



## THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

#### Sunday of the Environment

8:40a.m. Hours  
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
 Blessing for the  
 New Academic Year  
 11:00a.m. Coffee Hr. / Open Pool

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

7:00p.m. Great Vespers w/ Litiya

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

#### Nativity of the Virgin Mary

##### One of the Twelve Great Feasts

8:40a.m. Hours  
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
 5:00p.m. Bible Study  
 6:00p.m. Great Vespers

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

#### Sunday Before the Cross

8:40a.m. Hours  
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
 11:00a.m. Annual Parish Picnic

#### READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>

Bruce Eckerd

Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>

Jodi McElwee



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## BULLETIN OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

### Welcome Visitors

It is great to have you with us today! We hope you all consider staying after Liturgy for coffee hour and fellowship!

### The New Stone Floor and Altar Sacristies

Appreciation is expressed to the donors of the new stone floor as well as the labors who worked long and hard to install it. Thanks is also expressed to the donors of the cabinetry and sink in the altar sacristies. May the Lord bless you all for your generous adornment of His House!



### Prayers for Teachers and Students – Today

Due to last weekend's rain and flooding, the prayers and the beginning of the new academic year will be offered today, Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Teachers and students will be asked to come forward near the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

### The Nativity of the Theotokos – September 8<sup>th</sup>

This week, we celebrate the Birth of the Theotokos. This is the first of the 12 Great Feasts of the Church's liturgical year. We will have Vespers with Litiya on Friday at 7:00pm and the Liturgy on Saturday at 9:00am.



### Annual Parish Picnic – Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

Next Sunday, the Annual Parish Picnic will be held at the Parish Center. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church for those interested in bringing food and/or supplies. For questions, please see Kathy Parrish. This Sunday may also be the last for open pool hours. We hope that you all will come for the picnic following the Liturgy. Please invite your family and friends to come as well!

### Questions About Our Renovation Loan

- 1) How much would the weekly payment be on our \$30K renovation loan which is due February 2014? *The amount would be around \$385 per week.*
- 2) How can I make an offering towards this loan's repayment? *You can make an earmarked donation toward "Renovation Loan".*
- 3) Where can I find how much still remains to be paid? *At the bottom of each Sunday's bulletin in the financial snapshot.*
- 4) What is "Reimbursement Due"? *This is the amount which is currently due for completed renovation work to the chapel and grounds.*



**Prayer List:** Fr. Michael Mihalick, Fr. Alexander Atty, Fr. Christian, Mat. Dunia, Bill Parrish, Hayley, Tyler Pelesh, Wallace & Michelle, John Trax, Maleah Morse, Victoria Kokkinos, Karen Nichols, Denise Royal, Jane Koshutko, Nina Gordon, Mirela & Chris, Bruce Eckerd, Stella, Ari, Nedelina, Liliana, Kathryn (newly departed).

OPERATING THRU 7/31/12			AUGUST OPERATING			RENOVATION TO PARISH CENTER	
Income	Expense	Net	Income	Goal	Difference	Loan Due Feb. 2014	Reimbursement Due
37,219	31,201	+6,318	5,481	4,858	+623	30,000	3,039

## THE NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY

*Celebrated on September 8<sup>th</sup>*

The Holy Virgin Mary was born of aged parents, Joachim and Anna. Her father was of the lineage of David, and her mother of the lineage of Aaron. Thus, she was of royal birth by her father, and of priestly birth by her mother. In this, she foreshadowed Him Who would be born of her as King and High Priest. Her parents were quite old and had no children. Because of this they were ashamed before men and humble before God. In their humility they prayed to God with tears, to bring them joy in their old age by giving them a child, as He had once given joy to the aged Abraham and his wife Sarah by giving them Isaac. The Almighty and All-seeing God rewarded them with a joy that surpassed all their expectations and all their most beautiful dreams. For He gave them not just a daughter, but the Mother of God. He illumined them not only with temporal joy, but with eternal joy as well. God gave them just one daughter, and she would later give them just one grandson-but what a daughter and what a Grandson! Mary, Full of grace, Blessed among women, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Altar of the Living God, the Table of the Heavenly Bread, the Ark of God's Holiness, the Tree of the Sweetest Fruit, the Glory of the race of man, the Praise of womanhood, the Fount of virginity and purity-this was the daughter given by God to Joachim and Anna. She was born in Nazareth, and at the age of three, was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem. In her young womanhood she returned again to Nazareth, and shortly thereafter heard the Annunciation of the Holy Archangel Gabriel concerning the birth of the Son of God, the Savior of the world, from her most-pure virgin body.



