

ST. MARY'S BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST...PROTECTION OF THEOTOKOS

SAT. 4:30 p.m. +Martha Ilko by Steve & Pat Brinko Page 125, 261

SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

MON. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

TUE. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

WED. 10:30 a.m. +Bobanic Family by Barnett Family

THU. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

FRI. 10:30 a.m. +Theodore Edgar in Loving Memory by wife, Joni



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Oct. 8, 2023

SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Tom & Marge Hritzo by Children

Protected by Your appearance, O Mother of God; today we devout people solemnly celebrate. Gazing upon Your most pure icon, we fervently say: Protect us with Your holy veil, and deliver us from all evil, imploring Your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls.

CHURCH DONATIONS Sept.24, 2023

Candles \$ 8.00 Monthly Dues \$2.00

Maintenance \$75.00

Offertory..... \$ 1,115.00

THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's, Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your prayers, kindness and encouragement you offered to us throughout John's vocational journey. It has meant so much to us. Also, thank you for your generous gift of money. We plan to use it for John's Spring vestments. God bless you all.

Sincerely, Deacon John & Jennifer

PLEASE SAY YOUR NAME

Deacon John Welch, who has been appointed to serve here at St. Mary's will be distributing Communion and this will help him to know the names of our Parishioners.

SOCIAL GAMES

Games are played every Sunday...Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Games begin at 6:30 p.m. Don't' miss out on our Great Prizes!!

SUPER BINGO

Our **SECOND SUPER BINGO** ...will be held Oct. 14...Doors open at 2:00 p.m Price is \$45.00 which includes a Spaghetti Dinner. To purchase tickets call the office 792 1578 Mon -Fri 9-5 p.m. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR...**You do not want to miss out.!

May the sun bring you new energy by day. May the moon softly restore you by night. May the rain wash away your worries. May the breeze blow new strength into your being. May you walk gently

THE PROTECTING VEIL OF THE THEOTOKOS



The church has always glorified the most holy Mother of God as the Protectress and Defender of the Christian people, entreating, by her intercession, God's loving kindness towards us sinners. The Mother of God's aid has been clearly shown times without number, both to individuals and to peoples, both in peace and in war, both in monastic deserts and in crowded cities. The event that the Church commemorates and celebrates this week proves this constant protection of the Christian people by the Mother of God. On October 1st, 911 in the time of the Emperor Leo the Wise (or the Philosopher), there was an all night vigil at

the Blachernae church of the Mother of God in Constantinople. The church was crowded. St. Andrew the Fool for Christ was standing at the back of the church with his disciple Epiphanius. At four o'clock in the morning, the most holy Mother of God appeared above the people with a veil spread over her outstretched hands, as though to protect them with this covering. She was clad in gold-encrusted purple and shone with an unspeakable radiance, surrounded by apostles, saints, martyrs and virgin. Seeing this vision, St. Andrew gestured towards it and asked Epiphanius: 'Do you see how the Queen and Lady of all is praying for the whole world?' Epiphanius replied: 'Yes, Father, I see it and stand in dread.' As a result, this commemoration was instituted to remind us both of this event and of the Mother of God's constant protection whenever we prayerfully seek that protection, that shelter, in distress.

The veil became the symbol of the protection and intercession of the Blessed

PERSONALITY ...CHARACTER

There's such a thing in human nature as character. It's not quite the same as personality. Generally, personality is something you can't help. It comes from good health, good looks, and a particular kind of nervous system. Character, on the other hand, is something acquired painstakingly. Personality attracts a lot of curious interest. Character commands respect and admiration.

TO OVERCOME EVIL

The temptation that besets us every day is to repay evil with evil; to be hateful when we are hated; to be vengeful when we are offended. It is the old "eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth" method of living. Life can never be improved that way. It can be improved only by confronting the spirit of evil with the spirit of good.

If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it. Happy moments, praise God. Difficult moments, seek God. Quiet moments, worship God. Painful moments, trust God.

Every moment, THANK GOD!

TRUST GOD ALONE

We all want someone to lean on and we all feel alone and we all rebel against freedom and responsibility. We always will. But we just have to take it. The only remedy is prayer and usually we will put off that and look for someone to lean on and give us comfort. We might as well make up our minds that we are not going to find it. We may think we find it but such support crumbles under us.

You can depend on nobody but God and yourself. It is a hard enough fight controlling oneself without trying to control others. I always feel that we should expect everything from people...they are a little less than angels and then on the other hand, be surprised or disappointed about nothing, remembering they are but dust.