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September 30, 2018 — Second Sunday after Holy Cross

Today's Divine Liturgy

Intentions: Jonathan and Ann Rebholz

Troperia:

1. *Resurrection (tone 2)*, p. 72
2. *St. George*, p. 25
3. *Kontakion*, p.26

Prokeimenon: My strength and my courage is in the Lord, / and He has been my Saviour

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9 (Today: Francisco Roxas. Next Sunday: Marcelino Roxas)

Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

Ushers: Said Audi, Joseph Wahhab (Next Sunday: Anthony Geiger, Mark Spankowski)

Prayer List

Please remember — All those who are sick and in need: Bishop John Elya, Mary Fisher (Benjamin Newman's aunt and godmother), Alice & John Herro, Bill Koutris, Bill & Kathy Jones, Nick Langenfeld, Fr. Philaret, Henry Look, Fr. Frank Milienewicz (former pastor), Alice Nasr, Bob Peterson, Joe Radanovich, Beth Rodwell, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Jan Taylor, Kathy Tomaz, David L. Toepper (David Toepper's father), Jennifer Whitmore, John Zambo, Kathy Zambo, and Dan Z.

Middle Eastern Dinner

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Middle Eastern Dinner and Doors Open successful! More dinners were served since at least 2011.

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: Protection of the Mother of God
7:30am Morning Prayer: First Hour

Tuesday: 7:30am Morning Prayer: Third Hour

Wednesday: 7:30am Morning Prayer: First Hour

Thursday: 7:30am Morning Prayer: Third Hour

Friday: 7:30am Morning Prayer: First Hour

Saturday: **Apostle Thomas**
6pm Great Vespers

Sunday: *Fifth Sunday after Holy Cross*
9:45am Matins
10:30am Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Erika McCauley (10/3) and Katy Warner (10/5). May God grant you many years!

Stewardship

Last Sunday: ordinary collections: \$1,101; donations & memorials: \$86; fundraising: \$2,140; candles: \$72. *Thanks for your generosity!*

Troperia & Kondakia (from the Fr. Phil Archives)

Immediately after the Little Entrance of the Divine Liturgy the choir or cantor sings certain hymns called troparion and kondakion. These are short hymns that present the theme of the day. On Sundays the troperia are hymns praising the Resurrection. There are eight resurrectional troperia corresponding to the eight modes of Greek chant used in our church.

There are also troperia and kondakia for each day of the calendar year. These are special hymns asking the saints of the day to intercede for the people of God. Or, on major feast days, the troperia extol the mystery celebrated on that particular feast. During the Divine Liturgy we generally add the troperia in honor of the patron saint of our church. On Sundays the final kondakion (also called the Theotokion or "hymn to the Mother of God") begins with the words "O Never-Failing Protectress of Christians...". Many of the troperia are very familiar to us: the troparion to the holy cross "O Lord, save Your People", the troparion of Easter "Christ is risen from the dead", the kondakion of the dead "O Christ God, with the saints grant rest".

Originally the kondakia were lengthy poetic hymns, often dramatic with dialogues between Our Lord, Our Lady, etc. and sung in parts, many of them composed by St. Romanos, who is called the Melodist. The modern kondakia usually consist of single stanzas or verses from these lengthier hymns.