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BAPTISMAL DIVINE LITURGY

**CONCEPTION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST;
ST. INNOCENT, METROPOLITAN OF MOSCOW,
ENLIGHTENER OF THE ALEUTS, APOSTLE TO AMERICA;
ST. TIKHON, APOSTLE TO AMERICA**

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:3-11

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

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

During today's Divine Liturgy Jason Mousavi will be received into the Orthodox Christian Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation. Jason's Godfather is Deacon Stefan Glomazic.

Troparion of Holy Baptism

Grant unto me the robe of light, O Most Merciful Christ our God,
You clothe Yourself with Light as with a garment.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

† **As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.** †

Grant, O Lord, a peaceful life, health, salvation and furtherance in all good things to the servant of God, Jason, keep and preserve him for many years!

Church Musician Sunday – [Metropolitan Tikhon's Statement](#)

We join with parishes across the U.S., Canada and Mexico who commemorated St. Romanos the Melodist (New Calendar) last week. Together we honor all Church singers, choir directors, composers, arrangers, chanters, readers, bell-ringers, hymnologists, hymnographers, translators, and all who support the liturgical and musical life of our holy Church. May God bless our St. Luke Choir and all who participate in our music ministry.

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 newly departed Andrew, son of a close friend of Fr. John and Popadija Kitty's and for Valerie Klaassen's stepfather Ted on the anniversary of his falling asleep.

OCA Calls for Prayers for Those Impacted by Hurricane Helene

Parishes and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America are urged to offer prayers for all those impacted by the destruction left by Hurricane Helene late last week. [International Orthodox Christian Charities](#) (IOCC) is offering emergency assistance and is accepting donations towards supporting the short and long-term relief efforts. Donate [here](#).

OCA Calls for Prayers for the Middle East

In light of the widening conflict in the Middle East, clergy and faithful are asked to pray for peace in the region and in the world, for restraint and wisdom on the part of leaders, for healing and recovery for victims of violence, and for reconciliation, forgiveness, and love on the part of all. We are encouraged to support [International Orthodox Christian Charities](#) in their emergency response in the region.

First Sunday of the Month – Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who brought food to share at Coffee Hour and to all who donated non-perishable food or online donations for the [C-CAP Food Pantry](#) in Winchester, VA.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, October 9 on Zoom at 7PM

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

St. Matthew's Annual Multicultural Festival – Today 11:30AM-4:30PM

[Multicultural Festival](#) with Mediterranean, Slavic, Ethiopian, Hispanic and American food, live entertainment, children's area, vendors; 7271 Eden Brook Drive Columbia, MD.

St. Katherine's Fall Greek Festival – [Festival](#) flyer – Today 12-8PM

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.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 20 Baptismal Divine Liturgy for Maraya Pehlivanova
Sunday, October 27 Divine Liturgy and St. Luke Patron Saint Day Slava Celebration

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!

God bless Board of Trustees President Ron Kecman on his birthday and Rick and Amanda Costello as they celebrate their 21st wedding anniversary this coming week.