

Icon of the Mother of God "the Joy of All Who Sorrow":

Icon of the Mother of God "the Joy of All Who Sorrow" Commemorated on **October 24**

The wonderworking "Joy of All Who Sorrow" Icon of the Mother of God was glorified in the year 1688. Euphymia, the sister of Patriarch Joachim (1674-1690), lived at Moscow and suffered from an incurable illness for a long time. One morning during a time of prayer she heard a voice say, "Euphymia! Go to the temple of the Transfiguration of My Son; there you will find an icon called the "Joy of All Who Sorrow." Have the priest celebrate a Molieben with the blessing of water, and you will receive healing from sickness." Euphymia did as she was directed by the Most Holy Theotokos, and she was healed. This occurred on October 24, 1688.

Icon's Design

The design of this icon depicts the Theotokos, a most beautiful blossom of heaven, standing among the flowers of paradise. Her Son is visible above her in the clouds, the King of heaven and earth. Along both sides of the icon, framing the Mother of God, are suppliants (us), asking for her intercession. She stands with her arms spread open and her head tilted as if listening. The tenderness and kindness of a loving mother are evident in her face. She stands in paradise and yet among us.

Hymn

*O Most-holy Mother of God, "Joy of All Who Sorrow,"
Grant thy mercy to us sinners.*

*Thy Son now sits on the throne of the Eternal Kingdom,
And all our troubles thou seest; thou knowest them as they occur.*

*Thou hast always prayed to Christ God for the faithful,
And hast relieved much pain and misery of the sorrowful.*

*O Holy Virgin, never cease, to the end of time,
To pray for the salvation of our race.*

*God hast made thee even more glorious than the Seraphim:
O hasten to us, O Joy of all who sorrow!*

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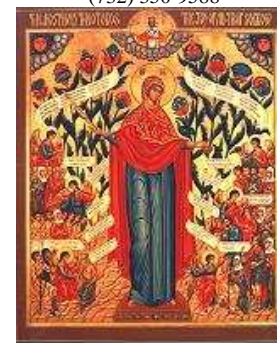
Sunday Bulletin

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**Christ is in our
midst!**

**He is and always
will be!**

**The Joy of All the
Sorrowful**

*We have no other help, we have no other hope,
Apart from thee, O sovereign Lady.
Come to our help. We hope in thee
And in thee we glory.
Let us not be confounded,
For we are thy servants.*

Kontakion - The Joy of All the Sorrowful

On this day the Church remembers:

Holy Apostle James (Jacob), the Brother of the Lord (ca. 63 A.D.) • Translation of the Relics of Bl. Jacob (James) of Borovichí, Wonderworker of Novgorod (ca. 1540) • St. Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople (877-8)

October 23, 2011

Tone 2 of the Octoechos.

19th Sunday after Pentecost
5th Sunday of Luke

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For eternal memory of:**

Clara, offered by her son, Charles

For the health of:

Uncle **George** on his birthday, offered by Linda and Richard

Daughter **Erin** on her birthday, offered by Charles and Nina

Readings:

- 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

- Luke 16:19-31

- Galatians 1:11-19 (Saint James)
- Matthew 13:54-58 (Saint James)

BRETHREN, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Ar'etas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Sunday service:

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

(General Confession – 9 50 AM on the first Sunday of each month)

Church School - 9:30 AM

Coffee hour after Liturgy

(no classes 1st Sunday of each month)

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Announcements:

- **Our parish's anniversary dinner** will be held on **Sunday November 13th**. Cost of the dinner will be \$10.00 per adult. Parishioners and their guests may **make reservations for the dinner at the candle stand**. No advance purchase is necessary. Tickets will be sold outside of our parish beginning on November 1st. **Seating at the dinner will be limited to 60 people, so please make your reservations as soon as possible**. The dinner menu will be ethnic specialties. Invite your friends and family!
- **Pannikhida Services** - The Church Council asks that all Pannikhida Services be restricted to the 3rd Sunday of each month. The Pannikhida, if requested, will be celebrated right after the Liturgy and before Coffee Hour. From ancient times it has been an established custom to remember the dead on the 3rd, 9th, and 40th day after their repose. The parish will still respect this tradition, but for the anniversary of death, or for the name day of our deceased loved ones, etc., we would like to have this service monthly on the same Sunday. (Arrangements can be made through Fr. Boris)
- **Church School will not meet on the first Sunday of each month** so that the students will be on time for General Confession.

Special Announcements:

- **Cookie Fundraiser is Coming!** Catalogs and order forms for gourmet cookie dough will be available October 30. All orders and money will be due November 13. This is a great opportunity for gift giving or making your own Christmas cookies and helping the church at the same time. Please consider giving your support.
- **The Church School** is in need of a preschool teacher to work with our youngest students. The requirements are: the ability to arrive at Church by 9:30 for three out of four weeks a month (no Sunday School on the first Sunday of the month), patience with young children, and basic knowledge of our faith. **No home preparation will be necessary**, as all lesson plans will be prepared for you in advance. Please see Maribeth Romanofsky if interested.