

**September 27, 2009 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 7.** Martyrs Callistratus and his company (49 Martyrs – ca. 304). Ven. Sabbatius, Wonderworker of Solovetsky Monastery (1435). Apostles Mark, Aristarchus, and Zenas, of the Seventy (1<sup>st</sup> c.). Martyr Epicharis of Rome (3<sup>rd</sup> c.). Ven. Ignatius, Abbot in Asia Minor (963-75). **Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-10. **Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11.

**Next Sunday, Oct. 4 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 8.** **Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1. **Gospel:** Luke 6:31-36.

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S (Sept. 27, 2009)**

**TODAY**

**11:15 AM**      **Coffee Hour & Sunday School**

**TUESDAY**

**6:00 PM**      **Vespers**  
**6:30 PM**      **Path to Salvation Class**

**WEDNESDAY**

**9:30 AM**      **Divine Liturgy:** reading from Prologue  
**11:00 AM**      **Reading Group** (at Borders Café)

**THURSDAY**

**6:30 AM**      **Matins**

**SATURDAY**

**6:00 PM**      **Great Vespers**

**SUNDAY (October 4)**

**11:15 AM**      **Sunday School; Fish Dinner Mtg.**  
**11:45 AM**      **Sisterhood Chicken Dinner**

+ **Fish Dinner Organizational Mtg. – Sunday, Oct. 4, after Liturgy.** All persons interested in plans and/or helping in a particular way, please come. *Denise Higgins, Paula Kapp, and Carol Nicholl* form our committee for Fish Dinner operations.

**THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS**

(October 1)

In the year 911, during the reign of Emperor Leo the Wise, a large army of the Saracens was preparing to attack the city of Constantinople. The people of the city, in response, turned to prayer by gathering in the Church of Blachernae in which the Robe and Veil of the Theotokos were preserved. As the soldiers battled, the Church was filled with hymns and prayers. Among the worshipers was St. Andrew, a Fool-for-Christ, and his disciple St. Epiphanius.

Ss. Andrew and Epiphanius saw a vision of the Virgin Mary in the Church surrounded by a choir of angels, prophets, and apostles. The two saints told the people of their vision, seeing the Holy Virgin with outstretched arms, holding a veil over the city as a sign of protection, and imploring God's mercy on the people. After the battle all night, and the all-night vigil in the Church, the defenders of Constantinople emerged with a decisive victory over the attacking Saracens.

Since then, this event has been commemorated in the Church as the Protection (Slav., *Pokrov*; literally, *Veil*) of the Theotokos. The Feast celebrates the ongoing protection afforded by the Mother of God for the people of Christ, as the Virgin Mary is a strong help and protection in time of need. "Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection, and deliver us from every form of evil by entreating Christ, your Son and our God that he may save our souls" (Troparion of the Feast).



*WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE AT ST. JOHN'S*

**Saturday** ..... *Great Vespers* at 6:00 PM

**Sunday** ..... *Divine Liturgy* at 9:30 AM

**Tuesday** ..... *Daily Vespers* at 6:00 PM

**Wednesday** ... *Divine Liturgy* at 9:30 AM

**Thursday** ..... *Daily Matins* at 6:30 AM

*[If a Feast occurs on a weekday other than Wednesday, then*

*Liturgy will be served on the Feast instead of the usual Wednesday, with Vespers or Vigil the evening before.]*

*The Friend of the Bridegroom*

*"He Must Increase and I Must Decrease" (John 3:29-30)*

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Saturday: Vespers at 6:00 PM Sunday: Liturgy at 9:30 AM  
Feast Day Liturgy – 9:30 AM Sunday School (after Liturgy)

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**09-20-09: 110** (attendance); **\$2,511.00** (collection).  
**09-27-09: candle commemorations – Theotokos:** blessed memory of Ron Block; **Altar:** birthday of Vladimir Bobosh; **Christ:** anniversary of George and Lisa Kaschak. [09-20-09: **Theotokos:** birthday of Vera Campbell; **Altar:** birthday of Courtney and Frank Sedall; **Christ:** blessed memory of Ann Kobasiar.]

