

September 8, 2019

12th Sunday After Pentecost

Upcoming Services:

Sun. Sept. 8, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45

Sat. Sept. 14, 6:00 pm. - Great Vespers

Sun. Sept. 15, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45

Sat. Sept. 21, 9:30 am. - Divine Liturgy, Birth of Theotokos

Sat. Sept. 21, 6:00 pm. - Great Vespers

Sun. Sept. 22, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45

September 14 - Church New Year

On Synaxarion (Saint or Feast day), September 1 (14), the Holy Orthodox Church celebrates the Beginning of the Indiction—the Ecclesiastical (Church) New Year. In 325 the First Ecumenical Council decreed that the Church year should begin on September 1. For Hebrews the month was the beginning of the civil year, the month of gathering the harvest and of the offering of thanks to God. It was on this feast that the Lord Jesus entered the synagogue in Nazareth, and opened the book to read from the Prophet Isaiah, as found in today's Liturgy Gospel reading. September is also important in the history of Christianity, because of the victory of Emperor Constantine the Great over Maxentius, the enemy of Christian Faith. Following this victory, Constantine granted freedom of confession to the Christian Faith throughout the Roman Empire. On this day we also commemorate the miracle wrought by the Most-holy Theotokos at Miasinae Monastery and the Great Conflagration (fire) which followed. The Virgin's holy icon had been cast into Lake Zaguru so that the iconoclasts would not desecrate it. It miraculously arose intact from the lake's depths after many years in 864. On this day we also commemorate Simeon the Stylite. Born in Syria of peasant parents, at the age of eighteen Simeon left home and was tonsured a monk. He undertook the most difficult ascetic practices, including a strict fast for forty days. Simeon eventually took upon himself a previously unknown form of asceticism, he stood day and night on a pillar, in unceasing prayer. At first, his pillar 7.5 ft. high; Simeon eventually raised it to 60 ft. The saint worked many great miracles, healing infirmities by word and prayer, comforting those in need, instructing others, and reproaching some who held heretical beliefs. Simeon lived to 103 years old. He reposed in the Lord on September 1, 459. His pillar and the cathedral named in his honor still stand outside of Aleppo, Syria. On September 1, we also commemorate Simeon's mother, Martha; the 40 virgin-martyrs and Ammon the deacon in Heraclea; Venerable Evanthia of Skepsis; Righteous Joshua, son of Nun (Jesus of Navi); Meletios the New of Mount Myoupolis; Venerable Nicholas of Crete; New-martyr Angelis of Constantinople; the martyr Aethalas of Persia; and the martyrs Callista, Evodus and Hermogenes the siblings. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Matthew 19: 16-26

Reader Schedule:  
Sun Sept. 8 - Kurtus Lauser  
Sun Sept. 15 - Jim Hamer  
Sun Sept. 22 - Wesley Hatch  
Sun Sept 29 - Greg Kuzmenchuk

Birthdays:

Sep. 10 - Tabitha Bentley

Sep. 13 - Linda Kozlowski

Upcoming Events:

Sun. Sept. 8 - Parish mtg. after coffee hour to select Sobor delegates

Tue. Sept. 10 - 6:30 pm. Tea Party Mtg., Steele's house: 411 Barley Sheaf Rd.

Sun. Sept. 15 - Phoenixville Ukrainian Festival

Sat. Nov. 9 - Holy Ghost Fall bazaar 10 - 2pm

Wednesday September 11th is a STRICT FASTING DAY. We commemorate the Beheading of the Holy Prophet and Forerunner St. John the Baptizer. Scripture readings: Acts 13:25-32, Mark 6:14-30

Upcoming Bazaar Cooking Events:

Thurs. Sept 12 – 6:30 pm. Halupki Prep.

Fri. Sept 13 – 8:30 am. Halupki Making

Wed. Sept 18 – 6:30 pm. Nut Roll Prep

Thurs. Sept 19 – 8:30 am. Bake Nut Rolls

Mon. Sept 23 – 6:30 pm Halupki Prep.

Tue. Sept 24 – 8:30 am. Halupki Making

Mon. Sept 30 – 6:30 pm. Nut Roll Prep

Tues. Oct 1 – 8:30 am. Bake Nut Rolls

Fri. Oct 4 – 8:00 am. Haluski Making

Panahyda

On Sunday September 15th a Panahyda has been requested in memory of Ann Leveille, by her niece Karen Lewis. It is the 5th year of Ann's repose in the Lord.

Holy Confession

Confession will be heard by Father Nicholas After Vespers on Saturdays and no later than 8:30am on Sunday

Anniversaries:

None this week

Notices:

The Sisterhood is holding a Tea Party planning meeting on Tues. Sept. 10, 6:30pm at Illaria Steele's Home

Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Phoenixville, Ukrainian Day Festival will be held on Sunday, Sept. 15, 11am - 5pm. On the church grounds at 301 Fairview Street.

St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary invites you to the opening of the New 2019-2020 Academic Year. It will take place on Saturday, September 14 10AM with the celebration of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the St. Sophia Seminary Chapel, South Boundbrook. Luncheon to follow

The 22nd Regular Sobor of the UOC of USA will be held in South Boundbrook New Jersey, October 16-19. We are looking for parishioners who are interested in representing Holy Ghost as a delegate or alternate. If you are interested or questions, please let Tabitha. There will be a Parish Meeting following Liturgy today to select delegate and alternate representatives.

Coffee Hour- We need families to sign up and host our Sunday Coffee Hour.

September Charity - Sneakers for Soldiers

Prayer Corner:

For the Health of: Erin Bove, Richard Ziegler, Bill Brown, Sandy Knisley, Peter Roccia, Max Bostic, & Toby Seip