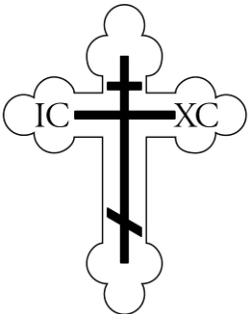


Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church



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Welcome visitors!
Please join us in the
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Liturgy for coffee hour.

October 3, 2021

Sunday after the Feast of the Protection of the Virgin Mary

Holy Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite

Saint Dionysius lived originally in the city of Athens. He was raised there and received a classical Greek education. He then went to Egypt, where he studied astronomy at the city of Heliopolis. It was in Heliopolis, along with his friend Apollophonos where he witnessed the solar eclipse that occurred at the moment of the death of the Lord Jesus Christ by Crucifixion. "Either the Creator of all the world now suffers, or this visible world is coming to an end," Dionysius said. Upon his return to Athens from Egypt, he was chosen to be a member of the Areopagus Council (Athenian high court).

When the holy Apostle Paul preached at the place on the Hill of Ares (Acts 17:16-34), Dionysius accepted his salvific proclamation and became a Christian. For three years Saint Dionysius remained a companion of the holy Apostle Paul in preaching the Word of God. Later on, the Apostle Paul selected him as bishop of the city of Athens. And in the year 57 Saint Dionysius was present at the repose of the Most Holy Theotokos.

After the death of the Apostle Paul, Saint Dionysius wanted to continue with his work, and therefore went off preaching in the West, accompanied by the Presbyter Rusticus and Deacon Eleutherius. They converted many to Christ at Rome, and then in Germany, and then in Spain. In Gaul, during a persecution against Christians by the pagan authorities, all three confessors were arrested and thrown into prison. By night Saint Dionysius celebrated the Divine Liturgy with angels of the Lord. In the morning the martyrs were beheaded. According to an old tradition, Saint Dionysius took up his head, proceeded with it to the church and fell down dead there. A pious woman named Catulla buried the relics of the saint.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Tone 6 – Resurrectional Troparion

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.

Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.

You captured hell,
not being tempted by it.

You came to the Virgin granting life.//

O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You!

Tone 4 – Patronal Troparion

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy,
illumined by your coming, O Mother of God.

Beholding your pure image we fervently cry to you:

Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection.

Deliver us from every form of evil

by entreating Christ, your Son and our God//

that He may save our souls.

Tone 4 – Troparion for St. Dionysius

Having learned goodness and maintaining continence in all things,
you were arrayed with a good conscience as befits a priest.
From the Chosen Vessel you drew ineffable mysteries;
you kept the Faith, and finished a course equal to his.//
Hieromartyr Dionysius, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Tone 6 – Resurrectional Kontakion

When Christ God the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 8 – Kontakion for St. Dionysius

As a disciple of the Apostle caught up to the third heaven,
you spiritually entered the gate of heaven, O Dionysius.
You were enriched with understanding of ineffable mysteries
and enlighten those who sat in the darkness of ignorance.//
Therefore we cry to you: “Rejoice, universal Father!”

Tone 3 – Patronal Kontakion

Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church,
And with choirs of saints she invisibly prays to God for us.
Angels and bishops worship.
Apostles and prophets rejoice together,//
Since for our sake she prays to the eternal God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Tone 6 – Sunday Prokeimenon (Psalm 27)

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance!

Tone 3 – Song of the Theotokos (Luke 1)

My soul magnifies the Lord, / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4.6-15 (Sunday)

Brethren: The God who commanded light to shine out of darkness has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not

forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then, death is working in us, but life in you.

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Hebrews 9.1-7 (for the Feast of Protection)

Brethren: Even the first covenant had ordinances for divine service and an earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, which is called the sanctuary, contained the lampstand, the table, and the showbread; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All contained the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the Law. And above it were the cherubim of glory, overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

Now, when these things had been prepared, the priests would always go into the first part of the tabernacle to perform the services. But the high priest went alone into the second part only once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance.

Gospel: Luke 6.31-36 (Sunday)

Jesus said to His disciples: "Just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and the evil. Therefore, be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Luke 10.38-42; 11.27-28 (for the Feast)

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore, tell her to help me."

And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!"

But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

N.Dep. Gordon McCune

Archpr. Anastasy Richter

Archpr. Sergei Glagolev

Mark Bertram

Ev.Mem. Stephen Mechkarov ('20)

Katherine Klimoff ('31)

Catharine Bondarenko ('52)

Mary Yacuk ('59)

George Barsuko ('76)

Catherine Cidylo ('82)

Health & Salv.

