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EXPRESS

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE, 8-13 OCTOBER, 2019 A.D.

TUE-FRI, OCT 8-12	DIVINE LITURGY (Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster)	08:30 AM
SATURDAY, OCT 12	DIVINE LITURGY (Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster)	08:00 AM
	VESPERS (Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster)	06:00 PM
SUNDAY, OCT 13	DIVINE LITURGY (ENG)	09:00 AM
	DIVINE LITURGY (UKR)	11:00 AM

SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR October and November

SUNDAY, OCT 13: 09:00am – DIVINE LITURGY (ENG)
11:00am – DIVINE LITURGY (UKR)

SUNDAY, OCT 20: 10:00am – DIVINE LITURGY (ENG & UKR)

SUNDAY, OCT 27: 09:00am – DIVINE LITURGY (ENG)
11:00am – DIVINE LITURGY (UKR)

SUNDAY, NOV 3: 10:00am – DIVINE LITURGY (ENG & UKR)



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



HOLY MYSTERIES

CONFESSION: 30 min before the Divine Liturgy or by appointment

HOLY COMMUNION: for the sick, by appointment, any time

BAPTISM: by appointment

MARRIAGE: six months notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made

FUNERAL: by appointment

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O most pure Mother of God, you are a mighty defender for those in sorrow. You are a ready help to those in trouble. You are the salvation and confirmation of the world. You are the depth of mercy, the fount of God's wisdom and the protectress of the world.

O faithful, let us sing and praise her glorious protection, saying: Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you, and through you He grants great mercy to the world.

O Lady, with the mantle of your mercy, protect our Church and all the people who sing out to you: Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you, and through you He grants great mercy to the world.

The glorious feast of your Holy Protection has come, O most pure Virgin. Illuminate more brightly than the sun all your people who with faith and with a pure heart proclaim you to be truly the Mother of God. They likewise sing out to your Son: O Christ our God, through the prayers of the ever-Virgin, who immaculately gave You birth in the flesh, let not your inheritance be vanquished by the enemy; but because You are the merciful One, save our souls in peace.

Troparion (Tone 8): You came down from on high, O Merciful One,* and accepted three days of burial* to free us from our sufferings.* O Lord, our life and our resurrection,* glory be to You

Troparion (Tone 2): O disciple of Christ and member of the apostolic council,* your lack of faith proclaimed Christ's resurrection,* and your touch confirmed His holy passion.* O Thomas, worthy of all praise,* pray even now that He grant us peace and great mercy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion (Tone 8): When You rose from the tomb,* You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam.* Eve exults in Your resurrection,* and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead,* O most merciful One.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 4): Filled with the grace of wisdom,* Your apostle and genuine servant, O Christ,* cried out to You in his change of heart:* You are my God and Lord.

Prokeimenon (Tone 8): Pray and give thanks to the Lord our God.

Verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Psalm 75:12,2)

Prokeimenon (Tone 8): Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their word unto the ends of the world. (Psalm 18:5)

A Reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (6:16 -7:16): *Brethren,* What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

Alleluia (Tone 8):

Verse: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Saviour.(Psalm 94:1).

Verse: Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms. (Psalm 94:2)

Gospel: (Matthew 15:21-28).

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest. Alleluia! (3x)

Тропар (глас 8): З висоти зійшов Ти, Милосердний,* і триденне погребення прийняв Ти,* щоб нас звільнити від страждань.* Життя і воскресіння наше,*Господи, слава Тобі.

Тропар (глас 2): Христовим учнем будши, Томо всехвальний,* і співучасником божественного апостольського збору,* ти невірством звістив Христове воскресіння* і діткненням ствердив його пречисті страждання.* Випроси нам сьогодні миру й великої милости.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Кондак (глас 8): Коли Ти воскрес із гробу,* то й померлих підняв,* і Адама воскресив;* радіє Єва воскресінням Твоїм* і кінці світу прославляють* Твоє з мертвих воскресіння,* Багатомилостивий.

І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Кондак (глас 4): Премудрости благодаттю сповнений* Христовий апостол і служитель істинний* у покаянні кликав до Тебе:* Ти еси Бог мій і Господь.

Прокімен (глас 8): Помоліться і хвалу віддайте* Господеві, Богу нашому (Пс 75,12).

Стих: Відомий Бог у Юдеї, в Ізраїлі велике ім'я Його (Пс 75,2).

Прокімен (глас 8): На всю землю вийшло вістування їх і до кінців вселенної глаголи їх (Пс. 18,5).

До Коринтян послання Св. Апостола Павла читання: (2 Кр 6:16-7:1): *Браття, і Сестри,* ми бо храм Бога живого, як сам Бог сказав був: «Я поселюся в них, і (посеред них) буду ходити. Буду їхнім Богом, вони ж будуть моїм народом. Тож вийдіть з-поміж них і відлучіться, – каже Господь. Нечистого не дотикайтесь, і я вас прийму. Я буду вам Отцем, ви ж будете мені синами та дочками – каже Господь Вседержитель.» Маючи ж такі обітниці, о любі, очистьмо себе від усякої скверни тіла і духа, довершуючи наше освячення в Божому острасі.

Алилуя (глас 1):

Стих: Прийдіте, радісно заспіваймо Господеві, воскликнім Богу, Спасителеві нашому (Пс 94,1).

Стих: Прийдімо з похвалами перед обличчя Його, і псалмами воскликнім Йому (Пс 94,2).

Євангеліє: (Мт 15: 21-28)

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес,* хваліте Його на висотах. Алилуя (х3).

Protection of the Mother of God



“We sing your praises, O Most Holy Virgin, Mother of Christ our God, and we glorify your all-glorious patronage.”

