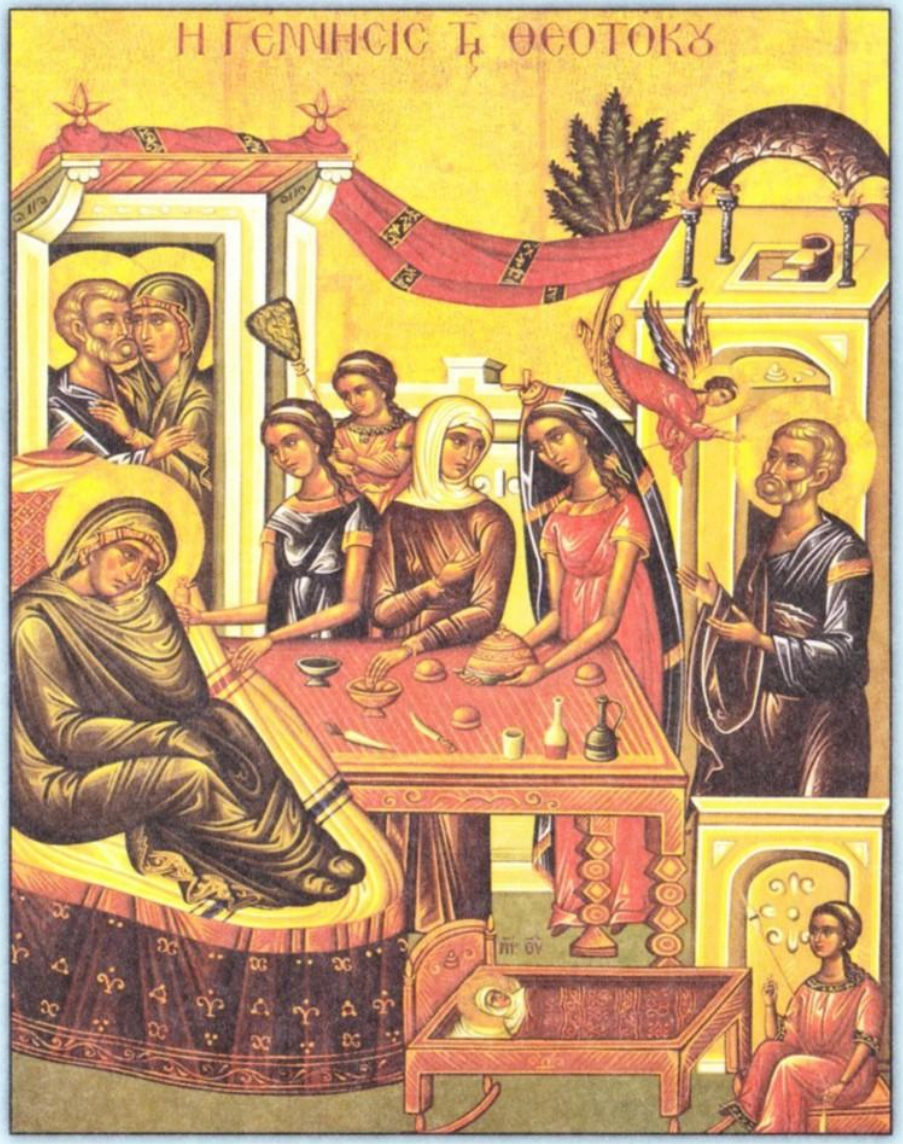
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Schedule:

Tuesday September 08:
Birth of the Theotokos
6:00pm Divine Liturgy for Bruno Cunha, John Oleksik, Gwen Walters

Wednesday September 09:
6:00pm Divine Liturgy

Friday 9/11
10:00am Panahida for Heros & victims of 9/11

Saturday September 12:
04:00pm Divine Liturgy is available

Sunday September 13:
Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross
9:30am Rosary
10:00am Divine Liturgy for St. Emilian Parishioners
Blessing of School children

No meat on Friday!

