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

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Schedule:

Friday, September 1:

10 am Church New Year Pan-Orthodox Liturgy St. Nicholas Cathedral Tapon Springs

Sunday, September 3:

10 am Divine Liturgy Church New Year Beheading St. John the Baptist

Wednesday September 6:

7pm Great Vespers Nativity Mother of God (forefeast)

Sunday, September 10:

10 am Divine Liturgy Elections.

Wednesday, September 13: 7pm Great Vespers of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sunday, September 17:

10 am Liturgy Holy Cross Exaltation post-feast
First Confession Class

Wednesday September 20:

7pm Great Vespers Leavetaking Holy Cross Exaltation

Sunday, September 24:

10am Conception of St John the Baptist; Matyrs of Alaska
First Confession class

Sunday, October 1:

9:30am Matins
10am Liturgy Parish Feast Day Holy Protection
Parish Picnic

Counter Schedule:

	Council Member	2 nd Counter
Aug. 27	Rebecca	Jacob
Sept. 3	Ryan	Tracy
Sept. 10	Ryan	Ellen
Sept. 17	Ryan	Arlene
Sept. 24	Ryan	Mike
Oct. 1	Natalie	Svetlana
Oct. 8	Natalie	Nancy

Coffee Hour:

Sign up for Coffee Hour will continue. The sign up is in the hall. We will be having a “Theme” of the week. Be certain to put your suggestion in the box in the hall.

- August 27th – Meat
- September 3rd – POTLUCK
- September 10th – Appetizers – Finger Food
- September 17th – Casseroles
- September 24th – Sandwiches
- October 1st – Picnic for Church Feast Day
- October 8th - Ukranian

Continue to bring in non-perishable food items and grab an extra “item” to bring to church when you go grocery shopping.

Church Motto:

“Cling to What is Good”
- Romans

Reader Schedule:

	Reader:	Back Up
Aug. 27	Joseph	Arlene
Sept. 3	Joshua	Derek
Sept. 10	Derek	Joshua
Sept. 17	Linda	Ellen
Sept. 24	Ellen	Linda
Oct. 1	Sbdn Peter	Sbdn Brian

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, Petya, Stephanie, Denise, Cletus, 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, Cletus Flynn, Roy, Michael, Avi, Jean, Blonie, Ray, Pat, Shaylia, Amy, Lauren, Rebeka, and Dale.

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

Sunday School Classes and Teacher Planning Meeting:

Sunday School Classes will also take a break during August and resume in September. Father, Pani and Teachers will meet **August 27** after Coffee Hour Fellowship to discuss plans and curriculum for the new year. Teachers, put your thinking caps on for ideas for the new school year!

Parish Council:

President: Ellen Flynn – (863) 242-4865

Vice President: Paula Karagounis - (813) 838-4554

Secretary: Rebecca Delp - (813) 763-5225

Treasurer: Ryan Becker - (813) 965-1881

Financial Secretary: Natalie Brennan – (508) 272-0395

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. As of 8/20/2023 we have raised \$11,313.00 to pay towards the \$13,700.00 bill. That is a generous amount and Bless those who have contributed to the cause. That leaves us with a balance of \$2,387.00 pay off the bill. God Bless you for anything you may yet donate!

Music: You may have noticed how beautiful our parish sounds musically. This is due to the leadership in our Music Ministry. If you are interested in learning more Music; Practice is after fellowship every Sunday in the church. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to participate. You can learn the chants, tones, and songs we sing every week, online at your convenience at www.holyorthodoxmusic.org

Upcoming Activities:

October 1st The Protection of the Theotokos Feast Day

A picnic with a waterslide for children is being planned. There will be a special sign up sheet in the hall.

November 5th : The Wedding of Derek Andrews and Apryl Anton will take place in the afternoon.

Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the Cross of the Lord

Commemorated on [October 16](#)



[Troparion & Kontakion](#)

The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion, a Roman soldier, served in Judea under the command of the Governor, Pontius Pilate. When our Savior Jesus Christ was crucified, it was the detachment of soldiers under the command of Longinus which stood watch on Golgotha, at the very foot of the holy Cross. Longinus and his soldiers were eyewitnesses of the final moments of the earthly life of the Lord, and of the great and awesome portents that appeared at His death. These events shook the centurion's soul. Longinus believed in Christ and confessed

before everyone, "Truly this was the Son of God" (Mt. 27:54).

According to Church Tradition, Longinus was the soldier who pierced the side of the Crucified Savior with a spear, and received healing from an eye affliction when blood and water poured forth from the wound.

After the Crucifixion and Burial of the Savior, Longinus stood watch with his company at the Sepulchre of the Lord. These soldiers were present at the All-Radiant Resurrection of Christ. The Jews bribed them to lie and say that His disciples had stolen away the Body of Christ, but Longinus and two of his comrades refused to be seduced by the Jewish gold. They also refused to remain silent about the miracle of the Resurrection.

Having come to believe in the Savior, the soldiers received Baptism from the apostles and decided to leave military service. Saint Longinus left Judea to preach about Jesus Christ the Son of God in his native land (Cappadocia), and his two comrades followed him.

The fiery words of those who had actually participated in the great events in Judea swayed the hearts

and minds of the Cappadocians; Christianity began quickly to spread throughout the city and the surrounding villages. When they learned of this, the Jewish elders persuaded Pilate to send a company of soldiers to Cappadocia to kill Longinus and his comrades. When the soldiers arrived at Longinus's village, the former centurion himself came out to meet the soldiers and took them to his home. After a meal, the soldiers revealed the purpose of their visit, not knowing that the master of the house was the very man whom they were seeking. Then Longinus and his friends identified themselves and told the startled soldiers to carry out their duty.

The soldiers wanted to let the saints go and advised them to flee, but they refused to do this, showing their firm intention to suffer for Christ. The holy martyrs were beheaded, and their bodies were buried at the place where the saints were martyred. The head of Saint Longinus, however, was sent to Pilate.

Pilate gave orders to cast the martyr's head on a trash-heap outside the city walls. After a while a certain blind widow from

Cappadocia arrived in Jerusalem with her son to pray at the holy places, and to ask that her sight be restored. After becoming blind, she had sought the help of physicians to cure her, but all their efforts were in vain.

The woman's son became ill shortly after reaching Jerusalem, and he died a few days later. The widow grieved for the loss of her son, who had served as her guide.

Saint Longinus appeared to her in a dream and comforted her. He told her that she would see her son in heavenly glory, and also receive her sight. He told her to go outside the city walls and there she would find his head in a great pile of refuse. Guides led the blind woman to the rubbish heap, and she began to dig with her hands. As soon as she touched the martyr's head, the woman received her sight, and she glorified God and Saint Longinus.

Taking up the head, she brought it to the place she was staying and washed it. The next night, Saint Longinus appeared to her again, this time with her son. They were surrounded by a bright light, and Saint Longinus said, "Woman, behold the son for whom you grieve. See what glory and honor are his

now, and be consoled. God has numbered him with those in His heavenly Kingdom. Now take my head and your son's body, and bury them in the same casket. Do not weep for your son, for he will rejoice forever in great glory and happiness."

The woman carried out the saint's instructions and returned to her home in Cappadocia. There she buried her son and the head of Saint Longinus. Once, she had been overcome by grief for her son, but her weeping was transformed into joy when she saw him with Saint Longinus. She had sought healing for her eyes, and also received healing of her soul.