Among the Marian feasts listed in our Liturgical Year, the feast of the Patronage of the Most Holy Mother of God deserves special consideration. The cult of the Mother of God as the Protectress of our nation reaches like a golden thread from the times of the Kyivan princes to the present day. The secret of honouring the Mother of God as a Protectress lies, perhaps, in the fact that we are dealing here not with human

but with heavenly and more powerful intercession. Every person, family and nation would like to enjoy such an intercession and protection.

From the very beginning of our Kyivan State, we have had great and powerful enemies. It is small wonder then that our people sought the assistance and protection of the Most Holy Mother of God whose intercession is all-powerful. For our people, then, the feast of the Patronage has always been, and still remains, a day of great manifestation of love and gratitude to the Most Holy Mother of God, a day of joyous praise and glorification of her protection and intercession.

The Institution of the Feast of Patronage: The chief motive that led to the institution of this feast was a vision granted to St. Andrew, the Fool for Christ, when the Saracens besieged the capital of Constantinople. The

people, terror-stricken, gathered in the church of the Most Holy Mother of God at Blachernae where her mantle was preserved, and there they held an all-night prayer vigil. The greatly distressed people filled the church to overflowing. Among the gathering were St. Andrew and his disciple, Epiphany, both of whom also prayed for the protection of the city. After the service, St. Andrew saw the Most Holy Mother of God in radiant light as she was approaching from the royal doors (a name the Greeks gave to the main doors of the church) in the company of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Theologian and amid the singing of a great choir of Saints. The Mother of God proceeded toward the altar where she knelt down and prayed long, shedding tears. Afterwards she arose, removed from her head a luminous veil, and stretched it out wide over the people in church. Then she disappeared. St. Andrew and his disciple, Epiphany, saw the vision and



understood that the Mother of God came to rescue the city. News of the miracle spread throughout the whole city like a flash of lightning. The enemy retreated and the city was saved.

From this veil, which in Ukrainian is called pokrov, the feast got its name: Pokrov Presvyatoyi Bohorodytsi (The Veil (or Protection) of the Most Holy Mother of God). The veil became the symbol of the protection and intercession of the Blessed Virgin. Who was St. Andrew the Fool? Historians generally agree that he was a Slav from the southern

part of Rus'-Ukraine. He, together with other slaves, was brought to Constantinople where he became the slave of a wealthy lord. Here he learned and loved the Christian faith.

Meditating on the words of St. Paul: "We are fools for Christ, but you are wise in Christ" (I Cor 4:10), he began to act like a fool, hence, his name. Having gained his freedom from his master, he spent much time in prayer and the reading of Holy Scriptures. At what period of time did St. Andrew live and when did the miracle of protection take place? It is difficult to give a clear and adequate answer to this question. The opinions of the historians in regard to this question are divided. Some say that St. Andrew lived during the reign of Leo I, the Great (457-474), that is, in the fifth century, while others, who represent the majority, place the time of his existence during the reign of Emperor Leo VI, the Wise, (886-911), that is, at the beginning of the tenth century.

The feast of the Patronage was a local feast among the Greeks, which they ceased to celebrate after the fall of Constantinople in 1453. No one knows precisely why October first became the day of the feast. Probably because St. Andrew had the vision on that day, or perhaps because, as some think, on that day the Eastern Church celebrates the memory of St. Roman the Melodist, who composed many hymns in honour of the Most Pure Virgin Mary. On the day following the feast, the Church commemorates St. Andrew the Fool. The service of this feast reflects the hundreds of years of deep faith of the Eastern Church and of the faith of our people in the intercession and protection of the Most Holy Mother of God.

In the sticheras of the vespers service, the Church calls upon all the faithful to celebrate the feast of the Patronage: "Come, all you lovers of the feast, and let us praise the venerable protection of the Mother of God. For she stretched forth her Hands imploringly to her Son, and the world fell under

her protection. Therefore, let us celebrate gloriously with our lips and hearts, with spiritual songs and melodies, together with all lovers of the feast."

Announcement

✠ **Combined Divine Liturgy once a month.** Starting November 3rd, there will be a combined Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM on the 1st Sunday of every month. UCWLC Meeting will follow the Liturgy in the church. The full Fall schedule is posted on the website.

✠ **Cleaning the church.** Reminder that we will be doing a church clean-up next week, Saturday **October 12 from 10pm-2pm.**

✠ **UCWLC Meeting** on October 15th is cancelled. The next UCWLC meeting will take place on Sunday, **October 20 after the single at 10am Divine Liturgy. Fr. Joe will be performing the service on that day.**

✠ **Parish Web-site.** The parish directory is now available to download from the Parish Website. Password for the directory is **Trinity3.**

✠ **Donations.** One-time donations can now be made through the website along with signing up for regular Sunday donations.

✠ **Volunteer.** We need a volunteer to put out the garbage on Thursday mornings. If you are willing, contact Bruce Hitchen.

✠ **Weekly liturgical schedule (8:30 am Tue-Fri-8:00 am Sat).** I will be celebrating weekly Divine Liturgies at Holy Eucharist Cathedral. Please let me know if you have any special prayer requests or would like me to celebrate a Divine Liturgy during the week day for your intention.

✠ I look forward to providing pastoral ministry in the Eparchy of New Westminster and especially here at Holy Cross parish. This is my first pastoral assignment and I will be counting on each one of you to assist me. I have heard many wonderful things about our parish family. As we work together in proclaiming the Good News together may we be guided by the Holy Spirit and protected by the Holy Theotokosis the Ever-Virgin Mary.