

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY
(Pokrov)

January 15, 2023

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Cantor
Joseph Luzanski

Liturgical Schedule

Divine Liturgy

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

Confessions

One half hour before
the divine liturgy or
by appointment

Served By

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January is the season for house blessings. Father is invited to come to the family home in order to celebrate this annual rite.

It is not a time to worry about the house being spotless: more important is that the family's interior life is spotless!

Anything else which needs blessings should be placed on a white cloth on the table.

If you are interested in having your home blessed talk to Father Vasyl.

TODAY WE WILL HAVE OUR MONTHLY
COFFEE SOCIAL AND GET TOGETHER* I
HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU CAN ATTEND
AND ENJOY THE GOODIES

Reminder:

There is a list for Divine Liturgy and Sanctuary Lamp intentions in the vestibule of the church.

32nd Sunday after Pentecost.

Tone 7

Menologion

Venerable Paul the simple, A Solitary of wonderful patience and meekness, he passed away about A.D. 339 in the reign of Constantine II, Emperor.

Our venerable father, John, a disciple of St. Gregory Decapolites, died in the reign of Theophilus the Iconoclast A.D. 829-842.

Venerable Cosmas, Bishop of Chalcedonia who died A.D. 816 during the reign of Leo the Armenian, Emperor.

Our holy father, John, Archbishop of Antioch who went to his rest A.D. 436.

Fasts & Feasts

January

30 The Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil The Great, Gregory The Theologian And John Chrysostom.

DL 9 am

February

02 The Meeting Of Our Lord, God And Savior Jesus Christ With Simeon And Anna

DL 9 am

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility

“The truly intelligent man pursues one sole objective: to obey and to conform to the God of all. With this single aim in view, he disciplines his soul, and whatever he may encounter in the course of his life, he gives thanks to God for the compass and depth of His providential ordering of all things.

“Men are often called intelligent wrongly. Intelligent men are not those who are erudite in the sayings and books of the wise men of old, but those who have an intelligent soul and can discriminate between good and evil. They avoid what is sinful and harms the soul; and with deep gratitude to God they resolutely adhere by dint of practice to what is good and benefits the soul. These men alone should truly be called intelligent.”

“One should not say that it is impossible to reach a virtuous life; but one should say that it is not easy. Nor do those who have reached it find it easy to maintain. Those who are devout and whose intellect enjoys the love of God participate in the life of virtue; the ordinary intellect, however, is worldly and wavering, producing both good and evil thoughts, because it is changeful by nature and directed towards material things. But the intellect that enjoys the love of God punishes the evil which arises spontaneously because of man’s laziness.”

Preparing for the Divine Liturgy

Upon entering the church and venerating icons and lighting candles, we go to our pew and spend time with the Lord in prayer and reflection. For this reason, we should never engage in idle chit-chat before

Liturgy begins as it disrupts our own preparation and that of those already in church.

This also means that we need to arrive at least ten minutes before church begins in order to have that sacred time with the Lord. If we do all this, Divine Liturgy will be more meaningful for us!

ASK A PRIEST ANYTHING QUESTION:

(1) Were Mary and Jesus lying about Joseph being Jesus’s father, since he was his foster father?

(2) Was Mary also a descendant of King David? If not, isn’t Jesus technically not the direct descendant of King David?

1. Legally, Joseph was the father of Jesus. Therefore, when Mary says in Luke 2:48 “your father and I” she is being quite accurate. We see in the two genealogies in Matthew and Luke that Jesus’ connections to the House of David are through Saint Joseph. Joseph’s role as parent is through his marriage to Our Lady. God arranged things so that Our Lord would be raised in a traditional family of father and mother, and the angel specifically gives Joseph the paternal duty of naming Jesus; in Judaism only the father can name the baby. Note that Joseph is not called Jesus’ father until after His birth, which emphasizes that Jesus is the Son of God.

2. Legend says that Mary was from David’s family, but actually we have no idea. The historian Eusebius of Caesarea (+340) thought that Mary and Joseph came from the same tribe, which could be possible.

We've recently celebrated the Feasts of the Nativity and Theophany. We still have one Christmas related feast on the 2nd of February the Presentation in the Temple.

But we are being prepared for the Great Fast. On the 22nd we have the Sunday of Zacchaeus(aka shorty Sunday), then on the 29th Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, followed by the first All Souls Saturday in on February 11th.