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Liturgical Schedule

Divine Liturgy

Sunday: 8:30 am  
Holyday: 9:00 am

Confessions

One half hour before  
the divine liturgy or  
by appointment

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**Annual Pilgrimage of Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help at Mount Saint Macrina in  
Uniontown, PA will take place on Labor Day  
Weekend, September 2 to September 5.**

This is the largest annual Byzantine Catholic pilgrimage in the USA. Here is the schedule of services (subject to change):

Friday, September 2: 6:30 pm. Compline & Blessing of Water

Saturday, September 3:  
Confessions - Mystery of Reconciliation from 7:30a.m. - noon and 1 pm. - 5 pm.  
8am Matins,  
10am Opening Divine Liturgy,  
1 pm Paraklesis,  
2 pm Anointing,  
4 pm Vespers with Divine Liturgy,  
7:15pm Processio, Parastas, Akathist.

Sunday, September 4:  
Confessions - Mystery of Reconciliation from 7:30a.m. - noon and 12:30 pm. - 5 pm.  
7am Divine Liturgy,  
7:30am Matins, 9am Divine Liturgy (Slavonic),  
11am Divine Liturgy for Vocations,  
4pm Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 7pm Candlelight

12th Sunday After Pentecost

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*Menologion*

Our venerable father, Moses, an African Negro of Abyssinia, styled the "Ethiopian Hermit."

Our holy father, Augustine, Confessor and Bishop of Hippo in Africa. He is one of the greatest doctors of the Western Rite Church. He died A.D. 430.

St. Anna, daughter of Phanuel. (See 3rd day of February.)

Fasts & Feasts

August

29 The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John

September

01 Beginning of the Church Year  
08 Birth of the Theotokos/Solemn Holy Day  
14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross Solemn Holy Day

**Friday, September 2 Otpust begins.**

*If you want to learn the way and how the impossible becomes possible, listen. Jesus did not make this statement that what is impossible for man is possible for God merely so you could relax and do nothing and leave it all to God. No, He said this so that you could understand the importance of calling upon God to give you help in this rigorous contest and that you might more readily approach His grace. (St. John Chrysostom)*

Procession

Monday, September 5: 9:30am Divine Liturgy

**PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY**  
**(Pokrov)**

August 28, 2022

**T**he Beheading of the Holy and Glorious Prophet and Forerunner and Baptist John Beheading of JohnThe Church sets forth for every day of the year so many saints, so that we can be inspired by their lives, rejoice in their virtues, and take comfort in their intercession. There are countless martyrs and many holy ascetics. There are numerous hierarchs and worthy priests and deacons. There are choirs of virgins, wonderworkers, holy fools, un-mercenary healers and passion-bearers. But there is only one baptist and forerunner, and he, among all those born of woman knows no superior. Today we celebrate the day of his beheading, or rather the surrender of his life to God's plan. We come to the date of August 29th because this is the day of dedication of the Church built by Saint Helen for his relics in Sebaste, the site of his burial. In that place his holy relics were honoured until they were disturbed by the apostate emperor Julian. But, imprisoned in that dark palace, John actually gave his life into God's hands shortly before the Jewish Passover.

**H**oly kinsman of the Lord, prophet, forerunner and baptist John, pray to God for us!

**T**he Church, having celebrated the earthly birthday of St. John the Baptist on June 24, today honors the anniversary of his martyrdom. Besides our Lord and our Lady, St. John the Baptist is the only one whose birth and death are thus celebrated. Today's Gospel relates the circumstances of his execution. He had the courage to blame Herod to his face for the scandal of his illegal union with his sister-in-law Herodias, whose husband was still alive. Herodias contrived to make Herod imprison him and took advantage of an unexpected opportunity to obtain through her daughter Salome the beheading of the saint.

**T**he insult of Herod's unlawful marriage led the Nabatean homeland to rise up against Herod; he was soundly defeated. He and Herodias were denounced as traitors to the mad emperor, Caligula, and exiled to Gaul. There they both died in a foreign land, in poverty, and such footnotes to history that no one even knows when they died or where they were buried. That was their reward for their wickedness, and for Herod's foolishness in appeasing the crowd.

**S**o, what about us? All of us are presented with repeated opportunities to go with the crowd, or to say something that will leave everyone satisfied, even though it defiles our beliefs. A learning - disabled student once said to me: "Father, dead fish just go along with the current of the river. I don't ever want to be a dead fish - I want to be alive and fighting to go the right way." That boy with all his problems knew more than most of our Catholic politicians today!

**F**ATHER HAS PURCHASED VESTMENTS FROM UKRAINE. THESE VESTMENTS ARE VERY WELL MADE AND LESS EXPENSIVE THAT THOSE THAT ARE PRODUCED HERE.

**M**ANY OF OUR VESTMENTS ARE OLD, FRAYED AND SHOWING SIGNS OF WEAR. MANY ARE OLDER THAN FATHER VASYL.

**T**HE COST OF THE VESTMENTS IS \$400 AND THE MONEY HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE THE VESTMENTS.

**G**EORGE KROLIC HAS FRONTED THE MONEY FOR THE VESTMENTS IN ORDER THAT THEY MIGHT ARRIVE IN A TIMELY MANOR.

**I**F YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE COST OF THESE VESTMENTS PLEASE GIVE THE MONEY TO GEORGE. SO FAR WE'VE COLLECTED \$250.