Archpr. Peter

Mat. Margaret

Mat. Anne

Mat. Trudi

Michal

Annika

Sarah

Archpr. Michael

Pr. Christopher

Mat. Jennifer

Andrew

Gideon

Dn. Nicholas

Sophia

Kevin

Jon

Tanya

Jovan

Julia

Tom

Tina

Jennifer

Gail

Stacy

Jeramie

Olivia

Parker

Christine

Larry

Rollie

Joseph

Nadia

Brendan

Tanya

Christopher

Nina

Renee

Carissa

Cynthia

John

Olga

Mark

Jerry

Michael

Anthony

Daryl

Diane

Carla

Susan

Timothy

William	Theodore	Wanda
Paul	Robert	Cindy
Joseph	Craig	Mary
Linda	Chuck	Linda
Claudia	Scott	Ivanka
Elizabeth	Mark	Susan
Snezana	Christine	Denise
Nathan	Dale	Valerie
Kara	Pauline	Jeffrey
Christine	Mary	Aaron
Jon	Timothy	William
Zoey	Lisa	Jamie
Dominic	Lois	Karen
Declan	Michael	Dale
Hudson	Janice	Jack
Ayden	Ken	Joyce
Hyland	Debbie	Junia
Jason	Jacqueline	Anna
Ted	Cindy	Sandra
James	Daniel	Linda
Pamela	Laura	Stephen
Erin	Dorothy	Megan
Alexander	Vasiliy	Ryan
Ronald	William	Carol

*If you know someone who needs prayer, please give their name to Fr Jacob

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After venerating the Cross, please **join us in the hall for our 110th Anniversary Dinner**. All are welcome. There is no ticket price-only a suggested donation of \$15 per adult. Please do not let money be an obstacle to celebrating with us.

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped prepare for the celebration of our parish feast this past Thursday and Friday. It was a beautiful celebration with Archbishop Paul and other visitors from surrounding parishes.

There will be **no Bible Study this Wednesday evening**, but **Faith Enrichment** is scheduled for 10am this Thursday.

The annual **Diocesan Assembly** will take place October 11-13 in Cleveland, OH. The Assembly will adopt a budget for the Diocese for

2022 and discuss future work. If anyone has any concerns about Diocesan operations, please raise these with either Fr Jacob or our lay delegate Michael Gruszyk, who will also attend. We are both empowered to raise questions at the assembly on behalf of our parish.

Mark your calendars:

Oct 7: **Faith Enrichment @ 10am**

Oct 22: **Blood Drive @ 12pm**

Last week's gifts to the Lord: \$3,670

A Message from the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America

The Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, meeting under the presidency of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon via teleconference, on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, issued the following communique:

At numerous points in recent years, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America has reiterated its commitment to the unity of Orthodox Christians in North America, in fulfillment of the charge given to the Orthodox Church in America in the Tomos of Autocephaly, the witness of the canonical tradition, and the command of the Lord Himself, who wills that His followers be united together in a bond of love as He and His Heavenly Father are.

This Sunday, October 3, prior to the meeting of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops that will begin next week in Washington, DC, the Executive Committee of the Assembly will concelebrate the Divine Liturgy at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Washington. With one accord, the Holy Synod rejoices that His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon will concelebrate the Divine Liturgy with the heads of the Orthodox jurisdictions in the United States and members of the Executive Committee: His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph of the Antiochian Christian Archdiocese of North America, His Grace Bishop Irinej of the Eastern American Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicolae of the Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas, and His Grace Bishop Saba of the

Georgian Apostolic Orthodox Church in North America; together with His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa, Secretary of the Assembly.

The Holy Synod also gives thanks to God and confirms the decision of His Beatitude to accept the invitation from the Moscow Patriarchate to travel with a delegation in November to Moscow, in order to celebrate the seventy-fifth birthday jubilee of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill. In doing so, the Holy Synod reaffirms the fundamental relationship between the Orthodox Church in America and the Russian Orthodox Church, and the warm ties that these two Churches share.

The Holy Synod states once again, unequivocally, that it desires and intends to maintain full communion with all the universally recognized autocephalous Orthodox Churches. Further, the Holy Synod exhorts the clergy and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America fervently to offer prayers that the unity and communion of Orthodox Christians throughout the world be restored, and that all schisms be resolved according to the canonical tradition and discipline of the Church.

Glory to God for
all things!