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17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. The Protection (Pokrov) of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary . Apostle of the Seventy Ananias (1st c.). Ven. Romanus the Melodist ("Sweet-singer"—5th c.). Ven. Savva (Sabbas), Abbot of Vishera (Novgorod—1461). Martyr Dominus of Thessalonica (4th c.). Martyr Michael, Abbot in Armenia, and 36 Fathers with him (780-790). Commemoration of the Appearance of the Pillar with the Robe of the Lord under it at Mtskheta in Georgia (4th c.). Ven. John (Koukouzelis) the Hymnographer of Mt. Athos (Albanian—12th c.). Ven. Gregory of Lavra (Mt. Athos—12th c.). The PSKOV-PROTECTION Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos.

Upcoming Divine Services and Ministry

Saturday, September 30, 6:00pm	Great Vespers
Sunday, October 1, 9:00am	3 rd and 6 th Hours, Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, October 4, 7:00pm	Little Compline and Catechism
Friday, October 6, 7:00pm	Little Compline and Topic or Book Study
Saturday, October 7, 6:00pm	Great Vespers
Sunday, October 8, 9:00am	3 rd and 6 th Hours, Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, October 11, 7:00pm	Little Compline and Catechism
Friday, October 13, 7:00pm	Little Compline and Topic or Book Study
Saturday, October 14, 8:00am	Men's Breakfast and Projects
6:00pm	Great Vespers
Sunday, October 15, 9:00am	3 rd and 6 th Hours, Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, October 18, 7:00pm	Little Compline and Catechism
Friday, October 20, 7:00pm	Little Compline and Topic or Book Study
Saturday, October 21, 6:00pm	Great Vespers
Sunday, October 22, 9:00am	3 rd and 6 th Hours, Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, October 25, 7:00pm	Little Compline and Catechism
Thursday, October 26, 6:30pm	Serving at the Altar Workshop
Friday, October 27, 7:00pm	Little Compline and Topic or Book Study
Saturday, October 28, 6:00pm	Great Vespers
Sunday, October 29, 9:00am	3 rd and 6 th Hours, Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, November 1, 7:00pm	Little Compline and Catechism
Friday, November 3, 7:00pm	Little Compline and Topic or Book Study

The Primate of the Orthodox Church in America is His Beatitude, The Most-Blessed Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada. Our Bishop is His Grace, the Right Reverend Alexander, Bishop of Dallas and the South, and the Bulgarian Diocese.

Church School year is underway and off to a good start. Parents, please help your children foster a commitment to attend and to work with them by reviewing some of the material at home. We look forward to a good year of study about the Orthodox Christian Faith.

We are on the schedule to host His Eminence, Archbishop Alexander, the weekend of November 4-5. Since this is prior to the beginning of the Nativity Fast we will look forward to lavishing our love and hospitality upon him outside of a fasting season. This visit will also allow for the ordination of Reader John (Charles) Hedrick to the Diaconate, and for other tonsuring of Readers and Subdeacons. Fr. David will be speaking with candidates for these lower orders.

There will be a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, October 14 at 8:00am. We will prepare to accomplish some tasks around the property after breakfast and a brief presentation.

The Women's Book Reading Group meeting in October we will be discussing "Everywhere Present" by Father Stephen Freeman. For **November** we are tackling "Laurus" by Eugene Vodolaskin. It's a fiction book recently translated from Russian and won awards in Russia. It has some Orthodox themes. Please think about hosting the group meetings and let Lisa Robertson or Susan Skirpan know that you would like to host.

Fr. David and Matushka Catherine will spend a few days away from home while still serving/attending the weekend services between October 6-13. He will check email and voice/text messages, but may not be available to respond immediately.

Ema and Aleksei ask your prayers as she continues to keep her hope and trust in God facing her prolonged struggle with cancer. As of this edition of the bulletin, she is in the North Hospital (MCV) on the 10th floor, Room 11 (1011). They welcome your visits, but understand that Ema may be resting and your visit may need to be short, or come prepared to read the Psalter or prayers while Ema rests. Her sister arrived Saturday, and will be with her through Monday. As decisions are made regarding her treatment or location, we will try to update everyone by email messaging. It may be best to contact Aleksei to confirm Ema's location before making a visit later this week.

Father David and Matushka Catherine have been preparing their house to be listed for sale in order to satisfy an agreement to purchase a house nearer the Church building. They ask you understanding while living in a "staged" house for sale, likely not having access to many things that are packed up until a transition is complete, and also for your prayers that God's will be done in this endeavor.

Tone 8 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!
Thou didst accept the three day burial
to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Tone 4 Troparion *(for the Protection)*

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy,
illuminated by thy coming, O Mother of God.
Beholding thy pure image, we fervently cry to thee:
“Encompass us beneath the precious veil of thy protection;
deliver us from every form of evil
by entreating Christ, thy Son and our God,//
that He may save our souls.”

Tone 4 Troparion *(for Venerable Romanus)*

Thou didst gladden Christ's Church by thy melodies
like an inspired heavenly trumpet.
Thou wast enlightened by the Mother of God
and didst shine on the world as God's poet.//
We lovingly honor thee, O righteous Romanus.

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrected Adam.
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,
and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O
greatly Merciful One!

Tone 8 Kontakion *(for Venerable Romanus)*

Thou wast adorned from childhood with the godly virtues of the Spirit;
thou wast a precious adornment of the Church of Christ, all-wise
Romanus,
for thou didst make it lovely with beautiful hymnody.
Therefore we entreat thee, grant thy divine gift to those who desire it,
that we may cry out to thee: “Rejoice, all-blessed Father, beauty of the
Church!”

Tone 3 Kontakion *(for the Protection)*

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 worship,
Apostles and Prophets rejoice together.//

since for our sake she prays to the pre-eternal God.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (*Resurrection*)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (Ps 75/76:11)

v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (*Song of the Theotokos*)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

(Lk 1:46-47)

Epistle 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 Hebrews 9:1-7 (*Protection*)

Tone 8 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps 94/95:1)

v: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps 94/95:2)

v. Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear! (Ps 44/45:10)

Gospel Luke 6:31-36 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (*Protection*)

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

(Ps 115/116:13)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!

During the month of October, there will be a transition to a monthly “newsletter” that will focus on the calendar, events, and other publication of helpful writings. The weekly “bulletin” will focus on the order of the Divine Services for Saturday evening and Sunday Morning to assist understanding and participation in singing the services. We hope to have this functioning for the month of November.