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Diane Pilat, Stephen Fazekas,
Linda Detwiler, Robert Sieckowski, Donna Bodner

Pastoral Council:
Mary Tulenko, Donna Knapp, Gretchen&John Oleksik, Lorrie Sirocky, Susan-Strippy-Oradini, Gwen Walters, Paul Fogle, Stephen Fazekas, Alen Bratnic, Joseph Shirilla

Finance Council:
Debbie Faulkner, Steve Gnall, Richard Pilat, Kari Pecinovsky

Read the Bible

Monday September 07.: Gal 4,28-5,10 Mk 6,54-7,8

Tuesday September 08. Birth of Theotokos: Phil 2,5-11 Lk 10,38-42;11,27-28

Wednesday September 09.: Gal 6,2-10 Mk 7,14-24

Thursday September 10.: Eph 1,1-9 Mk 7,24-30

Friday September 11.: Eph 1,7-17 Mk 8,1-10

Saturday September 12.: 1Cor 2,6-9 Mt 10,37-11,1

Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross September 13.: Gal 6,11-18 Jn 3,13-17

Please Pray For our sick brothers and sisters: Lorrie Sirocky, Neil Papesh, Gert Kent, Richard Frank, Jennifer Soika, Tammy Lewanchick, Kathy Kobialka, Dorothy Remington, Linda Keeling, Pamela Oliver, Sharon Dragon, Pat Keblesh, Larry Crebs, Kit Marty, Michelle Deny, Mark Yacko, Marjorie Solar, Melanie, Eddie, Beverly Basalla, Jessica Rieder, Maria, Amanda, David, Martin, Lucy & Eric Rom, Tom Hein, Darryl Barricklow, Diane Saunders, Elizabeth Fecso, Dewey Smith, Jim Kobialka, Nancy & Don McKelvey, Evelyn Epifano, Mary Ann Washlock, Art Dumpas, Lynda Diligente, Dorothy, Ed Hein, Fr. Robert Kelly, Nick Soika, Donna Bodner, Rita Hein, Mike & Krysta Tulenko, Tim Chapin, Linda Krehel, Jimmy Snyder, Chris Drasny, Julie Sherepita, Dan Bobravsky, Michael Dudick, Darline Kundrat, George, Richard Heilman, Susette Ziats

GARAGE CLEANUP SESSION

Dear Brothers and Sisters, On Thursday, September 10th, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., we will hold a cleanup session for the hall garage. A sign-up sheet is posted on the vestibule wall for anyone who is interested and available. Hope to see you there for this long overdue project.

God Bless

September Birthdays
Sept 04 - Bruno Cunha & John Oleksik
Sept 07 - Gwen Walters
Sept 09 Chuck Fricke & Tim Moritz
Sept 13 - Sarah Pilat
Sept 17 - Henry Lanning
Sept 19 - Marsha Fricke
Sept 25 - Tabitha Haseley
Sept 29 - Bob Sharick


Ethnic Food Production:

- Rolls:
  - Fri 09/18 9:30am
  - Fri 10/16 9:30am
  - Wed 11/11 9:30am
- Pirohi:
  - Wed 09/23 9am; Thu 09/24 6pm
  - Wed 10/07 9am; Thu 10/08 6pm
  - Mon 10/26 9am; Tue 10/27 6pm

Club 250 Grand Drawing Aug 16.

$500 - #233: Julie Sherepita
$100 - Seller: Julie Sherepita
$250 - #245: Stephen Gnall
$250 - #181: Janet Timura
$250 - #218: Chris Rom
$250 - #175: Donna Bodner
$100 - #088: Pam Gagen & Katrina Pyo

Next game will begin October 4.

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Thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers and the many who donated raffle items. Without you the event could not happen. The raffle baskets were beautiful and plentiful! **Also, Thanks to the golfers!**

The weather was fantastic for a day on the links. **Congratulations to Larry Kundrat who was our guest of honor.** Larry's service and commitment to Saint Emilian is on display constantly. Thanks, Larry, for all you do for St. Emilian!

"Let the Little Children Come to Me"

A Call to Serve as an Eastern Christian Formation Teacher

For many years throughout our parish's 50-year history, there were times when we had very few children. Today, God has blessed St. Emilian Byzantine Catholic Church with many young parishioners, and what a beautiful blessing they are.

Each Sunday, we see them serving as altar servers, junior ushers, and participants in our Divine Liturgy. They walk with quiet dignity—sometimes with an occasional smile or wave to their parents and grandparents. Their small steps reflect a great truth: **every child in our parish has a voice, a place, and a purpose in our liturgical life.**

These moments are more than heartwarming memories; they are living expressions of Scripture. Jesus said:

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

—Matthew 19:14

For nearly two decades, we have watched this verse come alive each time a child reverently carries a candle, processes with an icon, or faithfully serves at the altar. Through their participation, they remind us that **holiness has no age requirement** and that **the light of Christ shines just as brightly through small hands as it does through our own.**

These children are not merely the future of our Church—they are an important part of its present.

Scripture teaches that passing on the faith is both a privilege and a responsibility. After His Resurrection, Jesus commissioned His disciples:

"As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

—John 20:21

And before His Ascension, He gave them this command:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations… teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

—Matthew 28:19–20

That commission belongs to each of us. It is our responsibility as Christians to teach our children the Gospel and help them grow in the love of the Holy Trinity.

