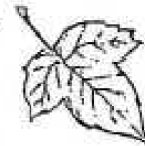




The Apostles' Joy



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Dear Friends and Family in Christ,

Christ is in our Midst! He is and shall be!

Everyone likes birthdays...well ok, not everyone... But even so, we all have them. In the Church we celebrate a special birthday on September 8: the birthday or the "Nativity" of the Theotokos.

The event of her birth was both miraculous and full of hope. Remember, the Mother of God's parents were no spring chickens! Joachim and Anna were quite old and were well over the normal childbearing age. However, because of their faith, humility, and trust in God, they were graced to become the "grandparents of God," and the rest as they say is (salvation) history.

As we celebrate this feast, the first feast of the Ecclesiastical New Year, it is a reminder of the importance that the Mother of God should have in the lives of Orthodox Christians. After God she is our only hope, and she is first among those who intercede for us. She prays ceaselessly for our salvation at the Throne of God.

Most Holy Theotokos Save us!

With much love and God's blessing,



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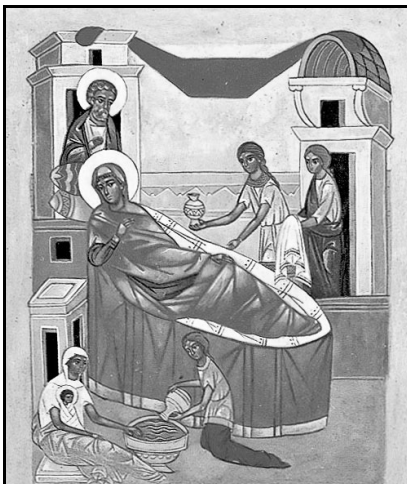
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THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

Our Mission @ a glance:

Parish Picnic: On Sunday, July 30, our parish held its annual Picnic-in-the-park. We had almost 50 parishioners, children, and friends braving the *blazing* heat and humidity for a surprisingly pleasant afternoon, full of fellowship and good food!

As many as have been Baptized into Christ... It was a day filled with great joy: On Sunday, August 20, the day we as a parish observed the Great feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God, our parish witnessed the baptism and Chrismation of Anthony James Carson. In addition it was the largest attendance ever at our mission - 93! We offer Anthony, along with his parents and sponsor George, God's choicest blessings, and Many Years!

OCA Mission Planting Grant : Our parish is again applying for the National Church's Planting Grant. This money is designated to help Mission parishes jump start to the next level of development. Please keep this in your prayers as our proposal is presented to the Missions committee and then to the Holy Synod of Bishops for approval.

Fr. Dan Ressetar recently announced his retirement from active ministry after 48 years of priesthood, and 41 years at Christ the Saviour! Christ the Saviour Parish is throwing him a retirement dinner on Sunday, September 24, at 1:00 pm. Please mark the date, and consult the weekly bulletin for more details.

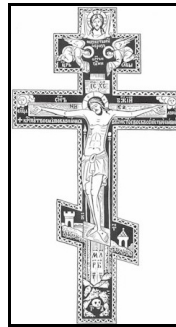
Church School: Our parish Church School program will begin with a blessing of students and teachers on Sunday, September 10. We will also have a cookout after Vespers on Saturday September 9th to mark the occasion.

Pan-Orthodox Picnic: The Local Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood, the O.C.C.S.C.P. are having our annual Pan-Orthodox Picnic on Sunday, September 17, at Serb Park in Steelton from noon until 7:00 pm.

The Monthly Mission Council Meeting will be held Thursday, September 21, at 7:00 pm at Camp Hill

Farmer's Market. Everyone in the parish community is invited to attend and to participate in this administrative ministry of the Church.

For the feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God, Fr. Timothy was asked to serve at Christ the Saviour for Fr. Dan Ressetar, our Dean, who will be traveling in Poland. Great Vespers with Litiya will be celebrated Thursday evening, September 7, at 7:00 pm, and the Divine Liturgy will be Friday morning, September 8 at 9:30 am. We are all invited to these services where in the spirit of brotherhood we are assisting our "Mother Church."



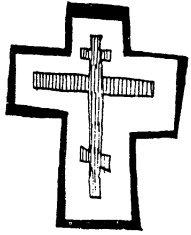
For the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross we will celebrate Vespers on Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00 pm at the Gaither residence. While we are without a permanent facility this is a way that we can, as a parish community, honor the feasts and share in some community building fellowship in the process.

