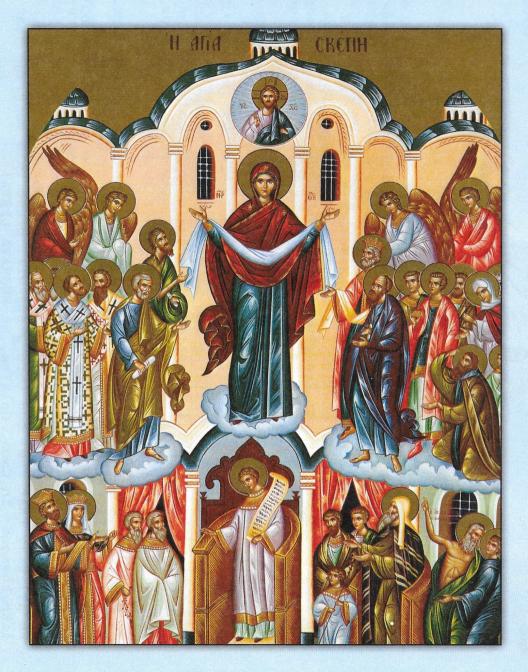
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Protection of the Theotokos -- October 1st

A Gift From God

It was mother's birthday and the whole family gathered while mother opened her gifts.

As she unwrapped the paper and ribbons from her gifts, her four-year-old daughter picked up

a discarded bow and placed it on her mother's head. She giggled and said, "Look! Mommy

what the little girl said had been indeed realized: that mother is a gift, a gift from God! Our Lord gives us many gifts during

is a gift!" Everyone laughed until the truth of

the course of our life. One precious gift that He has given to all mankind from one generation to the next is the gift of His own mother, the Holy Virgin Mary. Just as our own mothers

love us, comfort us, and protect us from things that could harm us, so, too, does the Mother

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before her Son and our God. On October 1st we celebrate the Feast

of the Protection of the Mother of God. On this day, the Church remembers and celebrates the

occasion when the Mother of God appeared in a vision to Saint Andrew in the church at Blanchernae in Constantinople. In this vision

she appeared over the Holy City with her omo-

phorion (mantle) outstretched in a protective

manner, promising shelter from harm. This image of the Holy Virgin has been emblazoned upon the hearts of all Christians

since then. We can all turn to the Mother of God in time of distress and know that our prayers will always be heard. She is, indeed, one of our greatest gifts from God!

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Khristoo!

Se. 25-26, 2021 The 18th Sunday

OUR PARISH SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin classes this Sunday, the 26th of September, at 11 am on-line via Google Meet. Our parish policy is that every child, from PreSchool through highschool, must attend this program. This program is free and a great service for all our families. We are convinced that the future of our Parish depends on this school program, such that without a successful school program there will be no future for our churchhere in Bridgeport. So So beam up our parish web-site and sign up your children today!

THIS WEEKEND WE WILL LIVESTREAM the holy liturgy on Sunday at 9 am. And next weekend we will livestream once again on Saturday the 2nd of October at 6 pm. Please inform all your family members, friends and relatives about this wonderful opportunity to pray with us.

TO BE BURIED SATURDAY: Joseph and Patricia Watson of Bridgeport. Burial services will be held in our Cemetery at 11 am Sep. 25. We pray that the merciful Lord Jesus will take this couple home to Paradise and make their memory eternal. VICHNAYA PAMYAT!

TO BE MARRIED SATURDAY: Irene Walters and James Montague, 2 pm. We all pray that the Good Lord Jesus will bless this marriage just like the one in Cana, Galilee, NA MNOHAYA LEETA!

THE BASILIAN SISTERS, Fox Chase, will hold their annual pilgrimage at their Motherhouse in honor of Mary the Theotokos next Sunday, OCT. 3 at 11 am. All our faithful are invited to attend this beautiful event to pray with the Sisters and our Archbishop Borys.

THE BRIDGEPORT COUNCIL of the Knights of Columbus will visit our parish and church next weekend to gather donations for the Pro-Life movement and assist single mothers. Please be generous to aid this worthy cause.

WE ARE SO VERY GRATEFUL TO OUR DEAR FAITHFUL AND FRIENDS for their donations to our Church, both by mail and in person. It is your love that keeps our parish sound and solvent and also keeps Father Ronald preaching and teaching as your Pastor. May God love and keep all of you and your loved ones healthy and joyous today and tomorrow!

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Sep. 25, 6 pm Sunday, Sep. 26, 9 am

Saturday, Oct. 2, 6 pm

Sunday, Oct. 4, 9 am

THEOTOKOS TROPAR:

evil by beseechging Your Son, Jesus the Christ, to save our souls amen.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

+Neonila Sawka (Daughter Olha) +Mary, Steve, Howard (Joann Colt) +John, Walt Grohoski (Nancy Auton)

+Wolodymyr, Olha (The Dychdala Fam.) O Theotokos, today we Christians celebrate your feast, as we gaze at your icon. and pray: "Protect us with your precious patronage, deliver us from all

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE ...

The Virgin stands today in church and in-THEOTOKOS KONDAK: visably prays to God for us. The angels and the prophets worship God, as the pontiffs and angels adore God. The Apostles and Angels exult, for the Mother of God prays to God for us.

My soul glorifes the Lord today, amen.

COVE, Tr. Condol.