

In case of emergency: Call Fr.

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406-2620. If there is no answer,

leave a message and then call

"The Lord is my strength

Pani Carrie (813) 451-9829

and my song, He has become

my salvation."Isiah 12:2

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Pastoral Message

During the month of October we celebrate our Parish Feast and her Patroness, our Lady Mary, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin. It has been a difficult year for everyone, but we remember the Biblical principle that we are not to be sad about times of tribulation. Rather, we are to “glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance, and perseverance, character, and character, hope” (Rom. 5.3f). This hope comes as the result that the Christian character that we allow to be forged within us and exercise is precisely the cooperation with the energy of God of salvation. Our focus is not on salvation from the tribulations of this earth, but rather the tribulations of eternity that come to those who do not exercise the virtues that God has given us for our salvation and that of the world, salvation in the age to come.

If we are looking too closely at our earthly walk of life, we will lose our eternal heavenly walk of life with God, as the Lord warns, we gain the world but lose our own souls. For “whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it” (Mark 8.34ff).

Remember that as we approach the election of our civil leaders that we need to put the principles of our God-given Faith before the ideas of humans, upholding human dignity and life from conception to death. We need to put the principle that the unity of the Church is not subject to secular opinions or political partisanship, but rather on the principles that we all hold, namely the unchangeability of the commandments of God, first, to all of mankind, and then to us as fellow believers, that we love one another as He has loved us.

Our dignity as brothers and sisters in Christ is not dependent on which candidate we vote for in any election, but but our shared shared sacramental grace, given by God equally to all of us. Some trust one candidate over another that will better uphold our shared values than the other, and we under no circumstances must hold this against anyone else because we have a different opinion. Furthermore, our vote is a sovereign right, and is no one else's business. The Bible says clearly "mind your own business". (1 Thessalonians 4.11).

That being said, we are called to a high calling. That calling is inheriting children of our Lord's Kingdom. Therefore, let us repent and change our minds, hearts and actions for the better, for "I call heavenand earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you death, blessing and cursing; therefore, choose life, that both you and your descendents may live; 20 that you may love your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days" (deuteronomy 30.19-20).

The Lord Bless and Keep You,

Fr. Harry

Counters

September 27 - Cynthia

October 4 - Brian

October 11 - Svetlana

October 18 - Ellen

October 25 - Mike

November 1 Barbara

Prayer Corner

Contact Cynthia Brown to add or delete names from the living list.: cynthiaann36@live.com or (863) 223-6775

Living: Amanda, Mike, Michael, Samuel, Vilma, Deacon Joseph, Stacy, Arlene and Dan.

Contact Cynthia Brown to add to the reposed list.

Reposed: Virginia, Harry, Millie, Harry, Richard, Albert, Mary , John, Doris, Mary, Subdeacon, John, Vera, Beverly, James, Dessie, Ernest, Elbert, Bill, Viva, Ina, Cynthia, Bernard, Finn, Marie, Kathy, Cassia, Ashton, Camillo, Lexi, Francesca, Tina, Joan, Lennie, Walter, Wally, Bertha.

Church School

Tracy Galla is our Church School Contact. Due to Covid, we currently are not having church school. If you have any ideas, please let Tracy know!

Out Reach

Contact Arlene Tonjes, Tracy Galla or Pani Carrie for suggestions for out reach projects for this year.

Arlene: arlenetonjes@hotmail.com or (863) 221-1464

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Feast Day

On October 1 we will be celebrating the Church Name Day. The Holy Protection of the Theotokas or The Intercession of the Theotokas which is depicted in

Icons as spreading wide her cloak to cover and protect inhabitants of the world.

According to Eastern Orthodox Sacred Tradition, the apparition of the Theotokas occurred during the 10th century at the Blachernae church in Constantinople (today's Istanbul) where several of Her relics (Her robe, veil, and part of Her belt) were kept.

On Sunday, October 1 at four in the morning, St. Andrew saw the dome of the church open and the Theotokas enter, surrounded by angels and saints. She knelt and prayed with tears for all faithful Christians in the world. She asked Jesus to accept the prayers of all people entreating Him and looking for Her protection. Afterwards she spread Her veil over all the people in the church as a protection.

According to the Primary Chronicle of St. Nestor the people of Constantinople called upon the Mother of God to protect them from an attack by a Rus' army (Rus' was still pagan at the time). According to St. Nestor the feast celebrates the destruction of this fleet which occurred sometime in the ninth century.

*Wikipedia.org

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Church Council

President: Brian Delp, (813) 763 5226

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Secretary: Rebecca Delp, (813) 763-5225 Treasurer: Tom Moore, (813) 244-7670

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Schedule

Sunday October 4: Parish Feast Celebration, Holy Protection, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 11: 9:45 Memorial, Fr. Anastasiji and deceased members of the parish.

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday October 18: 10:00 am Divine Liturgy, St. Luke

Sunday October 27: 10:00 am Divine Liturgy, St. Marcian, St. Tabitha, (Fr. Frederick Celebrating)

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to read the espittle and /or to be chanters. Contact Pani Carrie.

