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SUN SEPT 27 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, TONE 1 P. 125

No Morning Liturgy

3:30 pm Cantor's Practice & Inquiry Class

4:30 pm Confessions & The Third Hour

5:00 pm **Divine Liturgy** *God's blessing on my
Children by John Kacarab*

All invited to our Coffee Social in the Parish hall

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS- Solemn Holy day Thu Oct 1 Feast Day, P. 261

7:00 pm Divine Liturgy +Cathie Bailey
by John Kacarab



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

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

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Beatification:

As part of the beatification festivities, the Byzantine Divine Liturgy with Bishop Robert Pipta of the Eparchy of Parma will be celebrated on Saturday, September 26, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Peoria, Illinois. EWTN will carry this on this link.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/uv9YFuigjPg>

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CATHOLIC END-OF-LIFE PLANNING WITH ATTORNEY SUBDEACON ROBERT WAY

Earlier this year at the annual clergy conference, attorney Subdeacon Robert Way, JD of St. Melany in Tucson, AZ introduced his work in end-of-life and estate planning with a Byzantine Catholic perspective to the clergy of the eparchy. His presentation from that conference is now available on YouTube, and he is visiting parishes across the eparchy to bring this important information to the faithful.

Watch the video: <https://youtu.be/aizB.Ipe3j0Y>

OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE

Our Stewardship September 20

Souls in Attendance 68

Tithes: \$313.00 & Candles: \$9.00 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

HOLY PROTECTION OF MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX

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Pokrova - ΠΟΚΡΟΒΑ

The **Protection of the Mother of God** is one of the most beloved feast days on the Byzantine calendar among the Slavic peoples, commemorated on October 1. The feast is celebrated additionally on October 28 in the Greek tradition. It is also known as the feast of the **Virgin Mary's Cerement**.

In most Slavic languages the word "cerement" has a dual meaning of "veil" and "protection." The Slavic word *Pokrova* (Ποκροβα), like the Greek *Skepi* (Σκέπη), has a complex meaning. First of all, it refers to a cloak or shroud, but it also means protection or intercession. For this reason, the name of the feast is variously translated as the **Veil of Our Lady**, the **Protecting Veil of the Theotokos**, the **Protection of the Theotokos**, or the **Intercession of the Theotokos**.

The feast

The feast day celebrates the appearance of the Mother of God at Blachernae (Vlaherna) in the tenth century. At the end of St. Andrei (Andrew of Constantinople) Yurodivyi's life, he, with his disciple St. Epiphanius, and a group of people, saw the Mother of God, St. John the Baptist, and several other saints and angels during a vigil in the Church of Blachernae, nearby the city gates. The Blachernae Palace church was where several of her relics were kept. The relics were her robe, veil, and part of her belt that had been transferred from Palestine during the fifth century.

The Theotokos approached the center of the church, knelt down and remained in prayer for a long time. Her face was drowned in tears. Then she took her veil (cerement) off and spread it over the people as a sign of protection. During the time, the people in the city were threatened by a barbarian invasion. After the appearance of the Mother of God, the danger was averted and the city was spared from bloodshed and suffering.

Celebration of the feast

The Protection is commemorated most fervently in Slavic churches, probably because St. Andrei was a Slav. The first celebration of the Theotokos's cerement in the Slavic Church dates back from the 12th century and today is celebrated throughout the Byzantine Churches.

The feast day commemorating the miracle is celebrated with an All-Night Vigil, with many of the same elements as occur on Great Feasts of the Theotokos. However, this feast has no afterfeast.

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 both sides of her are angels. 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 is wearing a tunic under his cloak and gestures in astonishment at the miraculous appearance, while St. Andrew, Fool-for-Christ, is dressed only in a cloak.

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, October 1. He is with his choir attended by the Emperor Leo the Wise together with the Empress and the Patriarch of Constantinople.

