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14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Sunday before Elevation. Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora, at Nicomedia (305-311).

Birthdays & Anniversaries for September

Birthdays: Michael Keklak (9/4); Juda Hart (9/8); Nadia Hart (9/10); Emily Hart (9/21); Gregory Krevko (9/14); Michael Jadick (9/26)

Nameday: Nadia/Nadezhda Macheska (9/17); Nadia/Hope Hart (9/17)

Anniversary:

Baptism:

Travelers:

Prospora Schedule: Thank you Marie Pasternak for today's prospora. **We need families to start baking prospora at home. Please sign up. We are out.**

17th: Shepherd's

24th:

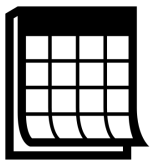
Counting: Thank you Patti Jones for assisting in counting today's offerings.

17th: Tammy Wytovich & Emily Hart

24th: Emily Krenitsky

Visitors: *PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR DOWNSTAIRS for an Agape Meal. Thank you to everyone who donated. Please donate what you would spend for a cup of coffee at the agape me to replenish our supplies.*

DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS: *A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from our community. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive themselves by fasting and a recent (monthly) confession..If you have questions please ask Fr Michael!*



Service Schedule

WED, Sep 13th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers w/Litya
 THURS, Sep 14th: Hours @ 9:00 AM Hours, The Universal Exaltation of the Precious
 and Life Giving Cross

SAT, Sep 16th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers. Confession following
 SUN, Sep 17th: Hours @ 9:20 AM Hours, 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6.
 Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation.

SAT, Sep 23rd: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers. Confession following
 SUN, Sep 24th: Hours @ 9:20 AM Hours, 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Holy
 New Martyrs of Alaska, Hieromonk Juvenaly (ca. 1796) and Peter the Aleut (1815).



Announcements

Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events

Silent Prayers and Confession: Every Wednesday 11:00AM - 1:30PM or you can make an appt for confession.

Monthly Panikhida: September 30th 4pm. Please submit the name of family members you would like to be remembered.

Inquirers/Catechumen/Continuing ED Class: Every Saturday 3:30pm-4:30pm. COME AND LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH!

Bible Study: Every Thursday 11am - Noon. Bring a sack Lunch. We will start with Romans chapter 1.

Church Work Day: Every Friday is Church Maintenance day. Come help! Please come and help maintain the Church and its grounds.

Heavenly Host Program: Natasha Coyoy is our coordinator. Need to schedule a date for a briefing.

Parish Council Meeting: 03Sept23 All are invited. (Every first Sunday of the Month) Please come and see the great things our parish council is doing and the vision we have. The Annual Parish census is coming up and is due to the chancery in October. Please visit our website to review our bylaws. To be a voting member I need a statement of Intent signed by you and the commitment to God and His church by Time, Talent, Treasure, Confession, & Communion.

Registration - Please continue to sign up on the website to receive the weekly emails. We are going live with our services! Please go to the website to register for our youtube channel.

Women's Fall Brunch - Emilia Hart will host a fall brunch at her house Oct 28th at 10am. Please get with her for her address and details.

Pasta Dinner - Nov 11th, Veterans Day. Please see Tamara Wytovich to help Volunteer.

Parish Prayer List

NEWLY DEPARTED: *Matushka Dolores Donlick (7/28);*

DEPARTED: *Nancy Jurnak (9/7); Mary Shrive 9/30;*

Please remember in your prayers LIVING

Ill-afflicted *Archpriests John Nightingale & Theodore Orzolek*

Servants of God *Barbara Sevensky, Bernie & Beverly Elko, Sandra Condon, Marie Pasternak, Ann Tyrpak, Sandy & Danny Pregmon, Walter Pritchuk, Michael & Euphemia Keklak; Elizabeth Jackson; Justin Kane; Maria & Vitaliy Rakovsky; Ekaterina & Anna; Joe & Kelly Cigna; George, Natasha, & Rosa Coyoy; Paul & Ann Newmeyer; Mat. Emilia, Blaise, Maximus, Rodion, Savina Shepherd; Joseph, Emilia, Judah, Nadezda, & Silas Hart; Eli & Paula Stavisky, Helen Wytovich, Tammy Wytovich, Charissa & Daniel Voroziichak, Nadia Macheska, Paulette Ezbiansky,*

All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our families and friends: *Christine Sevensky, Mike Jadick, Margaret Pregmon, Daniel Jones, Matushka Paula Soucek; Alexander Horek; The child of God Abigail and Nathan.*

How Much is my tithe

Weekly	2%	4%	5%	10%
\$200	\$4	\$8	\$10	\$20
\$500	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$50
\$750	\$15	\$30	\$37	\$75
\$1000	\$20	\$40	\$50	\$100
\$1500	\$30	\$60	\$75	\$150

WEEKLY GIVING UPDATE: We thank you for your continued giving in gratitude for all that our loving God does for each of us, for His Holy Church, **and** all the blessings we receive through her.

August Income: \$7,969.00 tithes/donations only
12,771.62/140,307.37 PC will consolidate and invest monies in OCIIF.

Expenditures: \$22,997.10

Bank Balance: \$244,366.32

Weekly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$3,225.62

Monthly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$12,902.49



From the Saints & Teachers

22:5–7 *Rejecting the Invitation, Persecuting the Messengers*

The King Was Angry. St Gregory the Great: But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business. To go to your farm is to involve yourself excessively in earthly toil. To go to your business is to long for the gain brought by our worldly activity. One person is concerned with earthly toil, another devoted to the business of this world. Neither takes notice of the mystery of the Lord's incarnation. They are unwilling to live in accordance with it. As if they are proceeding to their farm or business, they refuse to come to the marriage feast of the king. Frequently, and this is a more serious matter, some not only decline the gift of the one calling them but even persecute those who accept it. And so he adds, "The rest seized his servants, and, having insulted them, killed them. But the king, learning of this, sent his armies, destroyed those murderers and set fire to their city." He destroys the murderers because he has slain the persecutors; he sets fire to their city because not only their souls but even their bodies are tormented by the eternal flames of hell....

But the one who sees himself despised when he issues the invitations will not have the marriage feast of his son the king empty. He sends for others, because although God's word is in danger from some, it will find a place to come to rest. Then he said to his servants, "The marriage feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the byroads, and call to the marriage feast everyone you find." If we take the roads in holy Scripture to mean our actions, we interpret the byroads as our failed actions. Often it is those who meet no prosperity in their earthly actions who come readily to God.

And his servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, bad and good, and the marriage feast was filled with guests. The character of those at the banquet reveals clearly that the king's marriage feast represents the church of this time, in which the bad are present along with the good. The church is a thorough mix of various offspring. It brings them all to the faith but does not lead them all to the liberty of spiritual grace successfully by changes in their lives, since their sins prevent it. As long as we are living in this world we have to proceed along the road of the present age thoroughly mixed together. We shall be separated when we reach our goal. Only the good are in heaven, and only the bad are in hell. This life is situated between heaven and hell. It goes on in the middle, so to speak, and takes in the citizens of both parts. The church admits them now without distinguishing them but separates them later when they leave this life. Forty Gospel Homilies 38.5–7.

Simonetti, M. (Ed.). (2002). [Matthew 14-28](#) (p. 145). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.