### **Troparion – tone 4**

Your Nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from you, O Theotokos! By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

### **Kontakion – tone 4**

By your Nativity, O Most-Pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve, from the corruption of death. And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.

### **PRAYER FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

O Lord, our God and Creator, Thou hast honored us men with Thine own image, and didst teach Thy chosen disciples that the fear of Thee is the beginning of true wisdom; Thou hast revealed Thy wisdom to children and didst teach Thy law to Solomon and to all those who have sought Thee in purity of heart. Open the hearts, the minds, and the lips of these students, that they may perceive the power of Thy law, and successfully comprehend the useful things which will be taught them, so that they will understand Thy perfect will and contribute to the building up of Thy Holy Church. Deliver them from every snare of the enemy, preserve them in the true faith and in righteousness and purity all the days of their lives, that they may grow in wisdom and in the observance of Thy commandments, and may be revealed as worshippers of Thy Name and heirs of Thy Kingdom. Bless also their teachers, O Lord; grant that their words may be free from every worldly deceit and vanity, and may always clearly proclaim the word of Thy truth.

For Thou art God, the Author of truth and the Fountain of wisdom, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.



## "A GOOD DAY"

By Brother David Steindl-Rast – From Fr. Michael Mihalick

You think this is just another day in your life. It's not just another day. It's the one day that is given to you today. It's given to you. It's a gift. It's the only gift that you have right now. And the only appropriate response is gratefulness.

If you do nothing else but to cultivate that response, to the great gift that this unique day is, if you learn to respond as if it were the first day in your life, and the very last day, then you will have spent this day very well.

Begin by opening your eyes and be surprised that you have eyes you can open.

That incredible array of colors that is constantly offered to us for pure enjoyment. Look at the sky. We so rarely look at the sky. We so rarely note how different it is from moment to moment, with clouds coming and going. We just think of the weather. Even of the weather we don't think of all the many nuances of weather. We just think of good weather and bad weather. This day right now, this unique weather, may be a kind that will never exactly in that form come again. The formation of clouds in the sky will never be the same that it is right now. Open your eyes. Look at that.



### SEPTEMBER CONGRATULATIONS!

#### Anniversaries:

- 9/16 Fr. Daniel & Mat. Dunia
- 9/26 Gerald & Camelia Milite

#### Birthdays:

- 9/5 Kathy Parrish
- 9/6 Jane Koshutko
- 9/9 Olga Klymuk
- 9/29 Kenny Marchick

#### Namesdays:

- 9/5 *St. Elizabeth*  
Kelly Elizabeth Hageman
- 9/9 *St. Anna*  
Anna Evanusa
- 9/17 *St. Nadezhda*  
Nada McFarland
- 9/26 *St. John the Theologian*  
Bruce John Eckerd

Question? Please see Fr. John.

Look at the faces of people you may meet. Each one has an incredible story behind their face, a story that you could never fully fathom. Not only their own story, but the story of their ancestors. We all go back so far. And in this place and moment, in this day, all the people you meet, all that life from generations and from so many places all over the world, flows together and meets you here like a live-giving water if you'd only open your heart and drink.

Open your heart to the incredible gifts that civilization gives to us. You flip a switch and there is electric light. You turn a faucet and there is warm water and cool water. And drinkable water, a gift that millions and millions in the world will never experience.

And these are just a few of an enormous number of gifts to which we can open our heart. And so I am wishing that you will open your heart to all these blessings and let them flow through you, that everyone you will meet on the street will be blessed by you. Blessed by your eyes. By your smile. By your touch. Just by your presence.

Let the gratefulness overflow into blessing all around you. Then it will really be a good day.

**If you have not yet viewed the video, you may do so at:**  
<http://orthodoxdelmarva.org/gd.html>

### FROM THE DESERT FATHERS

A brother questioned Abba Poemen saying, "If I see my brother committing a sin, is it right to conceal it?" The old man said to him, "At the very moment when we hide our brother's fault, God hides our own and at the moment when we reveal our brother's fault, God reveals ours too."

Another brother questioned him in these words, "What does, 'See that none of you repays evil for evil' mean?" (1 Thess. 5:15) The old man said to him, "Passions work in four stages – first, in the heart; secondly, in the face; thirdly, in words; and fourthly, through deeds. If you can purify your heart, passion will not come into your expression; but if it comes into your face, take care not to speak; but if you do speak, cut the conversation short in case you render evil for evil."

