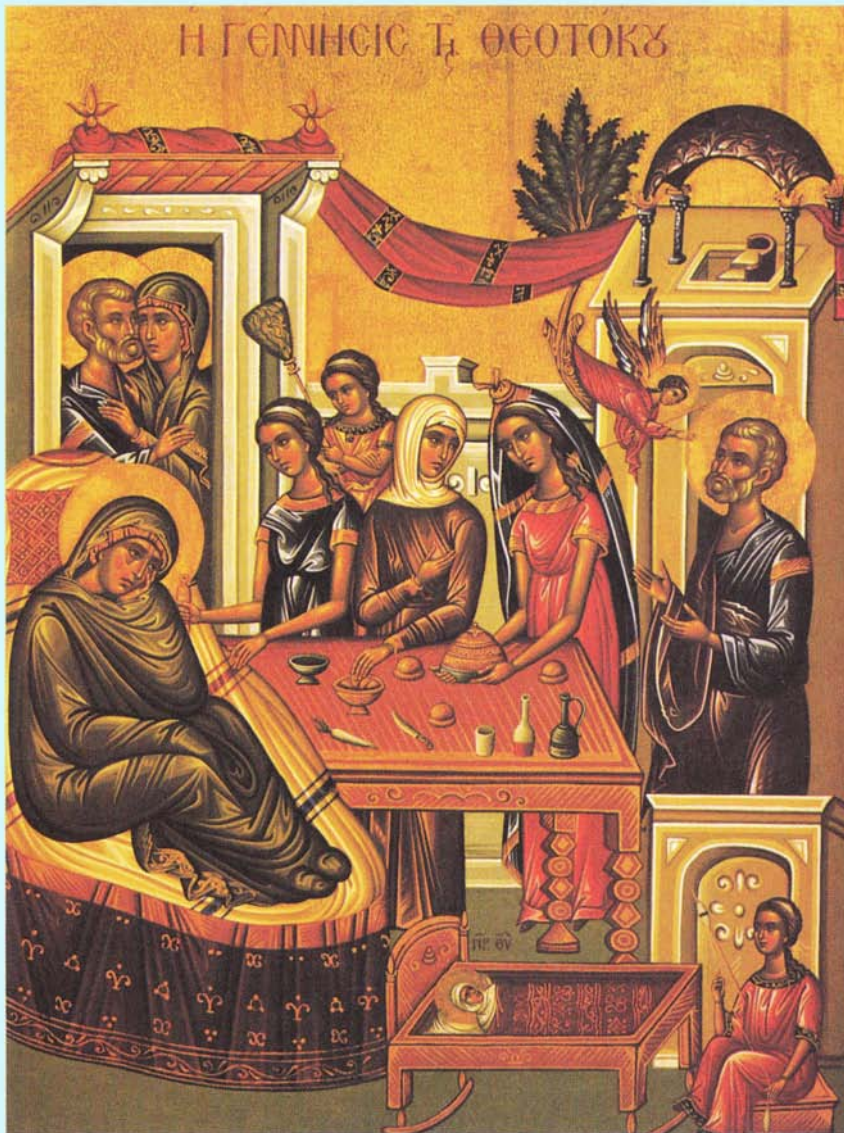


FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos -- September 8

SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TONE 5

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7 – SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8	9:00 AM – DIVINE LITURGY – FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11	7:00 PM – MEMORIAL SERVICE IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF 9/11/01
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13	9:00 AM LITURGY - SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Remember in your prayers

Please remember in your prayers those people of our parish who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join us actively in our community. Remember especially the following: Katherine Andrus, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Bohdanchik James, Lesya Loznycky, Ken McDonald, Sophia Skop, Luke Shmorhay, and Maria Laszok. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone who should be remembered.



Prayers For Those Serving In The Military



Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving our country in the Armed Forces: Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Elizabeth Heltsley, Oksanna Hirniak, Michael Lopes, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the Liturgies to Fr. James.

Labor Day Ukrainian Festival

Today at the House of Ukraine: Food sales from 12:00 Noon till sold out. Lawn Program from 2:00 – 3:00: Chervona Kalyna dance group from L.A.

