

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

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Sundays: Divine Liturgy, 11:00 a.m.

Saturdays: Vespers, 5:00 p.m.

Holy Days: Vespers, 6:00 p.m.; Divine Liturgy, 7:00 p.m.

Confessions: Before Liturgy; Upon Request or Appointment

HOLY CROSS MISSION COLUMBIA, South Carolina

Meets at Transfiguration Catholic Church
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Divine Liturgy: *2nd Sunday of the Month, 5:00 p.m.*

Confessions: Before Liturgy; Upon Request or Appointment

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Next Divine Liturgy: Sunday, September 23, 5:00 pm

Confessions: Before Liturgy; Upon Request or Appointment

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Feasts & Readings For The Week

SUNDAY

**18th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 1)
Conception of St. John the Baptist**

Matins
John 20:1-20 (Matins Gospel 7)

Divine Liturgy
2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Luke 5:1-11

MONDAY

**Holy First-Martyr & Equal-to-the-Apostles
Thekla**

Philippians 1:1-7
Luke 4:37-44

TUESDAY

Venerable Mother Euphrosyne

Philippians 1:8-14
Luke 5:12-18

WEDNESDAY

**Passing of the Holy Apostle & Evangelist
John the Theologian**

1 John 4:12-19
John 19:25-27; 21:24-25

THURSDAY

**Holy Martyr Callistratus and His Companions
Venerable Father Nilus**

Philippians 1:20-27
Luke 6:12-19

FRIDAY

**Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton
Holy Viacheslav
Synaxis of the Fathers of the Monastery of the
Caves in Kiev (Kyiv)**

2 Corinthians 4:6-15
Luke 6:17-23

SATURDAY

Venerable Father Cyriacus the Anchorite

1 Corinthians 15:58-16:3
Luke 5:17-26

NEXT SUNDAY

19th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 2)

Matins
John 20:11-18 (Matins Gospel 8)

Divine Liturgy
2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9
Luke 6:31-36



TOWN HALL MEETING

St. Basil the Great, Charlotte will have a town hall meeting after Sunday Divine Liturgy and fellowship on September 30. At this meeting, among other regular pastoral and financial matters, we will be considering the recent parish location survey. Please make every effort to attend and participate.

REGISTRATION FORMS

If you have not yet filled out a parish registration form, doing so would help the clergy to keep up to speed with parishioners' contact information and other important data, such as anniversaries. To access the registration form, simply visit our parish website and click on "Mission," then "Registration."

AKATHIST PRAYER GROUP

A few faithful have already enrolled themselves to pray the Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos for the needs of our parish and Church. Our goal is to have at least one person or family praying the Akathist every day of the week. Thus far, enrollments have been made for Tuesdays and Fridays. If you would like to enroll yourselves or your families, please email us at stbasilcharlotte@gmail.com, indicating which day(s) of the week you would like to take. Please let us know of any special prayer intentions.

LITURGICAL MUSIC

LITURGICAL CHANT CONFERENCE

October 5-7, 2018

The Patriarchal Liturgical Commission and our Eparchy are hosting the first Liturgical Chant Conference ("Sing Con") in Parma, Ohio. Experts will lead valuable and rare practical workshops in our traditional liturgical chant, set in a context of prayer and fellowship. Please speak with Fr. Joseph if you are still interested in attending. Thus far, no participants are registered from St. Basil the Great, Charlotte. If this should be rectified, please speak with Fr. Joseph without delay.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

"CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN"

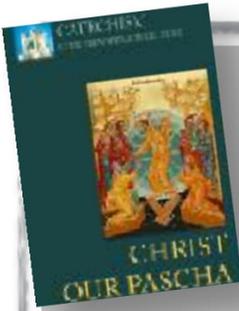
PILGRIMAGE & RETREAT

December 27, 2018 - January 3, 2019

The Eastern Catholic Young Adult Pilgrimage & Retreat to Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Redwood Valley, California, will take place from December 27, 2018 until January 3, 2019. Fr. Abbot Damien Higgins will lead the young adult pilgrims from the United States and Canada in prayer, spiritual talks, and meditation. The pilgrimage will also feature daily excursions and fellowship. Since there are a few spots remaining, there is still a chance to attend. Please speak with Fr. Joseph.

SPIRITUALLY ADOPT A PRIEST

Become a second "soul" to a bishop, priest, or seminarian in our eparchy, by offering daily prayers, fasting, and other supplications for their sanctification. To participate, please email your name & address to: spirituallyadoptapriest@gmail.com. Or you can log onto stjosaphatcathedral.com. Thank you for interceding on behalf of our priests.



