

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For the health of:**

Susan Coll-Guedes on her birthday, offered by the Guedes family.

Readings:

I Corinthians 9:2-12 (*11th Sunday after Pentecost*)

I Timothy 2:1-7 (*Liturgical New Year*)

Colossians 3:12-16 (*Saint*)

Matthew 18:23-35 (*11th Sunday after Pentecost*)

Luke 4:16-22 (*Liturgical New Year*)

Matthew 11:27-30 (*Saint*)

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Saturday service:

Vespers – 6:30 PM

(Private Confession – After Vespers by appointment.)

Sunday service:

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

(General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)

(Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd 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:

- The Sisterhood would like to thank Susan Coll-Guedes for her generous donation of time and supplies needed to make our Paint and Sip Party a complete success. Through Susan's generosity we were able to raise \$360.00 for the sisterhood! Thank you Susan!
- **Memorial Plaque:** The \$25.00 donation for the submission of names has been **extended until today September 1, 2019.** (After today, it will return to \$100 per name.) There is now a sheet at the candle stand to submit names.
- The parish is happy to announce that His Grace, **Archbishop Michael will visit our parish Saturday, September 28th for Vespers at 6:30 pm and on Sunday September 29th for Divine Liturgy.** During the Sunday Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Archbishop Michael will ordain Subdeacon Edward Dawson to the Holy Diaconate.
- **After Vespers on September 28th, a light supper will be served in our community room.** Everyone planning on attending the supper is asked to RSVP as soon as possible by signing up on the sheet at the candle stand.
- **On Sunday September 29th we will be celebrating after the Liturgy with a luncheon at Cousin Mario's restaurant in Mays Landing.** Tickets for the luncheon are \$25 per person, \$11 for children 6 through 9, children 5 and under are free. Please RSVP for the luncheon by using the sign-up sheet at the candle stand. Tickets need to be purchased by September 22nd, please see Tammy Zimmerman or Linda Dantine.

Church School News

- Due to the teachers' outside commitments and the ordination event in September, **church school will not begin until October 6th.** Please note these changes to the schedule: **All classes will meet every Sunday** (The 9:30 classes will no longer miss the first Sunday of the month.) The second & third grade class (Primary 2) will now meet after Communion. (This class previously met at 9:30.) The upper Elementary class (grades 4-8) will continue to meet at 9:30. Because of the late start and the need to cover certain material, families are asked to make every effort to attend church school every week. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Reminders:

- The Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2019/9/1>

Church New Year (Indiction)

The first day of the Church New Year is also called the beginning of the Indiction. The term Indiction comes from a Latin word meaning, “to impose.” It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine (May 21) saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on September 1.

According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2), the Savior proclaimed, “The spirit of the Lord is upon me; because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord...” This scene is depicted in a Vatican manuscript (Vatican, Biblioteca. Cod. Gr. 1613, p.1).

Tradition says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.

*You were a pillar of patient endurance,
having imitated the Forefathers, O Venerable One:*

Job in suffering and Joseph in temptations.

*You lived like the Bodiless Ones while yet in the flesh, O Simeon, our
Father.*

Beseech Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Troparion St Simeon - Tone 1

O Creator and Master of time and the ages,

Triune and Merciful God of all:

grant blessings for the course of this year,

*and in Your boundless mercy save those who worship You and cry out in
fear:*

“O Savior, grant blessings to all mankind!”

Kontakion Indiction - Tone 4

Seeking the things of the Highest,

and having made a fiery chariot, you were joined to the heights.

*Therefore, you have become a companion to the Angels, O Venerable
Simeon,*

and with them you are praying incessantly to Christ God for us all

Kontakion (St Simeon) - Tone 2

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**Glory to Jesus
Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

Church New Year (Indiction)

O Creator of the Universe,

You appointed times by Your own power;

bless the crown of this year with Your goodness, O Lord!

Preserve in safety Your rulers and Your cities:

and through the intercessions of the Theotokos, save us!

Troparion Indiction - Tone 2

Today the Church remembers:

Church New Year (Indiction). St. Simeon the Stylite (the Elder) and his mother, Ven. Martha (ca. 428). Martyr Aithalas of Persia (380). Holy Forty Women Martyrs and Martyr Ammon the Deacon, their teacher, at Heraclea in Thrace (4th c.). Martyrs Callista and her brothers, Evodius and Hermogenes, at Nicomedia (309). Righteous Joshua the Son of Nun (16th c. B.C.). Synaxis of the Most-holy Theotokos in the Miasenga Monastery (commemorating the finding of her Icon there—864). The “CHERNIGOV-GETHSEMANE” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (1869).

September 1, 2019

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