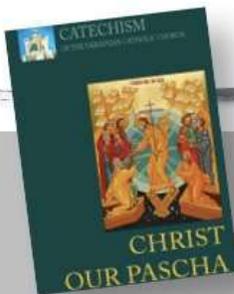


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Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

The spiritual life flows from God's action in us and for us: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have may have eternal life" (*Jn* 3:16). This action of God is also called a service, a "liturgy" of God for us: "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (*Mt* 20:28). Therefore the Christian's entire spiritual life is service to God and neighbor - "a liturgy of life." Thus, we join ourselves to God's service with our own service; the Divine liturgy becomes our personal liturgy, our service. To live this liturgical life means to show love for God and neighbor through thought, word and deed. (# 723)

FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR

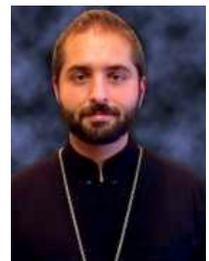
Glory to Jesus Christ!

The recent tragic events that seriously affected our nation have brought us once again to contemplate the meaning and significance of our lives in light of a fallen cosmos. We are challenged again to contextualize the reality of suffering within our faith. Although the situation might seem completely inexplicable, and although many have decided that it is easier completely to apostatize from the faith of our fathers rather than to struggle against a fallen world, the charitable testimony of people who arose to help their brothers and sisters in need offers us a renewed perspective of hope. Take a look at the picture on the front page of this newsletter, and you will see what it means not only to be a Catholic Christian, but also what it means to exhibit human decency towards others who are suffering around us. Our Catholic Christian faith is so valuable because it reminds us that the answer is somehow always bigger than us. The answer is always bigger than we could ever imagine it to be. Although we might question the point of it all, our faith reminds us that we can never hope to understand the mysteries of the universe completely. Human reason can only take us so far, and our faith has to “kick in” from there. It is difficult for us to understand the place of suffering in a fundamentally good world, but our faith reminds us that Christ is risen from the dead and has trampled death by His death. St. Paul wrote: “where sin increased, grace abounded all the more” (Romans 5:20). Where there is suffering – which is the result of our original sin – divine grace is sure to be present and available to us in a much more powerful way. With the start of each liturgical year, our Church begins anew the cycle of liturgical feasts. If you have not yet made a good “new years” resolution, it would be a good idea to make one today. Why not focus on the quote from *Christ our Pascha*, also given on the front page of this newsletter. Divine grace – our spiritual life – continually flows from God to the world. We merely “plug ourselves into” the outlet; we “tune ourselves into” the correct divine waves, so that divine grace might play the beautiful music of heaven even here on earth. Once we are fully living this life – as the catechism points out – “the Christian’s entire spiritual life is a service to God and neighbor.... To live this liturgical life means to show love for God and neighbor through thought, word, and deed.”

Blessings,

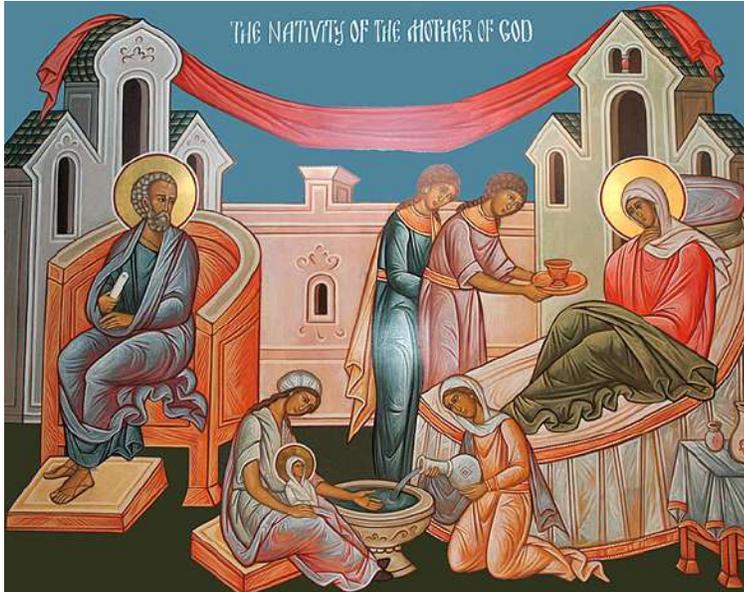


Fr. Joseph Matlak



SEPTEMBER 2017

UPCOMING MAJOR FEASTS



NATIVITY OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

Thursday, September 7

5:30pm:

GREAT VESPERS

6:30pm:

