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***TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE PROTECTION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS***

Epistle: Galatians (1:11-19)

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me it not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Gospel: Luke (10:38-42) (11:27-28)

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part which will not be taken away from her." And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

TROPARION TONE III

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown might with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first-born of

the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted the world great mercy!

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS – TROPARION TONE IV

O Mother of God, we the right faithful people, celebrate today with splendor, and gazing at your all-precious image, we say with compunction: Cover us with your precious veil and deliver us from all evil, entreating your Son, Christ our God, that He save our souls.

**TRANSFER OF THE RELICS OF ST. NICHOLAS, WONDERWORKER
TROPARION – TONE IV**

The day of the joyous celebration has come; the city of Bar rejoices and with it the whole universe leaps from joy, singing the spiritual songs and psalms. For today, the holy feast, on the occasion of the transfer of the honorable and exceedingly healing relics of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, has shone forth with the radiant rays, like the sun that does not set, driving away the darkness of temptations and calamities from those who faithfully exclaim to thee: "Save us, as our protector, O great Nicholas!"

KONTAKION TONE III

On this day You did rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power!

KONTAKION TONE III

TRANSFER OF THE HOLY RELICS OF ST. NICHOLAS, WONDERWORKER

Your relics, O Saint Nicholas, came out as a star from the east to the west. The sea was sanctified by your journey, and the city of Bar, through you, has received the grace. For working for us, you have appeared as an excellent, wonderful and merciful Wonderworker.

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS – KONTAKION TONE III

Today the Virgin stands forth in the church, and with the choirs of the saints she invisibly prays to God for us. Angels and hierarchs offer homage, and the apostles and prophets join chorus, for our sake the Theotokos entreats the pre-eternal God.

KONTAKION OF THE THEOTOKOS - TONE VI

Steadfast protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the Creator: do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you do always protect those who honor you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today – Forty day parastos for +Nikola ðNickö Veselinovich. Vjecnaja Pamjat! Memory eternal!

Many **new** spiritual books are available to purchase at the tutorø desk. Please take a look at the various titles and acquire them for the benefit of our church and for the enrichment of your soul.

Skolarac Serbian Language Classes – Have begun from 4:00 ó 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs hall. Ages 3-5 years old. Still interested? Sign-up at:

www.skolarac.org

Tiny Tammies – Meets on Mondays from 6:00-6:30 p.m. in the parish home for ages 3-6 years old. Contact Sonja Capuzzi: sonjacapuzzi@gmail.com

October is Orthodox Youth Month:

"Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth." (Ecclesiastes 12:1)

This month, we celebrate the contributions and needs of our Orthodox youth.

Therefore, we call upon our youth to share in the many opportunities to minister in the Church. **The youth are encouraged to read the Epistle, chant and sing in the choir, help distribute bulletins, pass around the offering plate, assist in church school, and help serve drinks and snacks after Divine Liturgy.** Active participation for all our parishioners, youth and adults alike, is glorious before Godø eyes. Let us remember the examples who have gone before us, ðThey continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:42)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today: Triple B Farm field trip for Church School. Lunch is available before we leave for the day!

October 20th: **Tamburitzans concert, dinner and dance** ó Tickets are still available for the concert. See Sandy Mireles after Liturgy or call her at: 412-616-2699. Baked goods are being requested for the dinner/dance following the concert. If you are willing to contribute, contact Natalia Petrulli at nataliapetrulli@gmail.com or Janice Smargie at 412-351-5193 or jsmargie@msn.com

October 28th: Kolo Srpskih Sestara Slava celebration of Sveta Petka

October 31st: St. Peter I, Metropolitan and Wonderworker of Cetinje; Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke ó Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

REMINDERS

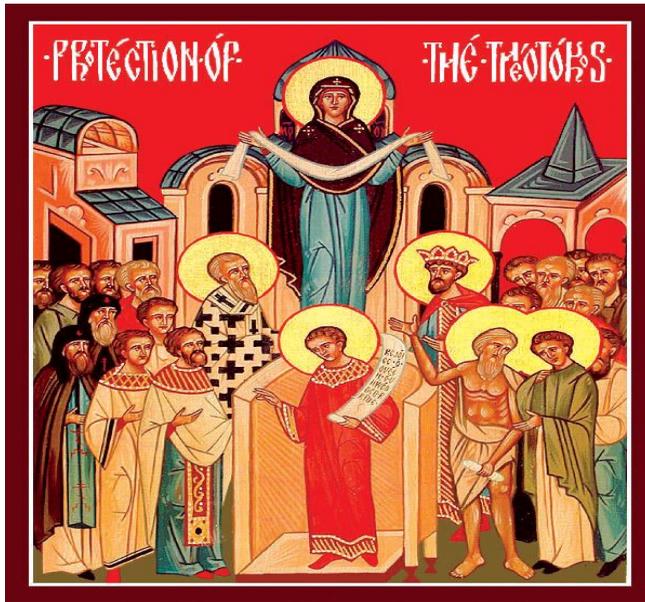
Adult Bible Study – Bible study every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Vespers ó Saturday evening 6:00 p.m. Confession 6:30 p.m.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

THE FEAST OF THE PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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 on October 14th proves this constant protection of the Christian people by the Mother of God. On October 14th, 911, in the time of the Emperor Leo the Wise (or the Philosopher), there was an all-night vigil at the Blachemae 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 virgins. Seeing this vision, St. Andrew gestured towards it and asked Epiphanius, ðDo you see how the Queen and Lady of all is praying for the whole world?ö Epiphanius replied, ðYes, Father; I see it and stand in dread.ö 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.



About the icon

Two different events that took place four hundred years apart are combined in this one icon. Both events took place in the former Church of Blachernae in Constantinople.

The [icon](#) of the feast, Protection of the Mother of God, shows the [Theotokos](#) standing above the faithful with her arms outstretched in prayer and draped with a veil. On the lower right of most icons of this feast, are saints Andrew and his disciple Epiphanius who saw this vision of the Mother of God, with the twelve apostles, bishops, holy women, monks and martyrs, spreading her veil in protection over the [congregation](#). St. Epiphanius gestures in astonishment at the miraculous appearance to St. Andrew, [Fool-for-Christ](#).

Below the Theotokos, in the center of the icon, stands a young man with a [halo](#), he is clothed in a [deacon](#)'s [sticharion](#). In his left hand, he is holding an open scroll with the text of the [Kontakion](#) for [Nativity in honor of the Mother of God](#). This is St. [Romanus the Melodist](#), the famous [hymnographer](#) whose feast is also celebrated on the same day. He is attended by the [Emperor Leo the Wise](#) together with the Patriarch of Constantinople.