Our Eastern Christian Formation (ECF) program is in need of teachers for this fall.

Perhaps your first thought is, *"I'm not qualified."* But consider this:

- **If you received a Catholic school education or faithfully attended religious education… you are qualified.**
- **If you read Scripture and strive to live your faith… you are qualified.**
- **If you love God and believe that salvation comes through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ… you are qualified.**
- **If you faithfully participate in the Divine Liturgy… you are qualified.**

You do not need to be a theologian. We have **excellent teaching materials, videos, and experienced teachers who will gladly help you.** If you are new to teaching, we can arrange for you to team teach with an experienced catechist. If you cannot commit to teaching every week, please consider becoming a substitute teacher. And if you have taught ECF in the past, we warmly invite you to prayerfully consider returning.

Someone once taught you about God. Someone helped you learn to pray, understand the Scriptures, and grow in your faith.

Isn't it time to give that gift to the next generation?

Please **read this invitation with an open heart.** Then **take it home and pray about it**. **Ask the Lord to speak to you in the quiet of your heart.**

One day, each of us will stand before God and give an account of the life He entrusted to us. Imagine being able to answer His question, ***"What did you do with the life I gave you?"*** by saying:

"Lord, I taught children to know and love You."

If you feel God may be calling you to this ministry, please contact our **Eastern Christian Formation Coordinator,** Natalie Washlok, **Father Peter**, or **speak with any of our current ECF teachers.** We would be honored to welcome you to this important ministry as we prepare for the coming school year.

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING BOX FUND RAISER CONTINUES INTO 2026

We are pleased to announce that our Loose Change Offering Box Fund Raiser will continue into 2026. This simple but meaningful effort provides a wonderful opportunity to teach our children the importance of **giving back to our parish community**.

By encouraging children to contribute their own loose change, we help them learn the value of **generosity** and see firsthand how **small actions can make a big difference** in supporting our beloved church. It is a tangible, hands-on way to pass on the Christian tradition of **stewardship and care for God's house** to the next generation.

We are also happy to share that **the total collected for the month of July 2026 was $10**.

Just as important, **what a wonderful example our adults can give the youth of our parish** when children see moms, dads, grandparents, and parishioners reaching into their pockets or purses to find a few coins and place them in the offering box. These small, visible acts of generosity leave a lasting impression and help teach our children how we care for and support our beautiful church.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us form generous hearts in our parish family.

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Participation in all liturgical services, presentations, and discussions is **FREE**. Meal tickets are available for those who wish to join the community meals, though attendees may also choose to dine off-site.



REGISTER by September 7:
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Presentations:

- Benjamin Auton - eparchial synodality
- Jonathan Shellnut - fellowship and the lay-apostolate
- Dr. Kieran McNulty - proclaiming the Gospel of God's wonder
- Bishop Robert - authentic worship, personal prayer, and liturgical chant
- Laura Ieraci-Summerson - stewardship and tithing



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Pre Cana Weekend

Preparation for marriage according to the Byzantine Rite

Sat & Sun, May 1 & 2, 2027

Saturday - 10:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday - 10:00am - 3:30pm

St. John Byzantine Catholic Church
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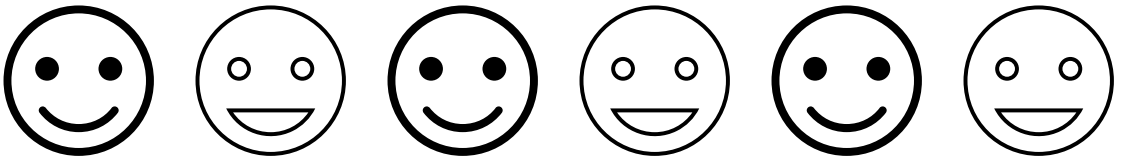
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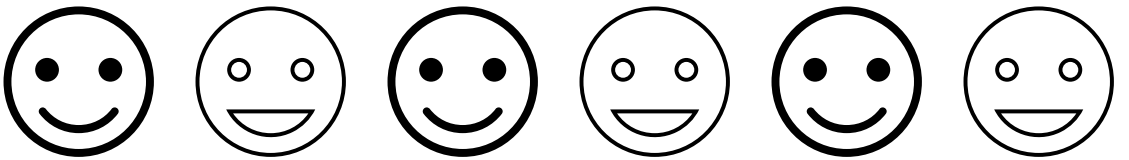
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Treasury and Treasurer

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