DIVINE LITURGY

EXALTATION OF THE PRECIOUS & LIFE-GIVING CROSS OF THE LORD

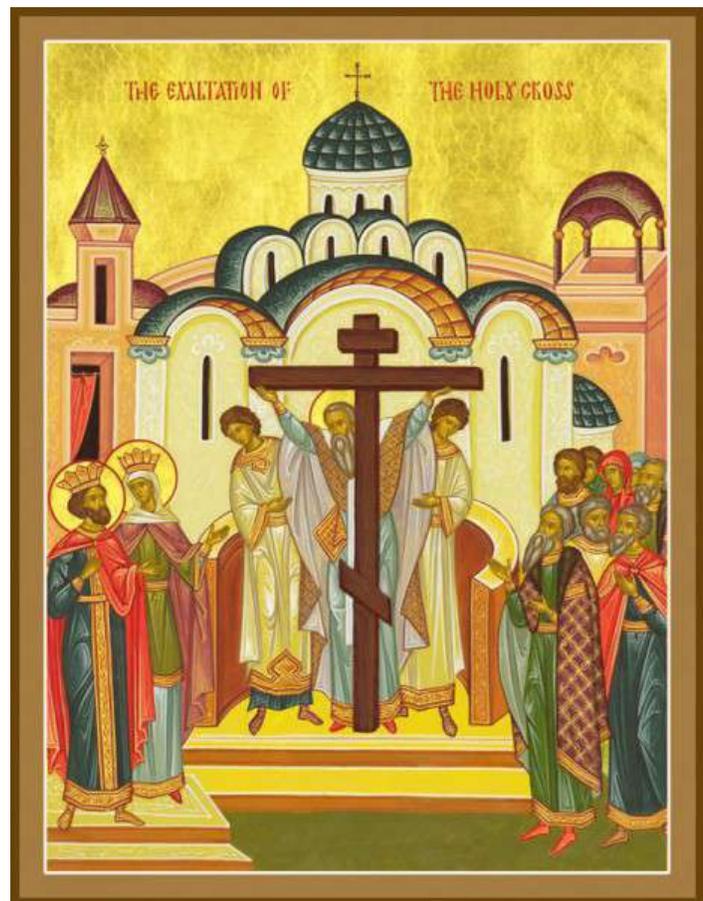
Wednesday, September 13

5:30pm:

GREAT VESPERS

6:30pm:

DIVINE LITURGY



SEPTEMBER 2017



DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE
Eucharistic Congress
September 8 & 9, 2017
CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER

VESPERS IN THE BYZANTINE RITE

Friday, September 8, 2017
7:15pm

LEAD THE LITURGICAL SINGING

STAFF THE INFORMATION BOOTH

WALK IN PROCESSION

CONTACT
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frjosephmatlak@gmail.com

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SEPTEMBER 2017

NEW MISSIONARY OUTREACH

DIVINE LITURGY IN COLUMBIA SOUTH CAROLINA

Sunday, October 1
FEAST OF THE PROTECTION
OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

5:00pm
Fellowship to Follow



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**OTHER PLANNED MISSIONS
AND OUTREACHES:**

**CHARLESTON, SC
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SEPTEMBER 2017



St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

WORLD FEAST

Ethnic Food – Games – Entertainment – Cultural Devotions

October 13th & 14th 2017



HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR MISSIONS!

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, the host parish of St. Basil the Great Mission in Charlotte, has offered us a chance to host food and devotional tables at this very successful annual event, in order to raise funds for our mission work. Would you like to be involved?

Contact Fr. Joseph Matlak ASAP:

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SEPTEMBER 2017

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SEPTEMBER 2017

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

DIVINE OFFICE

OF THE BYZANTINE SLAVONIC RITE

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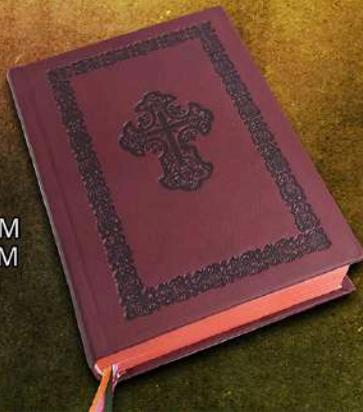
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EASTERN CHURCHES (1996):

“Where such practice of celebrating the Divine Praises with the people has diminished, if not completely disappeared, the ancient tradition should be restored without delay, so as not to deprive the faithful of a privileged source of prayer, nourished by treasures of authentic doctrine.... Calling upon the time when the Divine Praises were upheld with special care in the East, not only by the monastic communities, but also by the parishes, the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches reminds us of the obligation – often easily forgotten or abandoned – to celebrate them in the cathedrals, parishes, rectoral churches, religious communities and seminaries.”

