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29 SEPTEMBER 2024 - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.-
The Venerable Kyriakos the Hermit of Palestine

(at the Divine Liturgy)

Tone 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 5 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

You descended into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//

and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

Tone 3 Parish Theotokian

Today the Virgin stands in the church, / and with hosts of Saints invisibly
prays to God for us. / Angels worship with Hierarchs, / and Apostles rejoice
with Prophets, / for the Birth-Giver of God prays for us/ to the Pre-eternal God.

Tone 5 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

You, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.
(Ps. 11:7)

V. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)

Epistle
(170) 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Tone 5
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*V. I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim
Your truth from generation to generation. (Ps. 88:1-2)*

*V. For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be pre-
pared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)*

Gospel
(26) Luke 6:31-36

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Announcements

PRAY FOR UKRAINE! The Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy in the Lehigh Valley sponsors weekly Moleben services for the peace and well-being of Ukraine. The next Moleben service will be this **Tuesday, 01 October, at 6:30 PM HERE IN OUR OWN CHURCH.** We urge everyone to attend and PRAY FOR UKRAINE!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: On Saturday, 05 October, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony will make an episcopal visitation to our parish to celebrate our patron feast - the Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God (Pokrova). Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10 AM. A celebratory luncheon will follow. TICKETS FOR THE LUNCHEON ARE \$20. KIDS FREE!!! Please see Robin Bodnar for tickets. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE PRESENT.

ATTENTION ALL PARISH BOARD MEMBERS: The parish board will hold a special meeting on tomorrow evening Monday, September 30th, at 6:30 PM to discuss the Parish Cemetery. PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND!

SPECIAL EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL PARISH MEETING: There will be a special, extraordinary General Parish Meeting on Sunday, 27 OCTOBER, immediately following Divine Liturgy. The topics will be limited to only three subjects: a) the proposed sale of the "New" Parish Cemetery, b) the repair of the Church Roof and, c) the legal name of the Parish. ALL PARISHIONERS SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND! This announcement serves as first notice.

SAVE THE DATE: 08 December - Holiday Bazaar sponsored by the Sisterhood and Brotherhood. We are looking for volunteers to make baked goods for sale, volunteer time and also to sponsor \$100 gift baskets. For more information, please see Robin Bodnar or Hayden Arp.

10- 20. - SISTERHOOD/BROTHERHOOD MEETING

READER SCHEDULE:	DATE.	HOURS	EPISTLE
	09-29.	Nik Fartuch	Subdcn. Alexis

- **COFFEE SOCIAL:** Today's coffee hour is hosted by: THE ALTAR SERVERS.

- COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE: 09- 29 - The Altar Servers (On this Sunday, there will be a special "sampling" of hoagies presented by the Brotherhood for a possible fundraiser for the Parish.
- **Please pray for the sick and infirm of our Church: Fr. John Fencik, Fr. Yakiw Norton, Fr. Oleh Hucul, Fr. Vasyl Dovgan, Fr. Ivan Levitsky, Fr. Bohdan Heleta,, Tania Antoniewicz, Richard Antoniuk, Bohdan Baranczyk, Gloria Dunski, Marie Hinkley, Mary Kennedy, Daniel Milinichek, Michael Onushko, Nancy Onusko, Mary Ellen Mackiewicz, Dori Bochnak, Katheryn Solan, Mary Carol Bannon, Elsie Moroz, Delaney Clotfelder and the newborn child, Child of God Karina Strashinsky and the Child of God Johnny Walson.**

Schedule for this Week

SUNDAY - 29 September - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- The Venerable Kyriakos the Hermit of Palestine
2 Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4 Luke 6:31-36

9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

Monday; 30 September - The Holy Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop of Armenia
1 Corinthians 16:13-24 Matthew 24:42-47

6 PM - **VESPERS** for the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God
6:30 PM - Special Parish Board Meeting

Tuesday; 01 October - THE PROTECTION OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - POKROVA (PARISH FEAST DAY)
Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

9 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

6:30 PM - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF UKRAINE - **IN OUR OWN CHURCH,** (Sponsored by the Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy)

Wednesday; 02 October - The Holy Martyrs Cyprian and Justina of Nicomedia
1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 6:46-49; 7:1

Thursday; 03 October - The Holy Dionysius the Areopagite

Acts 17:16-34 Luke 7:17-30

9 AM - DIVINE LITURGY for the repose of the soul of William Radio requested by Monica Cruz

Friday; 04 October - The Holy Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens

Galatians 4:8-21 Luke 7:31-35

Saturday, 05 October - The Holy Martyress Charitina

1 Corinthians 4:17-21; 5:1-5 Luke 5:27-32

*CELEBRATION OF OUR PARISH PATRONAL FEAST
EPISCOPAL VISITATION OF HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN ANTONY*

10 AM - HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY

12 NOON - CELEBRATORY LUNCHEON

SUNDAY - 06 October - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- The Holy Apostle Thomas

2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Luke 7:11-16

9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

The Feast of the Protection of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary and Its Ironic Importance to Ukrainians

Commemorated on [October 1](#)

The feast of the Protection of the Mother of God commemorates the miraculous appearance of the Virgin Mary 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 a Sunday evening, October 1, c. 936 AD. The Tale of Bygone Years, written by Saint Nestor of the Monastery of the Caves of Kyiv, reflects that the protective intercession of the Mother of God was needed because of an attack of a large fleet from Rus'-Ukraine under the leadership of the reigning sovereigns of Kyiv at the time Askold and Dir. At the time, our people were not yet Christians. The feast celebrates the divine destruction of the fleet that threatened Constantinople sometime in 864-867. The irony of this feast is that even though it commemorates a victory by the Greeks over the Ukrainian-Rus' Slavs, this feast is considered more important by the Slavs than by the Greeks.



During the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the "Fool-for-Christ" Saint Andrew (commemorated on October 2), at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the saints, among them John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian. 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, Mother of God, 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 Birth-Giver of God, praying for all the world?" Epiphanius answered, "I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe." The Ever-Blessed Virgin 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 Mother of God was there, the Protecting Veil was also visible, but with her departure, it also became invisible. However, after taking it with her, she left behind the grace of her visitation." It is indeed curious that the Feast is celebrated with greater solemnity in the Ukrainian and other Slavic churches rather than the Greek. However, it is reported that Saints Andrew and Epiphanius were of from the land of Rus'-Ukraine. The Tale of Bygone Years gives a description of the event stating, "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, it is evident that the miracle paved the way for the Christianization of the land and people of Rus'-Ukraine and the eventual Baptism of our Ukrainian people in the year 988AD.