**Please pray for:** the child **Taylor** (Nelson); **Vera** (Campbell, at Cleveland Clinic); **Bette** (Frenchko, at home); **Mary** (Wainright, aunt of Norman and Karen George); **Mary** (Regnall, at Shepherd of the Valley, Niles); **Linda** (Keriotis); **Chariessa** (Stitchik, sister of Mark Malacky); **Lillian** (Motil, cousin of Pauline Struble); **Lucas** (Holko, boy in baseball accident); **Michael** (Stefanick); **Michael** (Miller, at home); **Charles & Linn** (co-workers of Diane Cholcher); **Helen** (Molnar, home from Trumbull Memorial).

**This Month's Charity – September 2009:**  
*[charity envelope or baskets after Liturgy]*  
**Holy Trinity Orthodox Christian Academy & Preschool**

**COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE**

- Oct. 4**            **Sisterhood Chicken Dinner**
- Oct. 5-7**        **Diocesan Assembly (Kansas City, KS)**
- Oct. 18**        **Family Fun Day at Maize Valley Farm (Hartville, OH)**

+ **St. John's Sisterhood** will prepare a **Chicken Dinner** for all, following Liturgy on Sunday, October 4.

+ A **Volunteer Sign-up sheet** is on the candlestand for those willing to help with **Fish Dinners**. Please sign if you are willing to help in whatever way you can.



**SPIRITUAL FORMATION:**

- 1) **Path to Salvation Class:** Tuesday evenings after Vespers. Topic of study: the **Feasts and Life of the Virgin Mary, Theotokos**, using a collection of sermons by St. Gregory Palamas as our guide.
- 2) **Classic Literature Reading Group** meets every Wednesday morning at 11:00 AM at Borders Café (near the Eastwood Mall). We are reading **Siddhartha**, by Hermann Hesse. Come and engage the culture in the light of our Faith!
- 3) **Teen Group** (for all our teens and their friends) **now meeting on Sunday evenings** at 6:00 PM (beginning Sept. 27).

+ To purchase/provide candles in Church, see the list at the counter in the Narthex of the Church. You may provide beeswax tapers or 6-day vigil candles in commemoration of someone.

+ A copy of Fr. Jonathan's annual Parish report for the Diocesan Assembly is posted for reading on the bulletin board in the Hall.

+ Our Parish was awarded \$1800 from the Diocese for a grant request to operate a Kiosk (stand) at the Mall. We hope to do the project in February 2010. Tammi Krafft is coordinating our kiosk effort.

+ **Upcoming Charities of the Month:** 1) **October** – the Taylor Nelson family; 2) **November** – Archpriest Michael and Janet Mihalick. As you may, or may not, know, the Parish Council designates Charities of the Month on a monthly basis according to need.

+ The following members of our Parish teach and help in our Sunday Church School:

**Patty Clark & Laura Miklos** (Preschool – First Grade);

**Christine DiGiacobbe** (Coordinator) & **June Bagby** (Fourth and Fifth Grades);

**Mark Malacky & Carol Bobosh** (Sixth and Seventh Grades);

**Sam Bagby & John Miklos** (Eighth – Twelfth Grades); and

**Fr. Jonathan** (Adult Class).

Thank you to all who help with the Church School; and remember, Parents are always the primary teachers of their children!

+ **Festival of Icons News:** we are NOT planning on hosting the *Festival of Icons* this year due to a need to reorganize and refocus our efforts in this worthy cause. Your input for the future of the event is crucial, so plan on offering it as we prepare for a revitalized *Festival* in 2010.

+ The **48<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Diocese of the Midwest** will take place October 5-7 in Overland Park, Kansas, a suburb of Kansas City. Fr. Jonathan and Anthony DiGiacobbe, our lay delegate, will be attending. The Assembly meets each year in the Fall to consider the life of the Diocesan Church; our Midwest Diocese covers 11 states from Ohio to North Dakota to Kansas and is overseen by Archbishop Job of Chicago.

+ St. Nicholas Church in Mogadore (SE Akron) is hosting their **Something Russian Festival** on October 6-7 (see the flyer on the bulletin board). To find St. Nicholas Church, take I-76 west to Hwy. 532 south; the Church is on the corner of Hwys. 532 and 224.

+ Each Liturgy we pray for the *catechumens*. A *catechumen* is literally "one who is being instructed" in the Faith prior to Baptism and/or Chrismation.