

**FAMILY PICNIC
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
NOON TO 5PM**



**FOOD, MUSIC, RAFFLE,
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

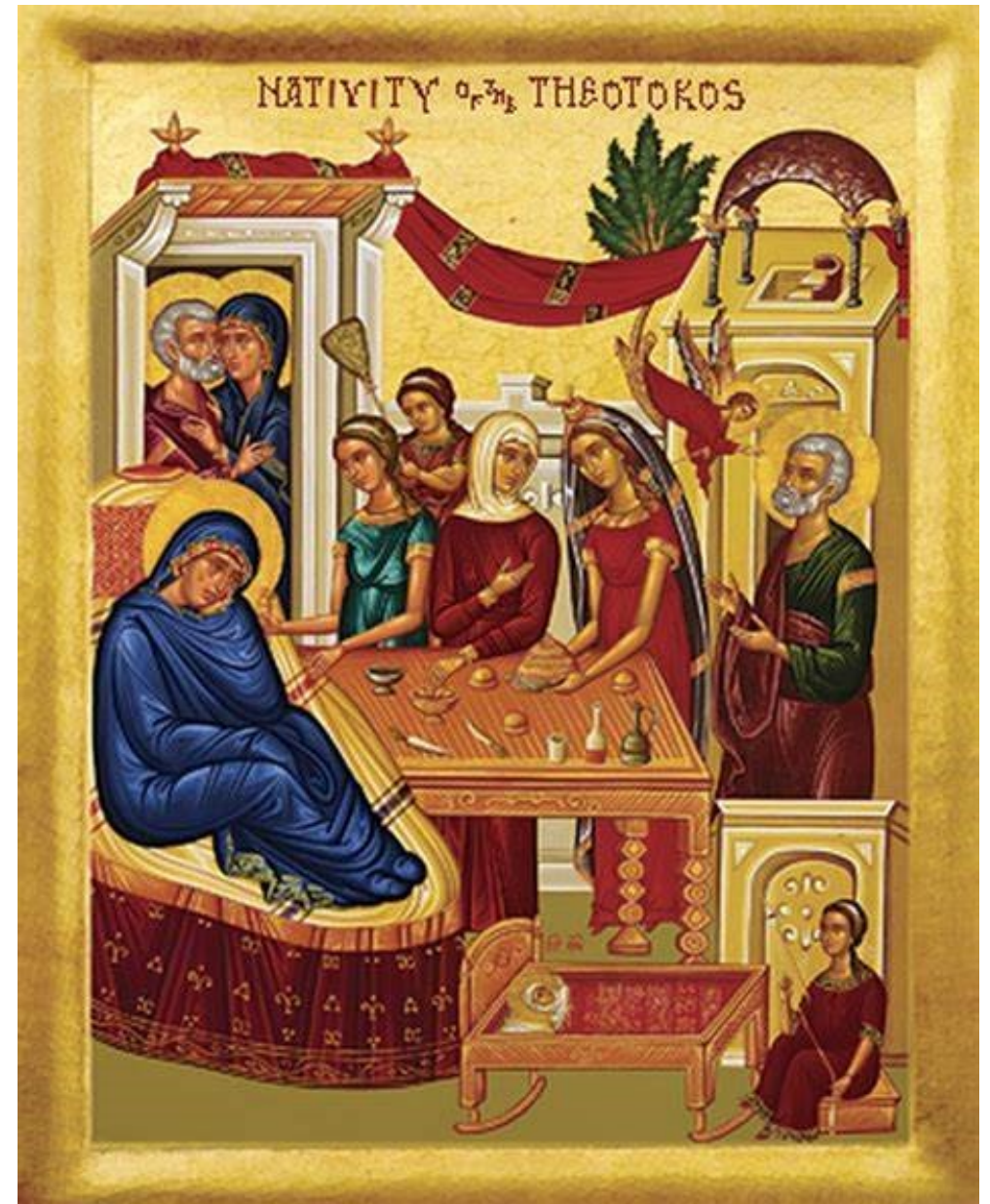
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**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP MELKITE CATHOLIC
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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**



**NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS
SEPTEMBER 8**

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Divine Liturgy: Sunday 10:00 AM

Antiphon (3rd)

1: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us shout with joy to God our Savior.

O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia

2: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving and let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.

Khallisna Ya-Bnallah, Ya Man qama min baynil-amwaat, nahnu muranneemeena Laka. Haleloueya.

3: For God is a great Lord and a great King over all the earth.

O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.

Entrance Hymn

Priest: Come. Let us worship and bow down before Christ.

