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Sunday	Sept 19	<i>13th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 4 / Afterfeast of the Exaltation</i>	
		9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
			Coffee Hour / Video
Wednesday	Sept 22	<i>Hieromartyr Phocas</i>	
		9:30 am	Divine Liturgy
Saturday	Sept 25	<i>Eve of St John the Theologian</i>	
		5:30 pm	Great Vespers
			Confession
Sunday	Sept 26	<i>14th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 5 / St John the Theologian</i>	
		Readings:	1 John 4:12-19 John 19:25-27;21:24-25t
		9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
			Coffee Hour

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / Sept 12

Attendance	90
Operating	\$5,010.00
OCA Assessments	0.00
Maintenance	190.00
Icons	45.00
Uganda	165.00
Charities	95.00
Zoe	10.00
Wi Fi	28.00

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please see Nick Covelli if you can help with 2022 Budget.

TODAY IS PLEDGE SUNDAY

Thanks to all who turned in their Pledges today. If you missed, please get yours in soon as these figures help the Budget Committee.

KRISTIN ROBINSON

Kristin is now undergoing another rigorous round of Chemo for her very aggressive cancer. There will be a 'special basket' on the table next Sunday to receive donations to be added to our Parish Gift form our Charity Fund which we will send directly to her and Cameron.

OCT 3 IS SEMINARY SUNDAY

Please use your envelope or the 'special basket' on the table, on Oct 3 to help support our Diocesan Seminary students. Thanks.

OFF TO UGANDA

Peter & Sharon will be departing for Uganda the week of 9/26. We will send them off with our customary Prayer for Missionaries following Liturgy next Sunday.

PRAYER CORNER + + + + +

Perry (Capitan), Julian, John Clements, Sarah Crivella, Joella (LuAnn D's dghtr), Dr Mike Soroka, our Parish Faithful, the Furman family, Marie Gaydos (Maryann S' csn), Tim Price, Francis James (Anna D's frnd), Kim H (Maryann S's friend), Paris Santone (Debbie C's nephew), Bob Joss, Subdeacon Leonard, Kristin & Cameron Robinson, suffering Christians in the Middle East.

Aniversaries: Ron & Gloria Sieloff (9/19).

Birthdays: Mary Valko, Maureen Medakovich, Jenny Cunningham (9/19), Suzanne Gubser, Elizabeth Kirouac (9/21), Marcus Covelli (9/22), Gloria Sieloff, Ted Tollefson (9/23), Silvia Nicoletti (9/25).

New Borns: William (Greg & Grace)

Expecting: Brad & Katie (Clements frnds), Ryan & Jessica, Bobby & Juliana, Brian & Katya.

Newly Illumined: Alina, Jackson.

Newly Departed: Fr Anastasios (Stacy) Richter (former Rector of Holy Assumption, Canton, OH, 9/5), Fr Sergei Glagolev (Renowned Church Musician and Pioneer of the OCA, 9/2), Ted Geletka (Fr's good frnd (8/20), John (Adam C's uncle 8/14).

The Holy Spirit

A person can abide in Christ, accomplish His commandments and be in communion with God the Father only by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in his life. Spiritual life is life in and by the Holy Spirit of God.

If you love Me [says Christ], you will keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter to be with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you (Jn 14.15–17).

When the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth... He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is Mine... (Jn 16.12–15).

The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and is sent into the world through Christ so that human persons can fulfill God's will in their lives and be like Christ. The spiritual fathers of the Orthodox Church say that the Holy Spirit makes people to be "christs," that is, the "anointed" children of God. This also is the teaching of the apostles in the New Testament writings:

But you have been anointed by the Holy One and you know all things... and the unction [chrism] you have received from Him abides in you... His anointing teaches you about everything and is true and is no lie, just as it has taught you, abide in Him... And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit which He has given us... By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His own Spirit (1 Jn 2.20–27, 3.24, 4.13).

This teaching of Saint John is the same teaching as that of Saint Paul:

... God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us... Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through His Spirit which dwells in you . . . for if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God (Rom 5.5, 8.1ff; cf. 1 Cor 2, 6, 12–14; Gal 5).

It is the classical teaching of the Orthodox Church, made popular in recent times by Saint Seraphim of Sarov (19th c.), that the very essence of Christian spiritual life, the very essence of life itself, is the "acquisition of the Holy Spirit of God." Without the Holy Spirit, there is no true life for man.

In spite of our sinfulness, in spite of the darkness surrounding our souls, the Grace of the Holy Spirit, conferred by baptism in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, still shines in our hearts with the inextinguishable light of Christ... and when the sinner turns to the way of repentance the light smooths away every trace of the sins committed, clothing the former sinner in the garments of incorruption, spun of the Grace of the Holy Spirit. It is this acquisition of the Holy Spirit about which I have been speaking... (Saint Seraphim of Sarov, Conversation with Motovilov).

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