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“Christ is in our midst!” “He is and ever shall be!”

Schedule:

Sunday, September 4:

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 11:

10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Children’s Christian Ed

Sunday, September 18:

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 25:

10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Childrens Christian Ed

Other Important Dates:

Thursday September 1:

Church New Year

Thursday September 8:

Nativity of The Most Holy

Theotokos **Wednesday September**

14: Exaltation of the Precious Cross

(Strict Fast)

Friday September 23:

Conception of St. John the Baptist

Reader Schedule:

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Backup</u>
Sept. 04	Arlene	Joseph N.
Sept. 11	Joseph N.	SubDcn Joseph
Sept. 18	SubDcn Joseph	Arlene
Sept. 25	Brian	Ellen

Glory to Jesus Christ!

HELP to ensure the bright future of our Church! Become a Guardian of the Metropolia! Introducing the Guardians of the Metropolia, a new charitable organization of the UOC of USA. We are dedicated to promoting our Orthodox Christian Faith, growing the core ministries of the UOC of USA, and leaving a strong Church for future generations. Guardians of the Metropolia are committed to supporting the following core ministries of our Church: • Charitable Projects • Youth Ministry • Religious Publications • Seminary • Missions • Clergy Development • Community Outreach • Upgrades to existing facilities or programs inside of the UOC of USA. You too can become a member of this devoted group! Register today! If not us, then who will help our Mother Church?! For more information, please visit our website: www.guardiansofmet.org

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Counter Schedule:

Council Member 2nd Counter

Sept. 04	Paula	Mike
Sept. 11	Paula	Jacob
Sept. 18	Paula	Svetlana
Sept 25	Paula	Pani Carrie

Parish Council:

President: Brian Delp, (813) 763-5226
Vice President: Paula Karagounis, (813) 838-4554
Secretary: Rebecca Delp, (813) 763-5225
Treasurer: Tom Moore, (813) 244-7670
Financial Secretary: Natalie Brennan (508) 272-0395
Member, Ellen Flynn, (863) 242-4865

Parish Council Election:

This will take place on September 11

We raised a total of \$2895 for Ukrainian Relief. Thank you to all who donated and assisted with the luncheon and raffles!

Prayer Corner:

Contact Cynthia Brown to add or delete names from the Prayer Corner lists. Cynthiaann36@live.com or (863) 223-6775. **Living:** Please pray for the ailing: Pearl, (grandmother) Mike, Stella, Amanda, Darla, Stacy, Bruce, Nicole, Martha, Tim, Vilma, Dan, John, Sherrie, Chuck, Rick, Tony, Avi, Michelle, Bradley, Jeffery, Reagan, Jana, Roy, Erin, Cynthia, Rebecca, Petya, Stephanie, Denise, Cletus, Steven, Nora, Keith, Kasey, Clay, and Alyssa, Lola, Chris, Andrea, Archie, Gwen, Robert, and Christina.

Reposed : Please pray for the departed: John, George, Pavel, Subdeacon John, Jack, Nathaniel, PJ, and Vera.

Christian Education:

Fr. Frederick will be doing an explanatory series on the meaning of an icon the second Sunday of each month during coffee hour.

Christian Ed for children will begin Sept 11 during Fellowship. Rebecca will be teaching ages 6 and under. Katy will be doing the older children.

Building Fund:

Please contribute to the building fund basket in the narthex.

Coffee Hour Update:

Coffee Hour will begin sign up again, possibly in October. For now continue to bring pot luck or supplies such as dry snacks and paper products.

A Renewal of the Orthodox Men's Group of the Church:

As part of our brotherhood, we will be starting an Orthodox Men's Group (OMG) to meet on a regular basis every month for activities and fellowship. In order to kick things off, we will have a bowling night one day in September. Please see or contact Brian Delp at (813) [763-5226](tel:763-5226) or briandelp@rocketmail.com so he can coordinate a time that will accommodate the most participants with a date and time to be determined. Even if you do not plan on bowling, consider attending for social interaction with your fellow Christian brothers in the community.

Church Directory:

A church directory is being completed. Forms are in the narthex for everyone to fill out and place in the completed forms box. The directory will be ready September 11.

Outreach:

The fund raiser for “Let’s Help Ukraine” held on August 21st was a great success. A total of \$2,895 was donated for the benefit of Ukraine. Thank you to everyone for your participation and generosity for this worthy event and for the delicious Ukranian foods! See Pani Carrie’s Face Book post for beautiful pictures!

The Nativity of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

Commemorated on [September 8](#)

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary: The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born at a time when people had reached such a degree of moral decay that it seemed altogether impossible to restore them. People often said that God must come into the world to restore faith and not permit the ruin of mankind.

The Son of God chose to take on human nature for the salvation of mankind, and chose as His Mother the All-Pure Virgin Mary, who alone was worthy to give birth to the Source of purity and holiness.

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy. Within the context of the Old and the New

Testaments, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was born on this radiant day, having been chosen before the ages by Divine Providence to bring about the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. She is revealed as the Mother of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born in the small city of Galilee, Nazareth. Her parents were Righteous Joachim of the tribe of the Prophet-King David, and Anna from the tribe of the First Priest Aaron. The couple was without child, since Saint Anna was barren.

Having reached old age, Joachim and Anna did not lose hope in God’s mercy. They had strong faith that for God everything is possible, and that He would be able to overcome the barrenness of Anna even in her old age, as He had once overcome the barrenness of Sarah, spouse of the Patriarch Abraham. Saints Joachim and Anna vowed to dedicate the child which the Lord might give them, to the service of God in the Temple.

Childlessness was considered among the Hebrew nation as a Divine punishment for sin, and therefore the righteous Saints Joachim and Anna had to endure abuse from their own countrymen. On one of the feast days at the Temple in Jerusalem the elderly Joachim brought his sacrifice to offer to God, but the High Priest would not accept it, considering him to be unworthy since he was childless.

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Saint Joachim in deep grief went into the wilderness, and there he prayed with tears to the Lord for a child. Saint Anna wept bitterly when she learned what had happened at the Jerusalem Temple. Never once did she complain against the Lord, but rather she prayed to ask God's mercy on her family.

The Lord fulfilled her petitions when the pious couple had attained to extreme old age and prepared themselves by virtuous life for a sublime calling: to be the parents of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the future Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Archangel Gabriel brought Joachim and Anna the joyous message that their prayers were heard by God, and of them would be born a most blessed daughter Mary, through Whom would come the Salvation of all the World.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary surpassed in purity and virtue not only all mankind, but also the angels. She was manifest as the living Temple of God, so the Church sings in its festal hymns: "the East Gate... bringing Christ into the world for the salvation of our souls" (2nd Stikhera on "Lord, I Have Cried", Tone 6).

The Nativity of the Theotokos marks the change of the times when the great and comforting promises of God for the salvation of the human race from slavery to the devil are

about to be fulfilled. This event has brought to earth the grace of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of Truth, piety, virtue and everlasting life. The Theotokos is revealed to all of us by grace as a merciful Intercessor and Mother, to Whom we have recourse with filial devotion.