19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Protection of the Theotokos

Saints Cyril and Methodius
Byzantine Catholic Church

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Ryan Liebhaber, Deacon

Sunday
9:00 and 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy
First Sunday of the month only one Liturgy at 9:00AM
(If unable to attend in person, our 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
is streamed via our Facebook page.)

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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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meets 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, Paul Tooley, Paul Cwik, Will Leatherwood, Dan Pope, Marie Taylor, and Mike Sapsara.

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. "Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth." (Dt. 8:18) September donations: $8,330.90
19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 3, 2021
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!
SLAVONIC: SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA VIKI!

Please remember in your prayers:
Augustine Griffith, Mary Jo and Bill Smith; Jerry Kingery; Lance Morgan; Sophia Rose; John Patrick Rose; Rachel Blair; David Hoover; Cameron Shuey; Dale Blair; Bernadette’s parents and aunts: Andrew, Etta, Martha and Yolanda; Father Mark and family; Father Vasyl and family.

Please pray for the repose + of the souls of our faithful departed:
+Holly Kingery, +Elizabeth Macario, +Luke Morgan, +Natalie and John Morgan, +Rev. Fr. Richard Rohrer, +Gloria Shuey, +Victor Quintero, +Maria Victoria Quintero

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

In spite of the pandemic, the maintenance of our church continues and bills must be paid. Thanks to all who continue to serve our church with their time, talent, and treasure.

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE
Many thanks to our church cleaning volunteers which means 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. Please contact Marie Taylor at marie@8taylors.com if you want to participate in this very important ministry for our church. Thank you to our current volunteers!

| Oct 3-9 | Travis Kingery | Oct 24-30 | Cwik/Deaton |
| Oct 10-16 | Margie Tooley | Oct 31-Nov 6 | Lisa Rose |
| Oct 17-23 | Karen Quintero | Nov 7-13 | Mary Carpenter |

There will be a parish family campout at the Eparchy farm near Clarksville, VA on Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16, 2021. If you are interested in attending, plan for tent camping in the yard and fields around the farmhouse. Each family will be responsible for its own meals, but there will be a central campfire. The sky is very dark, so binoculars and telescopes for star-gazing are welcome. Bring fishing gear for the pond. Please also consider bringing work gloves and yard tools if you are inclined to help clean up the grounds. If you aren’t interested in the camping aspect, join us for the day on Saturday. If you have any questions, please see Dan Pope.
The Feast of the Intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary can be confidently called the Feast of Mary, our spiritual Mother. Today’s holy day points to an important feature of her spiritual motherhood, which is charity.

When we remember the history of today’s holy day, we see that this quality of the Mother of God became the basis of the Feast of the Intercession. According to legend, on October 14, 910, the Virgin Mary appeared and saved the city and people of Constantinople from certain destruction. On that day Constantinople was surrounded by Turkish troops and the lives of the inhabitants were in great danger. In the Blachernae temple where a great Christian relic, the vestment of the Virgin, was kept, the whole community gathered and fervently prayed to the Mother of God for help and protection. Saint Andrew the Foolish prayed together with the people. During the prayer, the saint saw in a bright light the Mother of God together with John the Baptist and the Apostle John, who appeared in the sanctuary of the temple. Mary prayed for a long time before the throne, and then removed from her head a large handkerchief, omophorion, and spread it over the people in the temple. In this way she showed her help and care for the people and the whole city. Rumors of this miracle quickly spread throughout the city. After that, the enemies retreated from the city. It was a sign of her care, spiritual motherhood, and mercy for the people. Here, we can say, the covenant of Jesus Christ on the cross was clearly manifested, "Son, behold your mother." (John 19:27) This truth is confirmed by the Church in her prayers on the feast of the Intercession, ”She, the only blessed one, He gave to his people as a helper, so that they may guide and protect their servants from all misfortune” (the evening Stichera (hymn)).

The spiritual protection and care of the Mother of God over people is reflected in prayers. Mary gives us mercy when she asks Christ for the grace of cleansing us from sins, repentance, conversion, and healing from various diseases. The Church honors the saints not only for their merits, but also tries to follow the example of their lives and to learn from them the sanctity of life. Mary not only gives us God’s mercy through her prayers, but also encourages us to be merciful, to give mercy to our neighbors in suffering, forgiveness, conversion, and sickness. The Mother of God shows us her mercy directly, as well as through other people.

