

September 20, 2020



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Confessions: 10.00-10.30
on Sundays or by appointment
Sunday Liturgy: 10.30AM
Sick Calls: As scheduled,
or anytime in case of an emergency
Readings and Music on September 20:
Galatians 2:16-20; Mark 8:34-9:1
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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

We welcome all new members to our parish family and hope you will become an active part of our parish community by participating fully in our spiritual and social life. We are delighted to welcome you! With faith, hope, and love as we continue our journey together,

Fr. Gregory and parish family

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 20-27

Sunday September 20th - *Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

8.00am - Divine Liturgy, parish families of St John's and St Mary's (St John's)
10.30am - Divine Liturgy, +Michael Bendick, w Panachida, by Stefan and Helena Vilacky (St Mary's)

Tuesday September 22nd - *Phocas Bishop-Martyr*

5.00pm - Divine Liturgy, special intention (St John's)

Friday September 25th - *Euphrosyna Venerable*

12.00pm - Divine Liturgy, parishioners' intentions (St Mary's)

Saturday September 26th - *The Passing of John Apostle-Evangelist*

9.00am - Divine Liturgy, sick and their caregivers, those who face COVID-19 (St Mary's)
4.00pm - Divine Liturgy, special intention (St John's)

Sunday September 27th - *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

8.00am - Divine Liturgy, parish families of St John's and St Mary's (St John's)
10.30am - Divine Liturgy, +Michael Bendick, w Panachida, by Julia Sikorjak (St Mary's)

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 COLLECTIONS

Sunday.....\$315.00	Donations.....\$340.00	Candles.....\$28.00
Holy Days.....\$30.00	Monthly.....\$25.00	Fuel/AC.....\$45.00
		Total.....\$783.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **300 club.** 11th week winner is J&J Belock.
- **Please remember in your prayers the ill and homebound:** Fr Marcel, Fr Michael, Elizabeth, Helen, Elizabeth, Helen, Judy. If you know of someone to include in this list, please let the Father know.
- **St Mary's Online Giving Set Up.** Dear parishioners and friends, all the parishes have been encouraged by the Eparchy to set up an online giving. It was due mainly to the low attendance caused by the pandemics and thus offer an option for the church giving. This week at St Mary's we started to use tithe.ly, which is also used by several parishes of the Eparchy of Passaic as well as by many other congregations around the country. Our main checking account, where also the regular Sunday collections are deposited each week, has been set for this online giving. If you wish to make your contribution to St Mary's online, just go to our website (www.stmaryjerseycity.org), find in the header "donate", and insert the requested information. Online giving is an option. Many of you give your contributions during Sunday Liturgy or send them in mail. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and it helps St Mary's to pay the bills and face other eventual expenses. May God reward you abundantly for your generosity!
- **Bulletins Available Online.** Dear parishioners and friends, the bulletins are mailed but they are also available online on our website regularly. Just click on the section "weekly bulletin" in the header on our website: www.stmaryjerseycity.org

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Do not let a failure from the past hold you back in the future

"As a man was passing the elephants, he suddenly stopped, confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chains, no cages. It was obvious that the elephants could, at anytime, break away from their bonds but for some reason, they did not. He saw a trainer nearby and asked why these animals just stood there and made no attempt to get away. 'Well,' trainer said, 'when they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it's enough to hold them.

As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free.' The man was amazed. These animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed they couldn't, they were stuck right where they were."