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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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Father will be purchasing new blue vestments from Ukrain. George Krolic is handling the money for the purchase of these vestments. Make your donation for these vestments directly to George.

Today is the twenty-fifth of October. That's only three months until Christmas. Actually 89 days.

Every week I search other bulletins for material for our bulletin. I hope you find the content that I provide interesting and informative. Your feed back is very much appreciated.

18th Sunday After Pentecost

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Menologion

Our venerable mother, Euphrosyna, was an Egyptian maiden of pious Christian parents at Alexandria. To avoid marriage and preserve her virginity, she assumed male attire and entered a monastery of Monks to frustrate a search for her. She retired into a cell and for 38 years was looked upon as a holy man. Even her own father sought spiritual advice from her and appreciated her counsels. He assisted at her last moments. Only then did she disclose her identity. After her death about A.D. 470 her father took possession of her cell where he passed the rest of his days in penance and prayer.

Fasts & Feasts

October

The Protection Of The Theotokos And Ever-Virgin Mary.

Follow Christ and He will astonish you with blessings! – After toiling the whole night Simon and his companions caught nothing. But in the name of Christ they let down the net and immediately it was full of fish. ... Many have taken part with the holy apostles in their labors, and still do, especially those who inquire into the meaning of what is written in the holy Gospels. For the net is still being drawn, while Christ fills it, and calls to conversion those who, according to the Scripture phrase, are in the depths of the sea (that is to say, those who live in the surge and waves of worldly things). (St. Clement of Alexandria)

Ask a priest anything question:

Why are there twelve apostles and tribes of Israel? Why not seven (the number of perfection)?

The twelve tribes are those Hebrew tribes of Israel that occupied the Holy Land under Joshua.

Jacob was Abraham's grandson, and heir to the birthright promised to Abraham by God. He was renamed Israel by God after he wrestled with God in Genesis 32, because he overcomes sin by wrestling in prayer. Jacob's first wife, Leah, bore him six sons: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun. Each son married and had children, who form a new tribe.

Two other tribes, Gad and Asher, were named after sons born to Jacob and Zilpah, Leah's maidservant.

Two more tribes, Dan and Naphtali, were descended from the sons of Jacob and Bilhah, the maidservant of Rachel, Jacob's second wife. Rachel bore Jacob two sons, Joseph and Benjamin.

The tribe of Benjamin provided Israel with its first king, Saul, and was later merged into Judah.

While no tribe bore the name of Joseph, two tribes were named after Joseph's sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

All of these tribes moved into Egypt and were delivered from slavery by Moses, descended from Levi.

We are delivered from slavery to sin by the Messiah, Jesus Christ, who was born into the royal tribe of Judah through his foster father, St. Joseph.

The twelve apostles are representative of those tribes, but now as the New Israel.

The Church formed through their preaching is the new seed of Abraham (Galatians 3:16 and 3:29), and the new Church – of Jews and Gentiles – becomes the new "holy nation" (1 Peter 2:9), as opposed to Israel being the holy nation of God (Exodus 19).

The Jewish Christians "of the flesh" (Romans 9:3-4) form the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel/ Jacob of old regarding the blessings on Abraham's descendants. Now we become part of the New Israel, and heirs to the promise, through baptism.

The Church is Christ continuing to live in his Mystical Body. The Sacrifice and prayer of the Church are the sacrifice and prayer of Christ, Prototype of the Cosmos. The Greek Fathers are so clearly aware of this doctrine that all their prayers bear its stamp. This universal (or Catholic) largeness of the Fathers' views faithfully rendered in the prayers of the Byzantine Church is a reason why this Church is both so attractive and so modern in its theology. When St. Thomas Aquinas speaks of the single universe, he does not limit it to the material creation, since everything outside the inner activity of the Blessed Trinity proceeds from the single will of God. In this sense, the Kingdom of God contains everything that participates in his being. The only thing that is outside this Kingdom is darkness, non-being, evil, sin. The frequent use of the supplication, "Lord, have mercy," in the Liturgy of the Byzantine Church is an application of this universality.