Generations of Faith

The Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

Our first Generations of Faith session for the new liturgical year will be next Sunday, September 13th. There will be a Pot-Luck after the Divine Liturgy followed by the learning session in which we will examine the importance of the Cross in the early Christian's life and in our life. Also, we will identify ways we can honor Christ's sacrifice and the cross by helping people who are suffering and carrying their own crosses today. *All children who are preparing for first confession, as well as their parents are required to participate in these catechetical sessions since they are an integral part of any teaching program.*

Summer Schedule

During the Summer months there will be one Divine Liturgy on Sundays at 9:00 AM. There will be no Vespers on Saturday evenings. This schedule will continue through September. Any changes to this schedule will be announced in the bulletin.

Pilgrimage to Holy Resurrection Monastery

Fr. Nicholas, who celebrated liturgy for our community two weeks ago, is the Hegumen (abbot) of Holy Resurrection Monastery in Valyermo, CA. On Saturday, September 26 they will hold their annual Pilgrimage. A van is scheduled to leave the church at 7:00AM for the 3+ hour drive. At 11:00 AM will be the procession with the icon, "Mother of God Searcher for the Lost." Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Bishop John Michael (BOTEAN) is at 11:30AM followed by lunch at 2:00PM and a Spiritual Conference at 3:00PM. Vespers will be at 5:00 PM (which satisfies for the Sunday obligation). *This promises to be a deeply spiritual event.* Registrations for this trip will be taken until September 20th. See Fr. James or Luke Miller. Cost will be determined by number of participants.

Virsky Ukrainian National Dance Company: A Winter Pops Special Presentation

Virsky Ukrainian National Dance Company will be performing at Copley Symphony Hall in downtown San Diego on September 27th. Tickets will be on sale today at the House of Ukraine in Balboa Park.

Ukrainian Parish Festival!

Our Parish Festival will be on Saturday, November 7th. We still need many volunteers. Luke Miller is the coordinator for this event.

Consecration of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church – Tuscon Sunday, November 15, 2009

We would like to organize a group of parishioners to attend this very important event in the life of our brothers and sisters in Tuscon. Fr. Andriy Chirovsky has invited us to come and celebrate with his community. If you are interested in attending this event as a group, please talk to Fr. James.

Acquiring the Holy Spirit

Prayer, fasting, watching may be good in themselves, yet it is not in these practices alone that the goal of our Christian life is to be found, though they are the necessary means for its attainment. The true goal consists in our acquiring the Holy Spirit of God. Fasting and watching, alms and all good works done for the sake of Christ are the means of acquiring the Holy Spirit of God. Great is the power of prayer; more than anything else it brings the Spirit of God. Through prayer we receive the privilege of conversing with God our Savior himself, all-bountiful and life-giving.

St Seraphim of Sarov

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The Nativity of the Theotokos

The liturgical texts for this Feast Day, The Birth of the Theotokos (September 8th), are based largely on the *Gospel of St. James*, also known as the *Protevangelion*, a work dating from the second century A.D., which recounts the Nativity and the early years of the Virgin Mary. According to the story recorded there, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, remained childless for many years. Both were true servants of God, righteous and devout, but their prayers for a child were not answered. One day, when Joachim came to make his offering in the temple, to his humiliation he was turned away by the High Priest, who reproached him sharply for his lack of children. In discouragement and bitterness Joachim retired into the desolate hill country, among the shepherds and their flocks, in order to hide his shame. As he was praying to God there, it so happened that his wife Anna was praying at the same time in the garden of their house at Jerusalem. An angel appeared to them both, announcing that Anna would bear a child, whose name was to become illustrious throughout all the world. Anna promised to offer her child, boy or girl, as a gift to the Lord. His depression gone, Joachim returned home in haste; his wife, anxious to share the good news with him, ran out of the house and met him at the city gate. In due time, the angel's promise was fulfilled, and Anna bore a daughter, Mary.

from the Festal Menaion, by Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia