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Sunday	Sept 23	<i>17th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 8 / Conception of John the Baptist</i>	
		9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour
Saturday	Sept 29	<i>Ven Cyriacus</i>	
		5:30 pm	Great Vespers
Sunday	Sept 30	<i>18th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 1 / Hieromartyr Gregory of Armenia</i>	
		Readings:	2 Cor 9:6 -11 Luke 6:31-36
		9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / Sep 16

Attendance: (Adults 109, Children 39)	148
Operating	\$5,983.00
OCA Assessments	40.00
Uganda Children	228.00
Charities	51.00
Icons	150.00
Other	65.00

PLEDGE UPDATE

Only a little over half of the cards have been turned in. Your timely response to this matter is greatly appreciated as the Committee begins their work for the 2019 Operating Budget.

BACK TO UGANDA

Please keep Peter & Sharon in your prayers as they travel back to Uganda on Wednesday. They'll be back with us, as usual, for Pascha.

EVENING ADULT CLASS

The Class will meet this week on Sept 25 at 7:00 pm to continue our study of the Epistle to the Hebrews. Please bring your Orthodox Study Bible to class.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Please be generous next Sunday, Sept 30 during the Special Collection taken to support our Diocesan Seminarians. Our own Brian Crivella is beginning his final year as a student at St Vladimir's.

3RD MEL TINTOR ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, Oct 27 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Registration details to follow.

COOKIE / FOOD SALE

Mark your calendars for the Sale on Saturday, Dec 15 beginning at 9:00 am.

PRAYER CORNER + + + + +

Eleanor Alexander (Tom's mom), Perry (Capitan), Sbdcn Leonard, Kathy (Denise F's sis), Jim (Ruth's dad), John (Adam's nephew), Ted Geletka, (Fr's frnd), infant Julian, John Clements, Willie (Elena G's son), Sarah Crivella, Darlene (Mary V's csn), Nancy, (Ruth B's frnd), Joella (Lu D's daughter), Tom Tulloch (Dzura frnd), suffering Christians in Ukraine and the Middle East.

Anniversaries: Kevyn & Pam Roth, Florin & Cristina Iorga (9/28).

Birthdays: Gloria Sieloff, Theodore Tollefson (9/23), Dale Fross (9/27), Stephanie Woodward (9/29).

Newborns: Maverick (Matt & Michelle), Theodora (Tom & Miranda) Matthew (Alexandr & Olga), Sophia (Patrick & Deanna), James Mitch & Winnie, Nicholas (Jonathan & Larissa).

Expecting: David & Maria, Daniel & Danielle, Colin & Tamuna, Tom & Laura, Chad & Meredith.

September 30 is Support our Seminarians Sunday

Departed: Frank Sheranko (16th anvrsv), Katherine (9/13, Adam C's cousin), Janet Weinland (9/5, Sharon G's mom).

Our Seminarian: Brian Crivella & Family.

The Conception of John the Baptist

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 Saint Zachariah and his wife Saint 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 Saint 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.

Saint 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.