

# NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA

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**17 September 2017**

*15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross*

*Martyrs Sophia & her 3 daughters: Faith, Hope and Love at Rome*

*Martyr Theodota at Nicaea & Agathoklea*

*156 Martyrs of Palestine, including bishops Peleus & Nilus,  
the presbyter Zeno & others*

**Epistle:** Galatians 2:16-20                      **Reader:** Mike Ratai  
2 Corinthians 4:6-15

**Gospel:** Mark 8:34-9:1                      **Tone:** Tone 6/Menaion  
Matthew 22:35-46

## **UPCOMING FEASTS & SERVICES:**

Sunday, Sept. 24	<i>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Anointing of the Sick
Sunday, October 1	<i>Protection of our Most-Holy Theotokos</i> 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Sunday, October 8	<i>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**READER'S LIST:** Andy Olear (9/24)

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:** His Eminence Archbishop Daniel (9/28)

**THANK YOU** to Mike Ratai for getting the serviceman to come out to the parish home to get rid of the bees over there on such a timely basis.

**THANK YOU** to all who joined us last Sunday in celebrating the parish's feastday and to those who helped bring in food for the picnic and who cooked.

On Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, the First Lady of Ukraine Marynna Poroshenko will be visiting the Metropolia Center. If anyone would like to join our community in greeting her (around 3:30 p.m.), please join us at the Consistory.

**UOC HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF FUND:** This will be the final Sunday to make a donation to the special fund of the UOC of USA towards the relief caused by the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. We have collected \$105 so far. Please make a special donation towards this fund and our parish will issue a joint check to the Consistory after the 17<sup>th</sup> which will be sent to International Orthodox Christian Charities.

**THIS WEEK! ST. SOPHIA LIBRARY BOOK CLUB:** Next meeting on Thursday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m. / Book: "The Art of Seeing: Paradox and Perception in Orthodox Iconography" by Fr. Maximos Conostas / Discussion led by iconographer Lynette Hull. If you have any questions about this program or how to begin attending, speak to Dobrodijka Oksana who organizes this monthly book club.

**PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS:** Every Monday at 7 pm at St. Andrew's Memorial Church.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** will take place after Divine Liturgy on the last Sunday of each month.

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE PARISH:** paper cups (hot), paper plates, coffee

**COFFEE HOUR:** Please join us after Divine Liturgy for coffee hour and fellowship in the parish hall. Please sign up in the parish hall to host a Sunday coffee hour.

**PRAYERS:** Please keep in your prayers this week Fr. Bazyl, Fr. Ivan, Fr. Stephen, Fr. George, Olga Almind, Andy Olear, Maryanne Quartuccio, Flo Ratai, Janet Sherby, Bill Shulze, Kathie Thomas, Steffie Tybor, Natalia, Tom and Julia.  
*If you or your loved ones are sick or in the hospital, please let Fr. Vasyl know.*

*Out of respect for God's House, please keep all communication to a minimum.*

*Please join us in the church hall after Liturgy for food and fellowship.*

*Attend Church as a Family!*