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***NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS; ST. PETER THE ALEUT;
MARTYRED SS JUVENALE AND HIS COMPANION
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

Epistle Readings

1 Corinthians 16:13-34
Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel Readings

Matthew 21:33-42
Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

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

Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Troparion (Nativity of the Theotokos)

Thy nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from thee, O Theotokos. By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

Kontakion (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion (Nativity of the Theotokos)

By thy nativity, most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness, Adam and Eve — from the corruption of death. And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to thee: "The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

Kontakion (St. Luke)

Let us praise the godly Luke: he is the true preacher of piety, the orator of ineffable mysteries and the star of the Church; for the Word, Who alone knows the hearts of men, chose him, together with wise Paul, to be a teacher of the gentiles!

Welcome to all guests via livestream and those in person today. We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John and Deacon Stefan.

Memory Eternal - Večnaja Pamjat

We pray for Mary Phillips on the 11th anniversary of her repose. She is Donna Karabin's mother and Jim Karabin's grandmother. May her soul dwell with the blessed.

Holiday Bake Sale Preparations

- The Sisterhood offers heartfelt gratitude to all the Saturday volunteers who helped with the first baking day for the 2024 Holiday Bake Sale (December 14). Upcoming baking days will be October 19, November 16 and December 13. Join us if you can.
- The end of season clearance continues: Apple Strudels (frozen unbaked) are \$3 each.

Ss Peter & Paul Orthodox Church Mediterranean Festival – Today 12-6PM

Enjoy authentic Middle Eastern foods and music at 10620 River Road, Potomac MD. See their online [Festival](#) menu and Sunday schedule.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, September 25 on Zoom at 7PM

Come join in as we learn more about penance and love as taught in Fr. Alexander Schmemmann's "For the Life of the World". Fr. John will email his notes and the Zoom link.

Festal Divine Liturgy for the Elevation of the Cross - Friday, September 27

Joy of the Feast! Come celebrate the feastday liturgy this Friday at 10:30AM. A potluck meal of fasting foods will follow.

St. Katherine's Fall Greek Festival – Friday-Sunday, October 4-6

St. Katherine Orthodox Church invites us to come enjoy their homemade Greek food and pastries, and their live Greek music and dancing: 3149 Glen Carlyn Rd., Falls Church VA. See the [Festival](#) flyer for each day's schedule.

Orthodox Mission Walk – Saturday, October 5 – 10-11AM

Orthodox Christian Mission Center will host a two-mile walk (with a one-mile option) in Vienna, VA, visiting the Foxstone/Wolf Trap Creek Trail. Meet at 9:50 AM at the corner of Ayr Hill Ave. NE and East St. NE, to walk with OCMC missionaries and enjoy sightseeing stops. Donations to OCMC are welcomed. Email [Barbara Bosworth](#) to register.

Young Adults and Young Professionals Gala – Saturday, October 19 – 6-10PM

This year's gala will have Vespers at 5PM, Cocktail Hour at 6PM followed by Buffet Dinner and Dancing. Host: Ss Peter & Paul Church in Potomac. [Ticket](#) deadline is October 5.

God Grant You Many Years!

We join with the Damjan family in celebrating the triplets' birthday! God bless Dianna, Max and Marcus on their 11th birthday. Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!