

Treasury and Treasurer

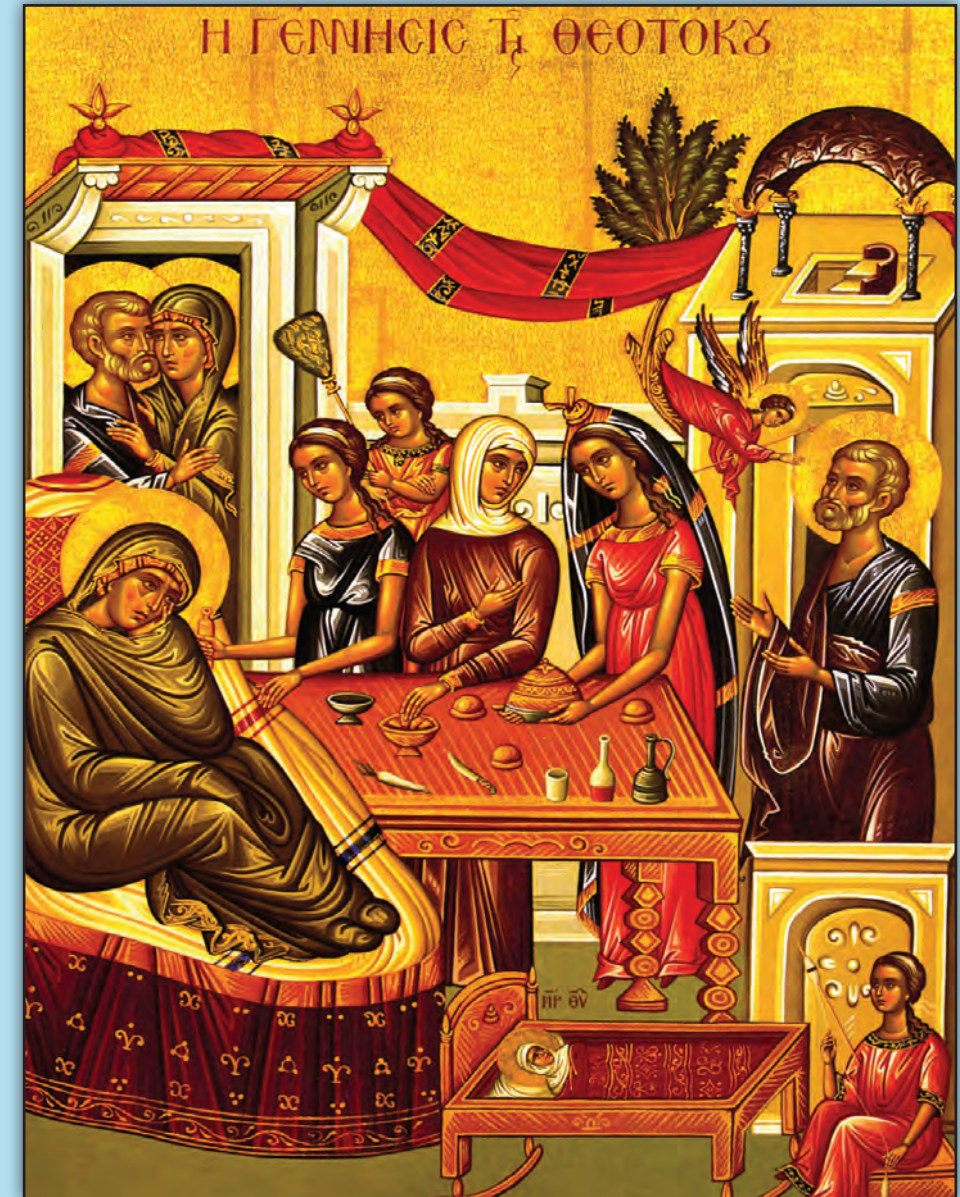
Mary alone forms the boundary between created and uncreated nature, and no one can come to God except through her and the Mediator born of her, and none of God's gifts can be bestowed on angels or men except through her. As in the case with lamps on earth constructed of glass or some other transparent material, it is impossible to look at the light or enjoy its rays except through the lamp, so it is beyond the reach of all to look upwards to God or be helped by Him to make progress in any direction, except through the Ever-Virgin, this God-bearing lamp who is truly radiant with divine brightness. "God is in the midst of her," it says, "she shall not be moved" (Ps 46: 5).