CELEBRATE THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS
at Saint Basil the Great Mission in Charlotte, North Carolina

Saturdays:
5pm, GREAT VESPERS or VIGIL (Vespers & Matins)

Eves of Feast Days:
5:30pm, GREAT VESPERS

Fulfills the Sunday and Holy Day observance for Eastern Catholics



COMMEMORATING THE LIVING & DECEASED AT THE DIVINE LITURGY

Before the Divine Liturgy, the priest prepares the bread and wine that will be used for the Eucharistic Sacrifice. During this Rite of Preparation (also known as the Rite of the *Prothesis*), he prays for living and deceased persons by name, while cutting a portion of the bread, and placing it next to the bigger portion of bread ("the Lamb") that will be sanctified to become the Body and Blood of Christ (see the picture above).

For each of the living, the priest says, "Lord, remember your servant N.", and, for each deceased person, the priest prays, "Lord, remember the soul of your servant N., who has fallen asleep."

When you arrive at church before the Divine Liturgy, you will find sheets of paper next to the service books. These sheets of paper are intended for you to write the names of those people whom you would like the priest to commemorate during the Divine Liturgy. You do not have to write the full name; only the first name is sufficient. The sheet with red is for the living, while the sheet with black is for the deceased. As we are living in a modern world, you may also communicate the names to us in advance via email or telephone.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CHURCH


**AXIOS! AXIOS! AXIOS!
BISHOP ANDRIY (RABIY)**

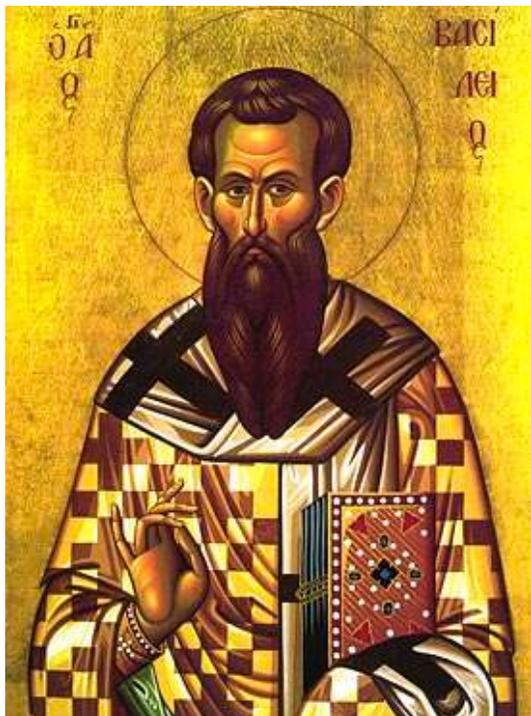

On Sunday, September 3, at the Cathedral of Saint George in L'viv, Ukraine, Fr. Andriy Rabiya was consecrated to the Episcopacy at the hands of His Beatitude, Patriarch Sviatoslav, assisted by Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan (Soroka) of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia and Bishop David (Motiuk) of the Eparchy of Edmonton. Appointed to the Titular See of Germanicana, Bishop Andriy will serve as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Born in L'viv, Ukraine, on 1st October 1975, he moved to the United States and entered priestly formation at Saint Josaphat Seminary in Washington DC. He obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from the Catholic University of America in 1999, a Master's Degree in Theology from the Theological *Studium* of the Dominican Fathers in Washington DC in 2002, and a Licentiate in Canon Law from the Catholic University of America in 2008.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

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SATURDAY (Sabado)

5:00pm: GREAT VESPERS or VIGIL
(Grandes Vesperas o Vigilia)

Confessions Following (Confesiones A Seguir)

SUNDAYS (Domingo)

10:00am: Confessions (Confesiones)

11:00am: DIVINE LITURGY (Santa Misa)

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE DIVINE SERVICES ARE CELEBRATED IN ENGLISH.

BI-LINGUAL LITURGICAL BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE.

ONE MAY CONFESS IN ENGLISH OR SPANISH.

A MENOS QUE SE INDIQUE LO CONTRARIO, ESTES SERVICIOS LITÚRGICOS SON CELEBRADOS EN INGLÉS.

LIBROS LITÚRGICOS BILINGÜES ESTÁN DISPONIBLES.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

3:00 pm: DIVINE LITURGY (Ukrainian)

