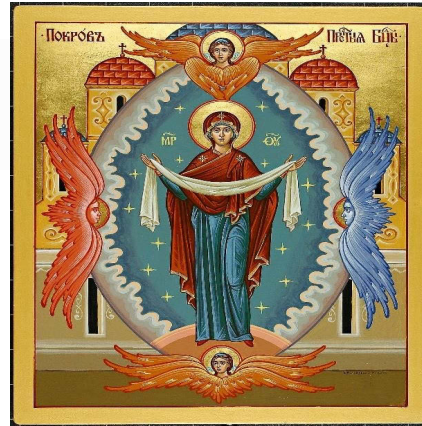
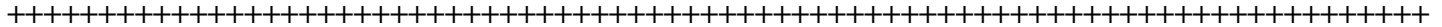


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“Christ is in our midst!” “He is and ever shall be!”



**Schedule:**

**Sunday, October 1:**

10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
**Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos Parish Picnic**

**Wednesday, October 4:**

7:00 pm Vespers

**Sunday, October 8:**

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, October 11:**

7:00 pm Vespers

**Sunday, October 15:**

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, October 22:**

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

**Monday, October 23**

6PM Liturgy St. James  
St. John’s Tampa

**Wednesday, October 25:**

7:00 pm Vespers

**Sunday, October 29:**

10:00 am, Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday November 1:**

7:00 pm Vespers

**Sunday November 5:**

10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
3:00 Derek and April Wedding

**Wednesday, November 8:**

7:00 pm Vespers

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**Parish Council:**

President: Ellen Flynn – (863) 242-4865  
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**Reader Schedule:**

	<b>Reader:</b>	<b>Back Up</b>
Oct. 1	Joshua	Arlene
Oct. 8	Sbdn Peter	Sbdn Brian
Oct. 15	Linda	Joseph
Oct. 22	Joseph N.	Linda
Oct. 29	Sbdn Brian	Arlene
Nov, 5	Arlene	Howard
Nov. 12	Ellen	Arlene

**Counter Schedule:**

	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>2nd Counter</b>
Oct. 1	Natalie	Svetlana
Oct. 8	Natalie	Nancy
Oct. 15	Natalie	Pani Carrie
Oct. 22	Natalie	Mike
Oct. 29	Natalie	Jacob
Nov. 5	Ellen	Tracy
Nov. 12	Ellen	Arlene

October 13, 14 Father Harry will be in Boston as representative Canon Lawyer at Canon Law Conference at Holy Cross seminary Week of October 15 he will be at the Clergy Conference in NJ as mandated by the Metropolia

**Prayer Corner:** Please send prayer requests to Rebecca Delp by text at (813) 763-5225, email at delp10290@yahoo.com or message Rebecca on facebook.

**Living:** Please pray for the ailing: Pearl, (grandmother) Mike, Stella, Amanda, Darla, Stacy, Bruce, Arlene, Nicole, Martha, Tim, Vilma, Dan, John, Sherrie, Chuck, Rick, Tony, Michelle, Reagan, Jana, Roy, Erin, Cynthia, Rebecca, Stephanie, Denise, Steven, Nora, Keith, Kassey, Clay, and Alyssa, Lola, Chris, Andrea, Archie, Gwen, Robert, Celina, Amy, Christina, Robert, Soccorro, Travis, Charles, James, Maggie, Eli, Paula, Cathy, Barbara, Deb, Laura, Kyle, Carol, Roy, Sally, Avi, Jean, Blonie, Ray, Pat, Shaylia, Amy, Lauren, Rebeka, Dale, Larry, Ashley

**Reposed:** Please pray for the departed: John, George, Pavel, Subdeacon John, Jack, Nathaniel, PJ, Dorothy, Thomas, Kristy, Pani, Fr. Anastaje, Archbishop Vsevelod,, Metropolitan Constantine, Harry, Mary, Marie Mary, Helen, Jeannette, Betty, Joe, Lucy, George, Fr. Martin, Sue, Vera, Michael, and Cletus.

**Christian Education:**

Fall classes have begun with the education of those preparing for their first confession, the presentation of the Icon of St. Michael. and the beginning of elementary and teen classes.

**Sunday School Classes:**

Children and teens may join class at any time. Elementary classes meet each Sunday in the back corner of the hall. Teen class with meet the first and third Sundays each month at a table in the back of the hall following Coffee Hour. Optional take home lessons and projects

**Coffee Hour:**

Sign up for Coffee Hour will continue. The sign up is in the hall at the dessert table.. We

will continue having a “Theme” of the week. If you have a suggestion place it in the box in the hall, on the dessert table.

