



Welcome to our Visitors: We are honored to have you come to worship with us. You may find the worship of the Ancient Church rather different. If you are unfamiliar with the worship of the Byzantine Church, simply listen to

the Liturgy and allow the rest of the congregation to carry you in worship. We understand Communion to be an act of the unity of our Faith; however, while we work towards it, this unity regrettably does not now exist. Therefore, only baptized Catholics in the State of Grace are permitted to participate in Holy Communion.

 **Prayer Request**

Please remember in your prayers: For the Blessed Repose of + Jimmy Moran, nephew of Mons. Michael Moran. Carol Pasmant, Richard Sesma, Deanna Keefe, Jean Mayo (Rita's Mother), Rita and Robert Pipta, Ron Lowery & Family, Libby Distefano and her sister Margret, Alex Vida, Susan Dovin, Evdokiya Obushko, Robert M. Weil and Kay Weil, Janet Lambert, Dolores Demko, and Gilbert & Sally Pasmant, Ethan McArthur. That the Lord have mercy and save His people undergoing persecution in Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Syria, Egypt and other lands.

The **Holy Father's Prayer intentions for October: Peace.** That the Lord may grant peace to those parts of the world most battered by war and violence.

**World Mission Day.** That World Mission Day may rekindle in every believer zeal for carrying the Gospel into all the world

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR MILITARY:** Jerelle Hamaker, Allen Latimer, Dennis Lloyd, Scott Nale, Michael Perko, Matt Reynolds, Robert Skopecck Jr.

**DIVINE LITURGY & PARISH SCHEDULE**

Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 10 am Living & Deceased Parishioners

Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> 6 pm Birthday Blessings to Andy Petraska  
 (Angelica Villarín)

Tues. 30<sup>th</sup> No Liturgy

Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> 9 am Blessed Repose to Patty Speckhart  
 (Kathy Slonka)  
 7:30 pm Blessing of Good Health to  
 Sally Pasmant (Ron & Carol Pasmant)

Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> No Liturgy

Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> 6 pm Blessed Repose to + Marcy Tay Diamond  
 (Mary Slonka)

Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> No Liturgy

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 10 am Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Epistle/Cantor Schedule**

9/28/2014	REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am
	Marc Brown	2 Corinthians 6: 1-10
10/05/2014	Steve Kopko	2 Corinthians 6: 16-7: 1
10/12/2014	REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am
	Jon Weil	2 Corinthians 9: 6-11
		Hebrews 13: 7-16
10/19/2014	Ron Pasmant	2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

**Tithes, Gifts & Finances: 21 September 2014**

Tithes	\$3,238.11
Youth	35.54
Candles	4.00
Special Events	197.00
Sanctuary	80.00
Principal Reduction	425.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,979.65</b>

**SPECIAL PRIESTS' MEDICAL INSURANCE COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY**

Next Sunday is our opportunity to support Bishop Gerald and our priests with our generous contribution to the special priests' medical insurance collection. In today's bulletin, you will find a copy of Bishop Gerald's letter with an offering envelope. Read it carefully and be generous as you can in your response next Sunday. Our goal is \$50 per household.

**FLOWER DONATIONS** may be made for various occasions. Please sign up in the parish hall, fill out an envelope marked "flower donation", or send an email to Father.

**Weeklong Candle Intentions**

ETERNAL LIGHT: *Special Intentions of Sanctuary Group*

CHRIST: *Blessed Repose + Eric Worth* (Jill Morse)

CHRIST: *Blessing to Betty Bohner*

(Patricia & Charlie Kanenbley)

THEOTOKOS: *Special Intention* (Helen Bruce)

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CHRIST ENTHRONED:

*Candle Intentions can be requested by filling out an envelope found in the Narthex. Donation is \$4.00*

**OUR ALTAR SERVERS**

Marc Brown, Erik Cline, Anthony Gath, Greg Gath, Marcus Cabrera, Ian Ward, Liam Ward, Nigel Ward, Jonny Weil & Andrew Sarsam

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED IN SO MANY WAYS TO MAKE THE CRAFT FAIRE A SUCCESS!!!** From the cooks who spend countless hours baking and cooking items to sell, to Nicole and Nina advertising to and bringing in the vendors (we anticipated maybe a couple dozen, only to end up with 46!) and Bob for finding a place to put them all! Our thanks to the Boy Scouts and youth for their help. We could not have done it without all of you!

*Sincere Thanks to all who generously donated to the clothing drive for Ukraine!*



**CATHOLICISM SERIES**

continues to be shown in the basement on weeks when ECF has its classes. This is what Fr. Robert

Barron writes concerning this magnificently beautiful series: *“Catholicism is a celebration, in words and imagery, of the God who takes infinite delight in bringing human beings to fullness of life. I shall commence with Jesus, for he is the constant point of reference, the beginning and the end of the Catholic faith. I will try to show the uniqueness of Jesus, how his claim to speak and act in the very person of God sets him apart from all other philosophers, mystics, and religious founders. And I will demonstrate how his resurrection from the dead not only ratifies his divine identity but also establishes him as the Lord of the nations, the one to whom final allegiance is due. Next I shall explore the extraordinary teachings of Jesus, words at once simple and textured, that have, quite literally, changed the world. I will try to show how they constitute the path to joy.”*

**Today’s Topic is “Amazed and Afraid: the Revelation of God Become Man”**

**Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, “Happy are We: the Teaching of Jesus.”**

**THE VOCATION TRAVELING ICON** is at the home of the Olszyk Family until October 5<sup>th</sup>. Please join your prayers with theirs that the Lord will bless His Holy Church with more priests, monks and religious.

