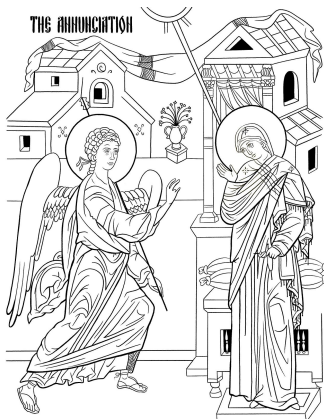




Weekly Bulletin

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Confessions:

During & after Vespers, before Divine Liturgy, or by Appointment

Upcoming Services

Sunday, September 27

9:40 am 3rd & 6th Hours

10 am Divine Liturgy

1 pm Catechesis/Adult Education

Wednesday, September 30

6 pm Great Vespers

Thursday, October 1

(Protection of the Mother of God)

10 am Baptism of Nyomi

Divine Liturgy After

Saturday, October 3

5:30 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, October 4

9:40 am 3rd & 6th Hours

10 am Divine Liturgy

1 Catechesis/Adult Education

Church School begins today and will continue on all Sundays until December.

BBQ Fundraiser Saturday 10/10 in the church parking lot.

Sunday, September 27th

1st Sunday of Luke (Tone 8)

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Luke 5:1-11

The Holy Martyr Callistratus

Callistratus was born in Carthage. He was a Christian from birth, for his father and grandfather were Christians. One of Callistratus's ancestors, Neochorus by name, was a soldier in Jerusalem under Pontius Pilate, at the time of the Crucifixion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Witnessing the many miracles at the time of Christ's death, Neochorus believed in Him, and was instructed in the Faith and baptized by an apostle. Returning home to Carthage, Neochorus brought his Christian Faith with him as a precious pearl. So it was that in time Callistratus was born, baptized and raised a Christian.

While he was in the army there were no other Christians in his regiment besides him. One of his companions, seeing how St. Callistratus arose at night and prayed to God, reported him as a Christian to the commander, Persentinian. Persentinian was a cruel torturer of Christians. In order to confirm that Callistratus was indeed a Christian, the commander ordered him to offer sacrifice to the idols, which Callistratus straightway

refused to do. He was then severely beaten and thrown into the sea.

However, the power of God saved him, and he emerged from the sea in sound health. Seeing Callistratus's endurance and miracles, forty-nine other soldiers came to believe in Christ. They were beaten and thrown into prison with Callistratus. In prison Callistratus taught his companions the Faith, and strengthened them.

They displayed great bravery in suffering, and the Lord manifested great power through them. Then the evil torturer sent soldiers to the prison by night, and they slew St. Callistratus and his forty-nine companions. They suffered for the truth in the year 304 A.D. A church was later built over their relics.

Apostle Mark of the Seventy

The Holy Apostle Mark of the Seventy, also named John, is mentioned by the holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 12:25, 15:37-39) and also by the holy Apostle Paul in both the Epistle to the Colossians (Col 4:10) and the Epistle to Philemon (Philemon 1:23).

The holy Apostle Mark preached the Word of God together with Paul and Barnabas and was made bishop of the Phoenician city of Biblos.

The holy Apostle Mark attained great boldness before God, so that his very shadow healed the sick (also January 4 and April 15).

Please pray for...

Archpriest Matthew Tate; Archpriest Lawrence Farley; Archpriest Gregory; Joe (Sunday's brother); Thomas; Helen; Marija (cancer); Maria; the nun Paraskeva and her mother Radojka; Ginny; the newborn Sieglinda (for health); Derek (Nektarios) for employment/housing assistance; Miles (Larissa's grandson); Zoi and Valeri (Oxana's parents); Natalia (Nina Slater's sister); Maria Carmen (Joseph Nuno's mother); Carol (Edie's mother); the child Rastko; Anna (sick); Alexis; Shawn; Claude; Olga (recovery from surgery); Kyle; Virginia (cancer); Lana;; Seraphima; Tomica; Tina (Joseb's mother); Laura (Roger's wife); Hannah; Jonah; Lydia; Alexandra (recovery from surgery); Luci (recovery from surgery); John (Alzheimer's) and his wife Eileen; Marion (sick); Timothy (cancer); Ken (cancer); Ethne; Daniel; Iskra; Viktor and Andrea; Ionna (cancer); Cheryl (cancer); Lee and Veronica; Michelle; Michael and Martha; Matt (health); Steve (health); Angelina (labor); Milosava (cancer); Theresa (Linda Deak's daughter-in-law, health); Mirjana (health); William, Joe, Khrie; Anna; Scott; Kerri Richey (travel).

Leanna Marchell and the newborn Maximos; Emma Saperstein and the newborn Nyomi.

Pregnancies: Matushka Rachel, Michelle Millar, Aleena Smith.

Departed: Borislav, Azure (Gan's cousin), Jeanne (Elise's friend), Johnny Ramirez (Joshua's father).