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PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

“POKROV”

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Readings

2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Hebrews 9:1-7

Gospel Readings

Luke 6:31-36
Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

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

Troparion (Resurrection)

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open paradise! For the myrrh bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

Troparion (Protection of the Mother of God)

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

Kontakion (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold people captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: The Savior has come to those in faith! Enter, you faithful, into the resurrection!

Kontakion (Protection of the Mother of God)

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.

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 His Beatitude, Metropolitan TIKHON, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada ~ Eis polla eti despota!

We are blessed to have our bishop with us for Liturgy and to see the new church progress.

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 Anthony Scott and Lynn Anna Johnson's brother Bill forty days since their repose. We pray also for the newly departed who perished in the recent hurricanes.

Praying for All People Affected by the Hurricanes

We continue to pray for all the people affected by the recent hurricanes and tornadoes. May the Lord grant them His great mercy in their recovery and rebuilding.

[International Orthodox Christian Charities](#) (IOCC) is providing emergency assistance and accepting donations to support the short and long-term relief efforts. Donate [here](#).

International Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Day – Tuesday, 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 the following resource: [OCA: Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month](#)

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, October 16 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.

Sisterhood Baking Day #2 – Saturday, October 19

Next Saturday the Sisterhood will have the second Baking Day for the December 14th Holiday Bake Sale. Volunteers are invited to help with morning baking and afternoon wrapping. Sign up with Rada or JoAnne. Join them for [today's meeting](#) after coffee hour.

Baptismal Divine Liturgy for Maraya Pehlivanova - Sunday, October 20

Next Sunday, the child of God Maraya, daughter of Daniel and Stella Pehlivanova, will be received into the Orthodox Church through the Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation.

St. Luke Patron Saint Day Slava Celebration – Sunday, October 27

Our annual Slava celebration is two weeks away. After Divine Liturgy, the Slava Prayers will follow with Colin Chung serving as the Slava Kum/Host. The festive buffet luncheon follows. Invite family and friends to come enjoy our hospitality and celebrate with us.

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!

God bless and grant many years to His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, Rick and Amanda Costello on their 21st wedding anniversary and Theodore Schneider on his birthday.