If God requites us according to the measure of our love for Him, and he who loves the Son is loved by Him and by His Father, and becomes

in a mysterious way the dwelling of Both, as they make their home and walk in his soul, as the Lord promised (Jn 14: 23; cf. 2 Cor 6: 16), who could love Him more than His Mother? For not only was He her only Son, but she bore Him on her own without a spouse, so her parental love was naturally double, not being shared with a partner.

Thus she is both the treasury and the treasurer of the riches of the Godhead, and the highest ranks of Cherubim look to her and trust in her. They, above all others, are seized with longing for her, as, more than all others, they long for the outpouring of light and the granting of indescribable divine graces which come through her.

St. Gregory Palamas



Icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos, the Mother of God -- September 8th

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Sunday – September 6, 2026

Glory to Jesus Christ! – Glory to Him Forever! + Слава Ісусу Христу! – Слава на віки!

Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgy

All Services will be Live Streamed at 10:00 AM

Platform: <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>

Saturday September 5	No Great Vespers Today Labor Day Weekend
Sunday September 6 **10:00 a.m.**	(+Tania Chomiak Salvi from the Serbyn Family)
Tuesday September 8 **7:00 p.m.**	Nativity of the Mother of God (Blessings Maria, Orest, Oleksy, Leo, Liza, and Orisyia from Sofia)
Wednesday September 9 9:00 a.m.	(+Anna and +Dmytro Woch from Myron Kolinsky)
Thursday September 10 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings for Fr. Robert from Walter and Nila Iwaskiw)
Friday September 11 9:00 a.m.	(25 th Remembrance of the Victims of the 9/11 Attacks and Families)
Saturday September 12 5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers Today
Sunday September 13 **10:00 a.m.**	(+Dmytro and +Anna Woch from the Kerda Family)

The Sunday Parish Liturgy requirement will be offered in SS. Joachim and Anna during the summer

FIRST CONFESSION 2027 PREPARATION - FIRST CONFESSION DAY IS MARCH 20 2027

This year, preparation for First Confession will begin on Sunday September 27. Classes will still be held on Sundays. As is the tradition in our parish, First Confession will be celebrated on Lazarus Saturday (March 20, 2027). All children must attend Divine Liturgy with their families on a weekly basis during their preparation. The FALL SEMESTER class schedule is as follows: September 27; October 4, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22; December 6, 13. If you have children of First Confession age in your family (age 7+), who have not yet received the sacrament, please contact Olya Mulvey at olya.kroytor@gmail.com to register or learn more.

LOWER CHURCH BATHROOMS RENOVATION PROJECT 2026

LATEST UPDATE IS THAT WE AWAIT THE REVIEWS WITH DC GOVERNMENT. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED AS WE GET IT. PLEASE KEEP THE DONATIONS COMING.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13 TRANSFORMATIONS AND WAYS OF PRESERVING IDENTITY IN WARTIME

Join us on Sunday, September 13, following the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, for a guest lecture by Dr. Larysa Didkovska entitled “Transformations and Ways of Preserving Ukrainian Identity in Wartime.” Dr. Didkovska is the Rector of the Ukrainian Free University in Munich and President of the Ukrainian Association of Gestalt Therapy. Everyone is welcome!

PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Melanie Bebak, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Helen and Judge Robert Cheloc, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Robert Dulaine, Solomia Dutkewych, Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Robert Harnest, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Fr. Robert Hitchens, Boris Hlynsky, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Dr. Louise Corle May, Irene Nagurney, Myron Nagurney Jr, Michele Pretka Litvak, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Ivanna Richardson, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Lorraine Stadnyk, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Fr. George Worschak, and Paul Yarrish.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

**Summer Liturgy Schedule Extended to Sunday September 27
One Bilingual Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.**

**Розклад Літургій на літній період одна Божественна Літургія
двома мовами о 10:00 ранку до 27 Вересня**

HAPPY LABOR DAY TO ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS

On this Labor Day Weekend, we ask Almighty God to bless all of our faithful parishioners, who in their daily labors continue to support their families and our parish.

God bless you all and may you enjoy a restful Labor Day on Monday!

***25th Anniversary of the September 11 Attacks
we remember...***

as if it was just yesterday

just as if it was today

not just now but for all our tomorrows

God Bless the United States of America

and God help, protect, and save all of us and our USA Military Troops