October 1<sup>st</sup> – Picnic for Church Feast Day

October 8<sup>th</sup> – Ukranian

October 15<sup>th</sup> – Octoberfest

October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fall Festival Day

October 29<sup>th</sup> – Sweet Delights

November 5<sup>th</sup> – International Food

November 12<sup>th</sup> – Chicken and Fixins (Luncheon to Honor Veterans)

November 19<sup>th</sup> – Fasting Pot Luck

November 26<sup>th</sup> – Parish Thanksgiving

Please continue to bring in non-perishable food items and paper goods.

**Upcoming Events:**

October 1 – Church Feast Day

Picnic, Water Slide, Craft Activity, and Corn Hole Toss.

November 5<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 pm, Wedding of Derek Andrews and Apryl Anton. Reception is a pot luck and all are welcome to bring a dish. The Parish has an open invitation – there will be reminder invitations.

**Air Conditioner Update in the Fellowship Hall:**

We can now enjoy cool air in the Fellowship Hall due to the installation of new air conditioners. The entire bill of \$13,700.00 has been donated. That is a generous amount and Bless those who have contributed.

## Our Church Feast Day:

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

Commemorated on [October 1](#)



This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

On Sunday, October 1, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ Saint Andrew (October 2), at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady

Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. Saint John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop's Throne, she continued her prayer.

After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed "more than the rays of the sun." Saint Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, "Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?" Epiphanius answered, "I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe."

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, "O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You

and call on my name for help. Do not let them go away from my icon unheard.”

Saints Andrew and Epiphanius were worthy to see the Mother of God at prayer, and “for a long time observed the Protecting Veil spread over the people and shining with flashes of glory. As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, the Protecting Veil was also visible, but with her departure it also became invisible. After taking it with her, she left behind the grace of her visitation.”

At the Blachernae church, the memory of the miraculous appearance of the Mother of God was remembered. In the fourteenth century, the Russian pilgrim and clerk Alexander, saw in the church an icon of the Most Holy Theotokos praying for the world, depicting Saint Andrew in contemplation of her.

The Primary Chronicle of Saint Nestor reflects that the protective intercession of the Mother of God was needed because an attack of a large pagan Russian fleet under the leadership of Askole and Dir. The feast celebrates the divine

destruction of the fleet which threatened Constantinople itself, sometime in the years 864-867 or according to the Russian historian Vasiliev, on June 18, 860. Ironically, this Feast is considered more important by the Slavs than by the Greeks.

The Primary Chronicle of Saint Nestor also notes the miraculous deliverance followed an all-night Vigil and the dipping of the garment of the Mother of God into the waters of the sea at the Blachernae church, but does not mention Saints Andrew and Epiphanius and their vision of the Mother of God at prayer. These latter elements, and the beginnings of the celebrating of the Feast of the Protection, seem to postdate Saint Nestor and the Chronicle. A further historical complication might be noted under (October 2) dating Saint Andrew’s death to the year 936.

The year of death might not be quite reliable, or the assertion that he survived to a ripe old age after the vision of his youth, or that his vision involved some later pagan Russian raid which met with the same fate. The suggestion that Saint Andrew was a Slav (or a Scythian according to other sources, such as S. V. Bulgakov) is interesting, but not necessarily accurate. The extent of

Slavic expansion and repopulation into Greece is the topic of scholarly disputes.

In the *Prologue*, a Russian book of the twelfth century, a description of the establishment of the special Feast marking this event states, "For when we heard, we realized how wondrous and merciful was the vision... and it transpired that Your holy Protection should not remain without festal celebration, O Ever-Blessed One!" Therefore, in the festal celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God, the Russian Church sings, "With the choirs of the Angels, O Sovereign Lady, with the venerable and glorious prophets, with the First-Ranked Apostles and with the Hieromartyrs and Hierarchs, pray for us sinners, glorifying the Feast of your Protection in the Russian Land." Moreover, it would seem that Saint Andrew, contemplating the miraculous vision was a Slav, was taken captive, and became the slave of the local inhabitant of Constantinople named Theognostus.

Churches in honor of the Protection of the Mother of God began to appear in Russia in the twelfth century. Widely known for its

architectural merit is the temple of the Protection at Nerl, which was built in the year 1165 by holy Prince Andrew Bogoliubsky. The efforts of this holy prince also established in the Russian Church the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God, about the year 1164.

At Novgorod in the twelfth century there was a monastery of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos (the so-called Zverin monastery) In Moscow also under Tsar Ivan the Terrible the cathedral of the Protection of the Mother of God was built at the church of the Holy Trinity (known as the church of Saint Basil the Blessed).

On the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos we implore the defense and assistance of the Queen of Heaven, "Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin Mother of God, that we not perish by the increase of our sins. Protect us from every evil and from grievous woes, for in you do we hope, and venerating the Feast of your Protection, we magnify you."

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