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18th Sunday after Pentecost

Commemoration of St. Euphrosyne, nun of Alexandria

Saturday is the Feastday of the Protection of the Mother of God. The Vespers Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Friday at 5:30 p.m.



Homeless lunches We will be making box lunches for the poor and homeless of Pittsburgh on Saturday, October 21. We need donations of:

*bottled water brown lunch bags
zip loc baggies apples
sliced bread*

Please bring your donations to the church basement by Sunday, Oct. 15.

Anniversary The 5th anniversary of our Bishop Gregory will be celebrated on Monday, November 27 with a dinner at the Holiday Inn in Johnstown. Cost for the dinner is \$50. If you would like to attend, see Father Ed.

The Protection of the Theotokos

This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

On Sunday, October 14, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ Saint Andrew, at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. Saint John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time.

After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed *"more than the rays of the sun."* Saint Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, *"Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?"* Epiphanius answered, *"I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe."*

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her

intercession, *"O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them go away from my icon unheard."*

Saints Andrew and Epiphanius were worthy to see the Mother of God at prayer, and "for a long time observed the Protecting Veil spread over the people and shining with flashes of glory. As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, the Protecting Veil was also visible, but with her departure it also became invisible. After taking it with her, she left behind the grace of her visitation."

Miraculous Icon of the Iveron Mother of God from Hawaii has been streaming myrrh for the past ten years. It will be visiting churches in the Pittsburgh area:

St. Gregory Church – Homestead
Tues. Oct. 10 6 p.m.
St. Sava Church – McKeesport
Thurs. Oct. 12 7 p.m.

This icon visited St. George Church in Taylor in October, 2011 and the next day the Kardiotissa icon in that church began streaming myrrh which has continued since then.

Christmas candy order forms are now available in the vestibule. Help support our youth camping program!