People: **O Son of God who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Resurrection Troparion (Tone 6) pg. 41

The angelic powers were around Your tomb, and the guards became as dead, and Mary stood at the tomb, seeking Your spotless body; Then You despoiled Hades without being tried by it, and You met the Virgin O Bestower of life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You!

Troparion of the Dormition (Tone 1) pg. 15

In giving birth, you have preserved your virginity, and in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Mother of God. You have passed to life, being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death.

Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

Through your holy birth, O Immaculate One, Joachim and Anne were delivered from the shame of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. Your people, redeemed from the debt of their sins, cry out to you to honor your birth: “the barren one gives birth to the Mother of God the Sustainer of our life!”

When nine months had passed, Anna gave birth, and asked the midwife, ‘Whom have I brought into the world?’ ‘A daughter’, she replied. ‘My soul has been magnified this day,’ exclaimed Anna and gently laid the child down. And when the days of her purification according to the Law were accomplished, she arose, washed, gave suck to the child and called her Mary, the name obscurely awaited by the Patriarchs, the Prophets and the Righteous, and by which God would reveal the mystery hidden from all eternity.

The child grew strong and her mother placed her on the ground when she was six months old, to see if she would stand up. Confidently, Mary took seven paces and turned back and clung to her mother’s breast. Anna lifted her up saying, ‘As the Lord my God lives, you shall tread on the ground no more until I take you into the Temple of the Lord.’ Her mother kept the room where the child was as a holy place, and no unlovely or unclean thing entered there, and she brought daughters of the Hebrews of pure lineage to play with the child.

When the child was one year old, Joachim gave a great feast. He invited the priests, the scribes and all the Council and people of Israel. He presented Mary to the priests, and they blessed her saying, ‘God of our fathers bless this little child and give her an everlasting name to be named of all generations.’ And all the people responded, ‘Let it be so, let it be so! Amen.’ Joachim also presented her to high priest, who blessed her saying, ‘God of infinite majesty, look down upon this little child and grant her a blessing, supreme and beyond compare.’

Then her mother carried Mary into the holy place kept for her and gave her the breast, singing to the Lord a hymn, ‘I will sing to the Lord my God, for he has taken away the reproach of my enemies. For the Lord has given me the fruit of His righteousness, at once simple and multiple in its operation. Who will now tell it to the sons of Reuben that Anna is a mother? Learn, learn you twelve tribes of Israel, that Anna is a mother!’ Then she left the child in the holy place reserved for her, and went out to serve the guests, who rejoiced and praised the God of Israel.



DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

Today **+Peter Solitro**
 +**Wadih Kahale**. Requested by Virginia & Michael Mischitelli and Antonio & Karen Solitro

September 12 +**Tonios Kahale, Wadih Kahale**. Requested by Katherine Thomas & Family

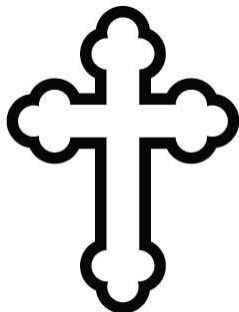
September 19 +**Habib & Mariam Rahall, William & Bertha Rahall, Deceased Members of Rahall & Reeks Families**. Requested by Nick Rahall & Family

September 26 +**Philip Jordan**. Requested by Frank & Carol Boyda and Ken & Effie Jordan

This morning's Coffee Hour is hosted by Ryan & Tina Dumont
There will be no coffee hour next week due to the Picnic

Upcoming Liturgical Schedule

Wed Sep 8, 6PM - Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God



Last Week's Collection

Regular	\$1,201
Candles	\$ 21
Coffee Hr	\$ 46
Stole	\$ 80
Picnic	\$ 330
Total	\$1,678

God bless you for your generosity!

FINANCIALS

<u>Aug 2021</u>	<u>YTD(10.2020-8.2021)</u>
Income \$6,398	Income \$71,924
Expenses \$4,852	Expenses \$78,878
Net \$1,545	Net (\$ 6,954)

PARISH PICNIC

We are having a smaller, simpler version of the Parish Picnic next Sunday **September 12 from noon to 5pm**. Please see the flyer on the back page of the bulletin. We need **your** help in order to make it a success. Please try to give an hour helping in some capacity. We need people to setup and breakdown, food runners, food servers, folks to clean the tables and chairs, etc. The tables and chairs will be spaced so as to provide physical distancing. Take this opportunity to get involved again in the life of the Parish. If you want to make a monetary or in kind donation of goods and services, please reach out to Fr. Bryan (978) 314-1962 or Sam Francis at (508) 615-8891. Also, please let us know if and how you can help. I'm looking forward to seeing you all!

