ByzanTEENS are under the leadership of Rachel Blair.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will be meeting the second Tuesday of every month. If you have any questions or concerns you would like addressed at the next meeting, please contact one of the members: Mike Carpenter, Marie Taylor, Paul Tooley, Lance Morgan, Dan Pope, Lou Gigliotti and Mike Sapsara.
Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver.** Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

You honor God and our Church by continuing to tithe each week. A collection basket is under the Tetrapod for your weekly donation. You may also mail in your donation or donate online via our website.

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." (Luke 6:38)

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**GOOD NEWS!**

We have received formal approval from the Eparchy to move forward with our "virtual St. Nicholas Market" which will be Friday, December 11 and Saturday, December 12, times to be determined. Phillip Lamb is creating our website for online ordering of baked goods, prepared foods, and some high-demand retail. A pickup system is being developed under Covid guidelines, and some retail items will be available to be shipped thus increasing the reach of the market and possibly positioning us for year-round sales in the future. We hope to "go live" online by early October.

To be ready, we need your help in the following areas:

1. Several people to each take, bake, and package one of our cookie recipes.
2. Help baking nut rolls and cookies in the hall (dates to be determined).
3. Help preparing Halupki, Halushki, Sauerkraut, and Borscht (dates to be determined).
4. Two people to help with retail orders (pull items, package for shipping, or hold for addition of baked/prepared foods for pickup (dates to be determined).
5. Volunteers for December 11 and 12: Pulling orders by pick up time slot, directing customers through the drive through pick up process, placing orders in cars, etc.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help, pick your task, and let us know we can count on you! This year we have the important task of maintaining the momentum we have built up for the Market over the past 12 years, adding to our St. Nicholas funds, and delivering some cheer and goodwill to our customers in these difficult times. Please come be a part of it! Please contact Nancy Driscoll for more information, questions, and to volunteer.

As a reminder, in person attendance is limited to 50 percent capacity. Visitors should email the church at sscurilmethodius@gmail.com if you wish to attend Sunday Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM. Parishioners, if they have not already indicated they want to attend Liturgy in person, should contact the church office.

- Parishioners who are considered “high risk,” and more vulnerable to the virus should consider not attending Liturgy in the church and continue to participate via Facebook.
- Parishioners are dispensed from attending Divine Liturgy on Sunday and Holy Days.
- **A face mask covering mouth and nose MUST be worn during Divine Liturgy, which should be removed before receiving Holy Communion.**
- Please bring your own mask as the church has a limited number available.
• Social distancing (six feet) of people not living in the same household should be followed. A family living together can sit in the same area.
• Please refrain from physical contact.
• Please sanitize hands when entering and leaving church.
• There will be no Agape meal in the hall after Liturgy.
• Please maintain social distancing after Liturgy.
• A collection basket is under the Tetrapod for your weekly donation. You may also mail in your donation or donate online via our website.
• As you approach Fr. Vasyl for communion, please state your name.

GROWING A VIBRANT BYZANTINE CHURCH

Virtual Convention Presentations
Available Online Sunday, November 1st
Website: byzantineconvention.com
Live Event Panel Discussions on Saturday, November 14th from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

THE THEOTOKOS

FAITH CELEBRATE PRAYER BIRTH
LOVE NAZARETH NATIVITY WORSHIP
JESUS ANGEL JOACHIM ANNA
MARY CHURCH THEOTOKOS