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

The Father Without Beginning

Just as the Father cannot be circumscribed, so also his incomprehensibility attests to the impossibility of reducing the Personhood of God to any forms of expression used by human beings, whether through image or word. God the Father is not portrayed on icons, because the Father did not become incarnate, nor take on the image of a human being. The Father is revealed by his only-begotten Son, who is the "image of the invisible God" (Cor 1:15). (# 84)

Wisdom From The Fathers

The Conception of the Venerable Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John: The holy Prophet Malachi prophesied that before the Messiah's birth His Forerunner would appear, and would indicate His coming. The Jews therefore in awaiting the Messiah also awaited the appearance of His Forerunner. In a city of the hills of Judea in the land of Palestine lived the righteous priest St Zachariah and his wife St Elizabeth, zealously observing the commandments of the Lord. The couple, however, had a misfortune: they remained childless in their old age, and they prayed unceasingly to God to grant them a child. Once, when St Zachariah took his turn as priest at the Temple of Jerusalem, he went into the Sanctuary to offer incense. Going behind the veil of the Sanctuary, he beheld an angel of God standing at the right side of the altar of incense. St Zachariah was astonished and halted in fear, but the angel said to him, "Fear not, Zachariah, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John." But Zachariah did not believe the words of the heavenly messenger, and then the angel said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you the good news. Behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words...." Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zachariah and they were astonished that he had not come out from the Sanctuary after so long a time. And when he did come out, he was supposed to pronounce a blessing upon the people, but could not do so because he had been struck speechless. When Zachariah explained by gestures that he was unable to speak, the people then understood that he had experienced a vision. The prophecy of the Archangel was fulfilled, and Righteous Elizabeth was delivered from her barrenness, and gave birth to John, the Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord.

*From the Prologue of Ochrid
On the Conception of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptizer of the Lord, John*



Lviv, September 10, 2018

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*Rev. and Very Rev. Parish Priests
And Catechists*

Praised be Jesus Christ!

"If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!" (1 Cor 9, 16)

Dear Catechists!

I sincerely greet you on the Day of the catechist!

Approaching the apostles, who were leaving Jerusalem and were discussing what had happened, Jesus proceeds, accompanied them, to explain to them the Sacred Scriptures (Ref. Luke 24, 13-35). Modern people also need leadership in their journey of faith throughout their lives. The Church provides this leadership through catechization. "The goal of catechesis, as the essential work of the Church, is to teach and to form Christians in the faith, leading them into fellowship with Jesus Christ and the Church community."¹

This year Synod of Bishops was dedicated to the topic of the Word of God and catechesis. A lot of attention was devoted to questions who are catechists and which persons are been catechized. In their resolutions and the Post Synodal pastoral letter, the Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church reflected on the state of the announcement of the Word of God and catechetical teaching in our Church. They have proposed in their norms, that having properly read the signs of the times, we must unite all our efforts to fulfill our very important mission of catechetical service. The Post Synodal letter will be published soon. I invite you to carefully read this document of the Synod, which is very important and timely for us, in that it calls on us to consider new methods of proclaiming the Word of God and the transferal of faith. We are very pleased that after much hard work and prayers, the Synod has for the very first time dedicated a pastoral letter on the Word of God and catechesis. As

¹ Catechism "Christ our Pascha", 54

catechesis is the constant and continued method of transferal of the faith to all the members of Christ's Church i. e. - children, youth, and adults.

At the Synod, due to my upcoming retirement, I have presented my intention to retire from the Catechetical Commission, after 25 years of service. It is of the fondest of memories that I remember my work with all of you in our eparchies and am very grateful for everything that we as a Church have been able to accomplish through prayer and hard work in the last 25 years. We can say that the catechetical apostolate has grown and matured throughout our Church.

I especially want to thank sr. Luiza Ciupa, SMI, who for the last 22 years has selflessly worked in our Church in the catechetical field. I want to thank God for all the coworkers in the catechetical service I have met over the past years.

I pray that the Holy Spirit will bless our new team, the new head of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission, Bishop David Motiuk and Mr. Nazar Duda, the new Vice Chair of the Commission.

We will all work with you, catechists so that our Church may be able to recognize the challenges that our mission will face in the coming years. A lot has been accomplished, but the possibilities of new and better service demand that we are able to respond to the challenges of the future.

I pray that our merciful God will bless you in your service for the good of our Church and our people. The goal of catechization is to better recognize the Person of Jesus Christ. The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother, and follower of Jesus, herself heard His words and believed it and gifted it to the world. She is always an example for us, on how to be followers of Jesus and how to lead others to Him. So that, thanks to our witness in the faith of the person of Christ, our student who today tells us "we want to see Jesus" (John 12,21) may in fact recognize Him and receive Him, and live in the unit with Him.

May the Mother of God lead us in our mission of listening and personalization of Word of God in our daily lines, that we may more deeply recognize the teaching of Christ and grow in faith and that we may with joy and enthusiasm pass it on.

With pray and gratitude,

May God bless you!



+ Peter (Stasiuk)

Head of Patriarchal Catechetical Commission