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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018  
**PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS**  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Epistle Reading**  
Hebrews 9:1-7

**Gospel Reading**  
Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

*Christ is in our midst!  
He is and ever shall be!*

**Troparion for the Protection of our Most Holy Theotokos, Mother of God**

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy illumined by your coming, O Mother of God. Beholding your pure image we fervently cry to you: "Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection; deliver us from every form of evil by entreating Christ, your Son and our God that He may save our souls."

**Kontakion**

Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church and with choirs of saints she invisibly prays to God for us. Angels and bishops worship, apostles and prophets rejoice together, since for our sake she prays to the pre-eternal God.

**Memory Eternal**

We offer prayers today for Alex and Anna Leme, parents of Matushka Anne Gariano, on the anniversaries of their falling asleep. Grant rest eternal with the Saints, in blessed repose, O Lord, to the souls of Thy servants. Večnaja pamjat +

**International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day – October 15**

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month to help people better understand and support parents who lost babies in miscarriage, stillbirth, or in early infancy. Learn about it in <http://oca.org/parish-ministry/familylife/october-pregnancy-and-infant-loss-awareness-month>. We join others in lighting a candle at 7PM tomorrow to create a Wave of Light around the world. Memory Eternal +

**Welcome to Our Guests**

We offer a warm welcome to all guests with us today. Please pick up a welcome folder by the Candle Table and join us for Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have.

**Sisterhood Meeting – Today**

All women are invited to today's Sisterhood Meeting after Coffee Hour to coordinate plans for the St. Luke Slava and December 8 Holiday Bake Sale.

**Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, October 17 – 7:00-8:30PM**

Vespers will be served Wednesday at 7PM followed by the study of the Divine Liturgy as the "Heavenly Banquet". Everyone is invited for prayers and discussion.

**MaRiH Center Guest Speaker – Sunday, October 21**

Our Faith in Action Team and Sisterhood invited Beth Whitehead, Director of the MaRiH Center in Alexandria, VA, to visit with us next Sunday and to give a brief talk at Coffee Hour. Our parish has supported the center for decades as they serve pregnant women in need with practical supplies during pregnancy and infant care, financial help, medical and legal referrals. Infant clothing in sizes 0-6 months will be welcomed as well as monetary donations payable to the MaRiH Center.

**Kastalsky's Requiem for Fallen Brothers – Sunday, October 21**

A concert honoring the 100th anniversary of the 1918 Armistice ending WWI will be performed at the Washington National Cathedral on Sunday, October 21 at 6PM. The St. Tikhon's Monastery Chamber Choir and director, Benedict Sheehan, have been involved in the production of this version of "Bratskoe Pominovenie" Sheehan says, "... It will introduce to the world a significant Orthodox composer whose work stands as a symbol of brotherhood and unity between nations." Tickets: <http://www.cathedralchoralsociety.org/events/armistice-1918-0>.

**St. Luke Patron Saint Day Celebration – Sunday, October 28**

Our annual Slava celebration is two weeks away. After the Divine Liturgy, the Slava Prayers and Cutting of the Kolach will take place with Louise Romanchak as the Slava Kuma. The feastday buffet follows. Invite family and friends to join us. (The major project on the social hall ceiling will be completed before the Slava.)

**God Grant You Many Years!**

God bless Rick and Amanda Costello as they celebrate their wedding anniversary and Theodore Schneider on his birthday! Mnogaja ljeta!