God Bless!

Fr. Bryan

PARISH COUNCIL

I would like to form a Parish Council this fall. It is an important part of parish life. For a parish of our size, I think seven people will be enough, at least to begin. We will elect five members and I will appoint two. Currently, we have both a Finance & Building committee. Each of these committees will have a representative on the Council.

We will have an election this Fall. If you are interested in serving on the Council or want to nominate someone, please let me know. The election will take place in late September.

We are planning to do a Memorial Service for all the loved ones we lost during the pandemic followed by a luncheon. This will be sometime in October. We would charge a minimal amount for the luncheon, which would be catered. That gives everyone a chance to enjoy the event. If we make a little profit, that's great, but the primary purpose is gather to celebrate those we have lost over the last year and a half. As I have said several times, those of you who have not been to the parish for awhile are missed!

Synaxarion for the Nativity of the Theotokos (Based on the Protoevangelium of James)

Man was made by God and placed in Paradise that his sole care might be to bring forth good fruit and to contemplate God his Creator through His works. But Adam was driven out of the garden of delights through the envy of the Devil, who deceived Eve the first woman, and caused Adam to sin. Later God gave the Law to men by Moses, and made known His will by the Prophets, in preparation for the greater blessing of the Incarnation of His only Son, the Word of God, who would deliver us from the nets of the Evil one. In taking our nature upon Himself, Christ wished to share fully our fallen state but without sin, for He alone is without sin, being the Son of God. For this reason, he prepared for Himself a spotless habitation, an immaculate ark, the Most Holy Virgin Mary who, although she too was subject to death and the condemnation of our first parents, yet she was chosen by God before all ages to be the new Eve, the Mother of Christ the Savior, the well-spring of our redemption and the archetype of all Christian holiness.

On her father's side, the Most Holy Virgin Mary was of the royal line of David through his son Nathan who begot Levi, who begot Melchi and Panther, who begot Barpanther, who begot Joachim who was the father of the Mother of God. Anna, the wife of Joachim, was also of David's lineage for she was the grand-daughter of Mattha, who was himself the grandson of David through Solomon. Mattha married a certain Mary of the tribe of Judah, and they had a son named Jacob, the father of Joseph the carpenter, and three daughters, Mary, Sovia, and Anna. Mary gave birth to Salome the midwife, Sovia to Elizabeth the mother of the Forerunner, and Anna to the Mother of God.

God in His wisdom showed the barrenness of human nature before the coming of Christ by leaving Joachim and Anna childless until they were very old. Joachim, who was both rich and devout, prayed without ceasing, and offered gifts to God that He would deliver his wife and himself from their reproach among men. One feast day, he had gone to the Temple to present his offering, when one of the congregation of Reuben turned to him and said, 'You are not allowed to offer with us because you have no child.' Those words cut Joachim to the heart and, instead of returning home, he went up to a mountain alone to pray and weep while, at the same hour, Anna too was shedding abundant tears and fervently imploring Heaven. Our God, who is rich in mercy and full of compassion, heard their entreaties and sent the messenger of His benevolence and herald of our salvation, the Archangel Gabriel, to Anna. He announced that she would conceive in her old age and bear a child, who would be the praise of the whole earth. Full of joy and amazement she exclaimed, 'As the Lord my God lives, whether the child I bear be a son or a daughter, I will consecrate it to the Lord my God to serve Him all the days of its life.' Joachim too was visited by an Angel and told to lead his flocks homeward and to rejoice with his wife and all their house, because God had determined to put an end to their reproach.

Prokimenon

Reader: O Lord save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

People: O Lord save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

Verse: To You, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me!

People: O Lord save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

Reader: O Lord save Your people

People: And bless Your inheritance!

Epistle: 2 Cor. 4:6-15

Alleluia Verses

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High abides in the shadow of the God of heaven.

Verse: He will say to the Lord, "My wall, my refuge, my God in whom I will trust!"

Gospel: Mt. 22:35-46

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

I would like to start religious education this fall for adults and children. We will use diocesan resources for the children. For the adults, we will discuss different aspects of our Faith. If there is anything you want to know more about, please don't hesitate to let me know.

I believe that our Byzantine music is also part of religious education, so I plan to have regular music sessions so that those who want to become more familiar with our music have that opportunity. We will begin with the music for the Divine Liturgy and then move on to feast day and other music. I hope you will be able to join us!