**PLEASE RESERVE OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>** for the Orange County Ecumenical Prayer Service for Persecuted Christians. In the midst of the ongoing violence of ISIS and Boko Haram it can feel like we can do very little to help. The Eastern and Oriental Orthodox communities have approached us and asked us to join them in an evening of shared prayer. We are strongest when we are united in prayer. The Office of Ecumenism invites you, your staff and parish communities to join in prayer with our Orthodox brothers and sisters. Fr Steve Tschlis will lead the service at St Paul’s Greek Orthodox Church in Irvine, on Friday, October 10 at 7pm. Reception to follow.



**CALLING ALL CANTORS & PARISHIONERS TO A ONE-DAY**

**CANTORS’ WORKSHOP** The Workshop will be led by Jeffrey Mierzejewski from the Metropolitan Cantors’ Institute. Learn about technique, how to lead a congregation, and the history and spirit of our plain chant. Receive practical advice and improve your skills. Open to all!! Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 3 pm at the Church of the Annunciation. Please reply to Fr. James. There is no cost.



**Priestly Ordination of Deacon Ahdam**

With Gratitude to Almighty God, The Fallouh Family, Bishop Nicholas Samra, and the clergy and community of Holy Cross Melkite Catholic Church joyfully invite you to share in the Divine Liturgy of Ordination of Deacon Adham Al Khouri Fallouh to the Holy Priesthood at the Hands of Bishop Nicholas J. Samra, Eparchial Bishop of Newton.

Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.  
Holy Cross Melkite Catholic Church  
451 West Madison Avenue. Placentia, CA. 92870

**AIR CONDITIONER** After an inspection of the air conditioner on the roof of the Church in the 100+ degree heat, we were told that one of the compressors is out. A new one has been sent from back East and will be installed the first part of this week. We looked into buying a more efficient unit but that would require replacing the whole unit – a significantly higher price. The current cost for a new compressor, labor and crane (to lift it off the roof and replace it) is **\$5,250.46**. Many of you have been so generous to us through so many years, especially lately to reduce the principal on the mortgage; so, I won’t ask directly again. **But, I will say that if anyone is in need of**

tax deduction by way of a charitable contribution, this would be a wonderful blessing to us.

**HOLY PROTECTION:** This Wednesday (October 1<sup>st</sup>) is the Feast of the Protection of our most Holy Lady, the



Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, patroness of our Byzantine Eparchy. It is a Solemn Holy day and all parishioners are encouraged to attend one of the two services that day (9 am & 7:30 pm). To know that we have such a strong advocate and

defender on our side is to rest assured that the Lord will hear our prayers and give us peace. The following article is taken from the Orthodox Church in America's webpage:

Troparion: "Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church, and with choirs of Saints she invisibly prays to God for us. Angels and Bishops venerate Her, Apostles and prophets rejoice together, Since for our sake she prays to the Eternal God!" This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

On Sunday, October 1, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ St Andrew (October 2), at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. St John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop's Throne, she continued her prayer.

After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed "more than the rays of the sun." St Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, "Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?" Epiphanius answered, "I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe."

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, "O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them not go away from my icon unheard."

At the Blachernae church, the memory of the miraculous appearance of the Mother of God was

remembered. In the fourteenth century, the Russian pilgrim and clerk Alexander, saw in the church an icon of the Most Holy Theotokos praying for the world, depicting St Andrew in contemplation of her.

The Primary Chronicle of St Nestor reflects that the protective intercession of the Mother of God was needed because an attack of a large pagan Russian fleet under the leadership of Askole and Dir. The feast celebrates the divine destruction of the fleet which threatened Constantinople itself, sometime in the years 864-867 or according to the Russian historian Vasiliev, on June 18, 860. Ironically, this Feast is considered important by the Slavic Churches but not by the Greeks.

On the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos we implore the defense and assistance of the Queen of Heaven, "Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin Mother of God, that we not perish by the increase of our sins. Protect us from every evil and from grievous woes, for in you do we hope, and venerating the Feast of your Protection, we magnify you."



**Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> DIONYSIUS THE AREOPAGITE, THE HOLY, GLORIOUS AND RIGHT-VICTORIOUS Hieromartyr**

(also known as **Dionysios** or **Denys**) was baptized by Saint Paul in Athens and is numbered among the Seventy Apostles. Prior to his baptism, Dionysius grew up in a notable family in Athens, attended philosophical school at home and abroad, was

married and had several children, and was a member of the highest court in Greece, the Areopagus. After his conversion to the True Faith, St. Paul made him Bishop of Athens. Eventually he left his wife and children for Christ and went with St. Paul in missionary travel. He travelled to Jerusalem specifically to see the Most Holy Theotokos and writes of his encounter in one of his books. He was also present at her Dormition.

Seeing St. Paul martyred in Rome, St. Dionysius desired to be a martyr as well. He went to Gaul, along with his presbyter Rusticus and the deacon Eleutherius, to preach the Gospel to the barbarians. There his suffering was equalled only by his success in converting many pagans to Christianity.

In the year 96, St. Dionysius was seized and tortured for Christ, along with Rusticus and Eleutherius, and all three were beheaded under the reign of the Emperor Domitian. St. Dionysius' head rolled a rather long way until it came to the feet of Catula, a Christian. She honorably buried it along with his body.