Mark your calendars! Sunday, October 8, at 1:30 pm we invite all our friends and family to join us for a **Silent Auction & Dinner Dance** at the Radisson Penn Harris Hotel in Camp Hill as a kick-off to our parish building fund. We will have live entertainment and a silent auction for all to enjoy. The day will begin with the Divine Liturgy at our Mission and then the fellowship will continue at this celebration. For more information please see the flyer in this newsletter, or contact Mary Sak at: marysak@comcast.net

**September is a time for
new beginnings....**

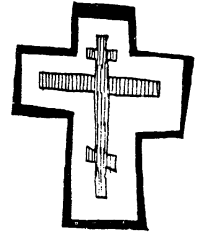
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While for most students, this is the time to come back to school, but for some, it could also be a time for some to come back to Church. If you have gotten into the summer habit of missing Church, take this beautiful fall season to come back and worship with your parish family. You won't miss any beach time, or the football game, or anything important. You have nothing to lose...but everything to gain - your salvation! The Church offers us all sorts of seasons of renewal and opportunities to get back on track - use them!



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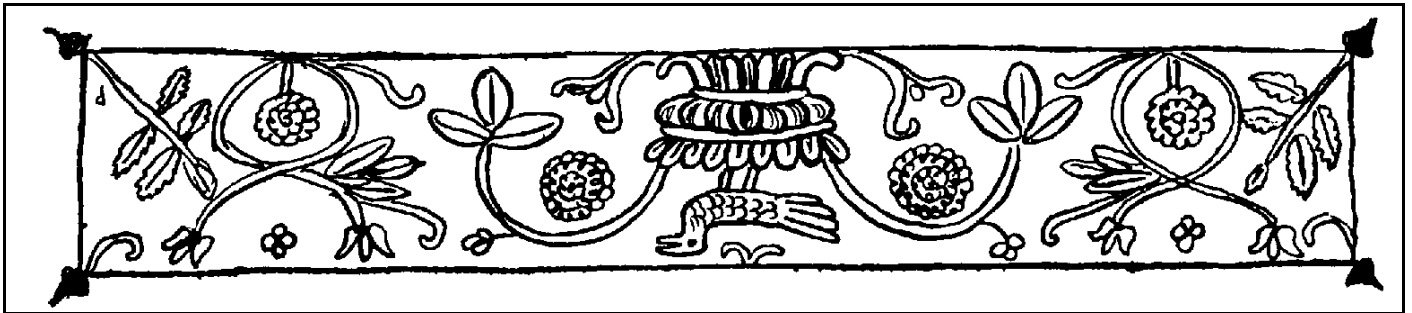
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Come, all ye kindred of the nations, and let us honor in hymns the Cross of the Lord. Hail, O Cross, complete redemption of fallen Adam.</i></p>					1	2 Chapel set-up, Choir 5pm Great Vespers, & Confessions 6pm
3 Divine Liturgy 9:00am w/Fellowship following Altar Server Team #1	4 Labor Day	5	6	7 Fr. Timothy serving for Fr. Dan Ressetar at Christ the Saviour Church, Harrisburg Great Vespers & Litiya 7:00 pm	8 Nativity of the Theotokos Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	9 Chapel set-up, Choir 5pm Great Vespers, & Confessions 6pm
10 FALL TIME CHANGE 1st Day of Church School Divine Liturgy 9:30am Church School & Fellowship following Altar Server Team #2	11 Christ the Saviour Men's Club Picnic, Harrisburg	12 Clergy Bible Study: 10 am, Lancaster	13 Vespers at the Gaither Residence 7:00 pm	14 Elevation of the Holy Cross STRICT FAST DAY	15 	16 Chapel set-up, Choir 5pm Great Vespers, & Confessions 6pm
17 Pan-Orthodox Picnic Noon @ Serb Park, Steelton Divine Liturgy 9:30am Church School & Fellowship following Altar Server Team #1	18	19	20	21 Mission Council Mtg. 7:00pm @ West Shore Farmer's Mrkt.	22	23 Chapel set-up, Choir 5pm Great Vespers, & Confessions 6pm
24 Divine Liturgy 9:30am Church School & Fellowship following Altar Server Team #2	25 Retirement Dinner for Fr. Dan Ressetar 1:00 pm, Harrisburg	26 Repose of St. John the Theologian	27	28	29	30 Chapel set-up, Choir 5pm Great Vespers, & Confessions 6pm



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Prayers for the newly Departed: Memory Eternal!

Mary Heier (+7/27), Mary Oselinsky (+8/7)

If anyone has additions to this list, please see Fr. Timothy.