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***BAPTISMAL DIVINE LITURGY  
MARTYRS SERGIUS AND BACCHUS  
SEVENTEENTH 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!**

Today we celebrate the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation for the child of God Maraya, daughter of Daniel Pehlivanov and Stella Pehlivanova. She is sister to Daniel and granddaughter of Romyana Kostova. Her godmother is her aunt Margarita (Mimi) Bidy. May the Lord bless Maraya as she enters the Orthodox Faith, and bless her family and godmother. God grant them Many Years! The family will be hosting Coffee Hour.

**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 child of God, Maraya, keep and preserve her for many years!

**IOCC Announces \$1Million Fundraising Goal for Hurricane Response**

Fr. John: "By now almost all of us are familiar with the destruction inflicted by the two recent hurricanes: Helene and Milton. The International Orthodox Christian Charities has been very active in responding to these needs -- both on the front lines and in supporting roles. They have just issued an urgent appeal to try to raise \$1 million to help the affected families and communities. If you can, please prayerfully consider giving to this appeal and please continue to pray for all those affected by these events and those seeking to help them." Go to <https://give.iocc.org/campaign/624010/donate>.

**Welcome** to all guests via livestream and those in person today. We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Mimi Bidy. 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 Popadija Kitty's parents, William and Jane Searles, on the anniversaries of their falling asleep, and for Nevenka Milosevich's sister Milica forty days after her repose. O Lord, grant them rest eternal with Thy saints in blessed repose.

**Sisterhood Bake Sale Update – Thank You**

Our Sisterhood had a successful second Baking Day yesterday in preparation for the December 14<sup>th</sup> [Holiday Bake Sale](#). Many thanks to the volunteers who helped.

Pre-orders for Nutrolls, Poppyseed Rolls and frozen Apple Strudels are being accepted now through November 24. Go to [Bake Sale Pre-orders](#) for pick up on December 14/15.

**Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, October 23 on Zoom at 7PM**

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

**Holy Apostle & Evangelist Luke Patron Saint Day/Slava – Sunday, October 27**

We come together next Sunday for our annual St. Luke Slava celebration. After Divine Liturgy, the Slava Prayers will take place with Colin Chung serving as the Slava Kum/Host. Invite family and friends to come join us for the festive buffet luncheon and program.

Anyone interested in lending a hand on Saturday or Sunday with food prep, decorations, and clean-up may see Rada Carmichael, Popadija Kitty or JoAnne de la Riva to sign up.

Donations of desserts are requested.

**Archdiocesan Choir Concert - Sunday, November 10 at 5PM**

The highly lauded Archdiocesan Choir is made up of singers from Washington DC area OCA parishes along with some from other Orthodox churches. They will present a concert in three weeks featuring hymns honoring the Most Holy Mother of God. SS Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Potomac, MD will host. A reception will follow. Advance tickets for "The Gate Facing East: Concert for the Theotokos" are on sale for \$12; they will be \$15 at the door. Livestreaming will be available for those who sign up for the link. For details go to <https://www.archdiocesanchoir.org/>.

**God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja ljeta!**

God bless Jim Karabin, Nicole Bidy (15) and Daniel Pehlivanov (5) on their birthdays. God bless Mark and Maria Damjan on their 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and David Lumovich thirteen years since his tonsure as Reader. Grant, O Lord, peaceful lives, health, salvation and furtherance in all good things to them, keep and preserve them for Many Years!