

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

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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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*Divine Liturgy intention is for the Parish Family  
If you schedule a Divine Liturgy let me know in order  
that it appears in the bulletin.*

**Prayer for Each Day of the Week**

Monday the holy angels continuing praise of God in  
heaven

O God, cleanse me, a sinner, for I have done but  
little good before You. Deliver me from evil and may  
your will be done in me that I may open my lips  
without blame and praise the holy Name of the  
Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

Awakening from sleep, O Savior, I offer to You a  
hymn at the break of day. Bowing before You I  
exclaim: Do not allow me to die in sin; but, O Lord,  
Who were willingly crucified, have mercy on me.  
Raise me up, strengthen me in prayer and  
perseverance; and, after the night's sleep, grant me a  
day without sin, O Christ our God, and save me.  
Amen.

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*  
**Tone 3**

Post-festive Day of the Dormition.

*Menologion*

St. Samuel, Prophet, in the 11th century B.C.

St. Stephen the First, Apostolic King of Hungary,  
died A.D. 1038. His Right Hand is miraculously  
kept intact.

**Propers**

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**Fasts & Feasts**

August 29	The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John <b>Liturgy</b> <b>9 a.m.</b>
September 1	Liturgical New Year (7532)
September 2-4	Otpust at Uniontown
September 8	The Nativity of our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary <b>Liturgy 9 a.m</b>
September 14	The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross <b>Liturgy 9 a.m</b>
October 1	The Protection of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary <b>Liturgy 9 a.m</b>

*If you, you have family, friends or know of former  
parishioners who are not able to attend church or  
have moved away. I will send them the bulletin if I  
have an e-mail address for them.*

The holy prophet Samuel. Fifteenth and last of the Judges of Israel, he lived approximately eleven hundred years before Christ. Born in the tribe of Levi, son of Elkanah and Hannah, he was promised to the Lord by his till-then barren mother. At the age of twelve, Samuel had his first revelation from the Lord God. Samuel preached repentance to the children of Israel, and led the people to victory over the Philistines.

Asked by the people to give them a king, he warned them that God was the only true king of Israel, but they insisted. It was Samuel who anointed Saul son of Kish as the first King of Israel, and David son of Jesse as its second and greatest ruler. He died in Ramah and was buried there.

The holy king Stephen of Hungary, who, regenerated by his baptism, received his crown of kingship from Pope Silvester II, provided for the propagation of the faith of Christ among the Hungarians, established the Church in his kingdom, and endowed monasteries with his riches. He was just and peaceful in ruling his subjects, until at Alba Regalis

[modern Székesfehérvár] in Hungary on the day of the Assumption his soul traveled to heaven.(1038)

### **The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Bartholomew on August 25.**

Return of the relics of the holy apostle Bartholomew. They were stolen by the Armenians, and then taken to the town of Lipara. At the time of Theophilus the Iconoclast, they were translated again, this time to the town of Benevento. From there they were taken to Rome.

One of the twelve apostles of Jesus, Bartholomew is known to us only by his being listed among them in the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, and Luke. His name means "Son of Tolmai, and according to Holy Women, Holy Men, "He is sometimes identified with Nathanael, the friend of Philip, the 'Israelite without guile' in John's Gospel, to whom Jesus promised the vision of angels ascending and descending on the Son of Man" (Holy Women, Holy Men, 538).

Unfortunately, this is the only information recorded about Bartholomew across the Gospels; few other historically reliable sources are available. Despite this lack of a reliable historical record, tradition has filled in several details around his travels, ministry, and martyrdom.

This hagiography, or writing of the life of a saint, has come to diverse conclusions. Some sources hold that church historians Jerome and Bede knew of a Gospel of Bartholomew, though such a text is lost to us today. Eusebius of Caesarea writes in the third century that a Hebrew text of Matthew's Gospel was found in India by a traveling philosopher-theologian, attributed by locals to "Bartholomew, one of the Apostles."

There is also a tradition that Bartholomew, along with the Apostle Jude Thaddeus, brought the gospel to Armenia. While there, they are reputed to have converted Polymius, the king of Armenia, to Christianity, thus enraging the king's brother, who ordered Bartholomew's execution. The story holds that the apostle was flayed alive and crucified at Albanopolis, leading to a common (and sometimes grotesque) depiction of the saint as a man or skeleton holding his own skin.

It seems that many people do not believe that God loves them even though they are imperfect. They do not believe that they are lovable or that they are created good. They believe that who they are does not come from God and that they are essentially bad—because they're not perfect and they can't seem to live up to God's expectations.

St Paul was well aware that he wasn't perfect—that he was the "least of the apostles" and not fit to be called an apostle because he had persecuted the Christians. Yet, Christ called him and sent him to preach and to found churches, so he had to conclude that God knew he had good qualities even though he didn't know it. So he said, "I am who I am by the grace of God."

We must never believe that we're bad and can't be good. And we must never believe that we're already good enough. The Lord calls us to be perfect and to follow Him. But we have to get free first. We have to get free from mistaken ideas about God. God created us good and calls us to be holy—and God knows we aren't perfect yet.

Annual Pilgrimage to Mt. St. Macrina The Sisters of St. Basil the Great invite everyone to visit the Mother of God in her holy icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at the annual Labor Day Weekend Pilgrimage, Friday, September 1, Saturday, September 2, and Sunday, September 3, at Mt. St. Macrina, Uniontown, PA. Join them, pray with us, and pray for your intentions to the Mother of Perpetual Help.

Maybe we could pick a time and gather together as a parish at the mount for the pontifical liturgy at 4 pm. Think about it.