Jesus Christ chose Mary as his Mother to come into this world through her to save us. Through Her, He cares for us and protects us. Therefore, let us be grateful to God for giving us the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Mother who protects us with His mighty intercession. Let us always turn to Her in confidence in prayer with the words, “Blessed Virgin, save us.” Amen.

Do you want to share the Catholic faith? Would you be interested in participating in street evangelization? Marie Taylor and Karen Quintero have been going out on a Saturday afternoon, asking the Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of people walking by and start a conversation about the Catholic faith by distributing free rosaries, medals, and pamphlets. They are looking to add another person (or two?) to increase the possible opportunities. Email Karen at karennquintero@gmail.com if you’d like to know more.

GUIDELINES FOR OUR CHURCHES DURING THE PANDEMIC

1. A mask should be worn by anyone distributing communion or assisting to distribute communion.
2. The celebrant should use precautions when handling the gifts or singing or speaking near the gifts. These precautions may include wearing a mask, keeping the gifts covered, standing at a distance from the altar, and sterilizing the hands before touching the gifts.
3. The clergy should not drink out of the same chalice that is used for distribution before distribution. They may use a separate chalice, or receive by intinction. Distribution of communion should continue using single-use spoons, either individual metal spoons that are sterilized, or spoons that can be burned.
4. Beginning Friday, August 20, in accordance with local guidelines and in consultation with our Eparchy, people over the age of five are required to wear masks.
5. We will not turn anyone away for their inability to wear a mask.
6. Exemptions include:
   * The person has a medical or behavioral condition or disability and cannot wear a face covering (including, but not limited to, any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious or incapacitated, or is otherwise unable to put on or remove the face covering without assistance).
   * Is under five (5) years of age.
   * Is actively eating or drinking.
   * Is seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing-impaired in a way that requires the mouth to be visible.
   * Is giving a speech for a broadcast or to an audience.
7. The requirement does NOT include the outdoors.
8. People are encouraged to practice safe distancing.
9. No one should ask whether or not someone is vaccinated.

**DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY OR SATURDAY EVENING**

1. Keep in mind, the bishop cannot dispense from Divine Law. The Ten Commandments require us to keep the Lord’s Day holy. From the beginning, Christians have obeyed this commandment by attending the Eucharist on Sunday, the day of the Resurrection. We are also required by Divine Law to refrain from work if possible and to avoid commerce if possible.
2. Beginning on Sunday, June 6, the dispensation from attending the Divine Liturgy is revoked within the Eparchy of Passaic. Watching a livestream does not fulfill the obligation to attend the Eucharist.
3. Just as before the pandemic, anyone is relieved of the obligation for a serious reason such as sickness, immobility, fear, caring for someone else, to protect your own health or the health of others.

**THE HALL REMAINS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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**SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH REQUESTS FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY - 2021**

It is a beautiful part of our Byzantine Catholic tradition to have the Divine Liturgy celebrated for a special intention or for health and God's blessings upon a LIVING person, or for the repose of the soul of a DECEASED person. Liturgy requests are now available for the remaining months of 2021. A donation or stipend is an offering made to the priest for the Divine Liturgy for such a request. The suggested donation or stipend for the Divine Liturgy is $20 (Panachida is $15) and is given to the priest. (Please know that if you are unable to pay the stipend, Father will honor your request.) If your donation or stipend is by check, do not make the check payable to the church, but rather to Father Vasyl Sokolovych. After the request is received, it will be recorded in the church liturgical calendar. Special dates may be requested, but they may not always be available. If this is the case, you will be notified of a rescheduled date and time. If you would like to request a specific date, please do so now. Please know that we will work to provide the dates requested, but we cannot guarantee it. The dates are assigned on a first come first served basis and are reserved upon receipt of the offering. Envelopes are now available in the narthex to request a Divine Liturgy. The Eparchy has recently increased the suggested stipend for a Liturgy to $20. Request for a Panachida remains at $15. To make your request, fill out the information on the envelope. Please include your check or cash and drop it in the collection basket.