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SUN Oct 4 19th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 2, p. 130

No Morning Liturgy

3:00 pm Cantor's Practice & Inquiry Class

4:30 pm Confession & The Third Hour

5:00 pm **Divine Liturgy** +John & Kate
Kacarab by John Kacarab

SUN Oct 11 20th Sunday After Pentecost & Memory of the Fathers at the Seventh Ecumenical Council, TONE 3 P. 135 & 263

No Morning Liturgy

3:30 pm Cantor's Practice & Inquiry Class

4:30 pm Confessions & The Third Hour

5:00 pm **Divine Liturgy** +Bruce & Fran Arnold
by John Kacarab

All invited to our Coffee Social in the Parish hall

PRAYERS NEEDED for our parish family, Esther Calamore, Elmira Calamore, Charles Amelin, Paul & Marcy Basay, Enedina Lopez & Special Intentions.

Expectant Mothers: Brittny Barlund, Eileen Escobedo & Meagan Odicino.

Clergy: Fr James Bankston, Msgr Michael Moran, Fr Robert Rankin & Fr Marcus Gomori.

7 DAY CANDLE INTENTIONS (donation \$10)

Contact Fr Stephen or Andy Gaydos

Eternal Light available Icon of the Theotokos available
Icon of our Lord available

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

HOLY ANOINTING and **blessed bread** in the celebration of the Solemn Holy Day of the Holy Protection of the Mother of God. The Greeting: Christ is Among Us! The Response: He is and will be!

NICE ATTENDANCE FOR THE HOLY DAY truly we honor the Mother of God the Theotokos and we know she will answer and protect the faithful.

SPECIAL THANK YOUR to a Altar Bread Baker. *The Prosphora.*

LIVING IN THE BODY (Taken from Holy Angels bulletin)
Going to church for worship is one element in living as a Christian. Being church means making an active contribution to the Church's life, being a vital organ in a living body. The first step in being church is being connected to others in our parish by:

- Cultivating community in the "fellowship of the Holy Spirit." Get to know one another in a more than casual way.
- Treating others as brothers and sisters in the family of God in Christ. Give others the time and attention we would give to our blood relatives.
- "Above all, clothing yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (Colossians 3:14). We nurture the relationships in the parish or the eparchy when we:
- Share our lives - Authentic fellowship calls for more than coffee-hour courtesies. Grow to the stage when you can share your troubles as well.
- Learn together - Take part in adult formation, retreats, or workshops to encourage others as well as to improve our own spiritual life.
- Work together - Join in parish projects or committees to support the work of others as well as to make our own contribution. "So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith" (Galatians 6:10).
- Encourage each other - by supporting their efforts, praying for their concerns and building them up in the eyes of others. "Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor" (Romans 12:10).
- Bear one another's burdens - Be accepting of the weaker community members. There is no "perfect" church: every parish is made up of "saints" who are sinners, each with their own weaknesses and infirmities. "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).
- Admonish one another - Do not shrink from confronting "family members" who are hurting others by promoting conflicts, pettiness, or legalism. "My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you

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who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted" (Galatians 6:1).

- Protect the unity of the church - by avoiding gossip or cliques, and speaking ill of others.
- Restore broken relationships - when they occur by admitting our faults. No project or program is worth harming the family's inner life. "If anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive" (Colossians 3: 13).

Four Reasons Why People Give From "Compelled to Give" By Very Rev. Vladimir Berzonsky

- 1) **Obligation** – People who give only because it's an obligation. We pay taxes that way. We open our bills and write checks reluctantly. Perhaps that's the way we deal with society at large, but this is not the attitude to take when we are asked to give from our heart to the upkeep and enhancement of the holy Church;
- 2) **Satisfaction** – There's something satisfying about contributing to charity. When we make a gift to an established charity, we feel good about ourselves. In the autumn season after Labor Day and through the remaining days of the year, we are solicited by so many appeals that we must make choices. Do we put something in the Salvation Army pots at each shopping center, or do we pick and choose?
- 3) **Pride** – We all know those who make an issue of their contributions. It doesn't count unless it appears in the media that the contributors are People of Importance. They used to flaunt their donations to the party of their choice or even hedge their bets, giving to both major political parties. With new rules they must find a way to do the same, but not so conspicuously.
- 4) **Love** – All of the above are acceptable to the recipients, and all of them have value in their own right; however, gifts at the highest level first come as a true sacrifice. They are not just an excess of funds that the giver can well do without and even derives tax benefits from them, but they come from hearts that feel a compulsion to contribute. When the feeling arises within that you cannot do otherwise than to meet the needs laid out before you, when you are presented with a situation, a crisis or a grief that so overwhelms you that you are desperate to provide from your means an alleviation for that person, group or situation, you are a cheerful giver. *(Thank you Fr James Bankston)*

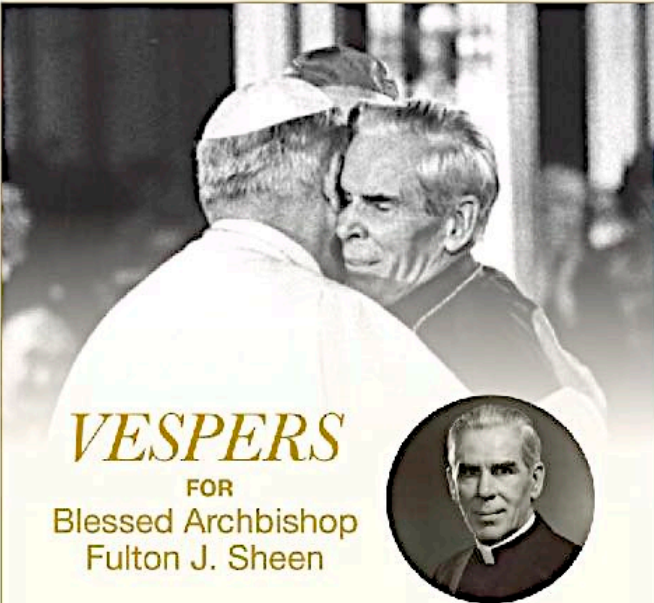
OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE

Our Stewardship September 27

Souls in Attendance 25

Tithes: \$341.00 & Candles: \$7.00 Thank you!

We depend on you to support our parish. You may mail your or use e-checks, or Zelle for your contributions ([saintnicholasofmyra12-06](#)) or use the QR code to send your donations.
Thank you



VESPERS
FOR
Blessed Archbishop
Fulton J. Sheen

October 6, 2026
Christ Cathedral
5 - 6:15 PM & 8 - 9:30 PM:
Veneration of Relics
6:30 PM: Blessing of the Statue
7 PM: Vespers with Bishop Vann

The Diocese of Orange invites the faithful to celebrate the beatification of Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen with Solemn Vespers, a blessing of the statue and the veneration of second-class relics.

The evening also honors Archbishop Sheen's connection to Christ Cathedral, where he preached twice during the Crystal Cathedral era, with a special display of archival items and relics.

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HOLY PROTECTION OF MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX

subscribes to the

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