

OCTOBER 13, 2019

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Tomorrow we will celebrate: **The Protection of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary**

The Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos: "The Virgin stands in the midst of the Church, and with choirs of Saints she invisibly prays to God for us. Angels and Bishops venerate Her, Apostles and prophets rejoice together, since for our sake she prays to the Eternal God!"

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. Saint Andrew, 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."

SCRIPTURE READINGS: *Epistle* - 2nd Corinthians 6:16 - 7:1 *Gospel* - Matthew 15:21-28

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VISITS: Bessie Rocknick - *Concordia of Wexford* Nell Semick, Patricia Aurelia Butler - *Franciscan Manor* Milanka Pavlovic, at home

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FUNERAL: Give rest O Lord to thy departed servant **HELEN PESUT** and make her memory to be eternal. Our deepest sympathies are extended to her family, kumovi and friends. **VJECNAJA PAMJAT!**

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You are cordially invited to join us for our 90th Slava Celebration of the SVETA PETKA KOLO on Sunday, October, 27th, 2019 Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am With the blessing of the Slavski Kolach and Parastos for all of our departed sisters. Lunch to be served at the American Serbian Club at 12:30 p.m.

Honored Kumovi this year are **Julie Taylor and Joann Ludovico**
For reservations please call Diane Baron at 724-378-8979 - Donation is \$20.00

Since this is on a Sunday, we encourage all of you to join us to help us celebrate this milestone event and honor our special sisters Julie and Joann.

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"ELIJAH for ELIAS" AUTUMN FUNDRAISER is continuing through November 15th so there is still time to give a donation, please do so by writing a check payable to George Kazas and we will gladly forward it to the family.

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CUPOLA COMMITTEE UPDATE

We are very excited to report that the gold leaf cross has been shipped and will be installed this week!

Please join us in celebrating this beautiful occasion on Sunday, November 17th. His Grace, Bishop IRINEJ will be here to consecrate the cupola.

Following the blessing, a banquet will be held at the Center; Menu consists of hors d'oeuvres, Panko breaded chicken breast topped with a lemon bure blanc sauce/Marinated grilled London broil/Shrimp Pasta Primavera/ Roasted finger link potatoes with garlic and fresh herbs/Fresh sautéed green beans with petite carrots and red pepper and dessert.

Donation is \$35.00 for adults, \$15.00 for students. Please contact Stephanie Kovacevic at: stephk122@gmail.com (412-719-1348) for reservations.

We will be printing names of all those who donated to this project in the banquet program, so if you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, you may still do so! Thank you!

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CHOIR NEWS: Please see Diane Knapp following Divine Liturgy to purchase your 2019 Christmas Ornaments.

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Eastern American Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church Celebrating 800 years of the Autocephaly of the Serbian Orthodox Church and 130 years of the birth of Saint Mardarije of Libertyville Friday and Saturday - November 1st and 2nd 2019 – St Sava Cathedral, Boston, MA all are invited to attend!