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*15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Commemoration of the Holy Martyr Babylas of Antioch*

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**THIS WEEK:**

WEDNESDAY - 7 p.m. GREAT  
VESPERS & Confessions



THURSDAY - *Great Feast of the  
NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS*  
8:30 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY

FRIDAY - 7 p.m. Bible Study

***Bible Study*** begins on Friday. We will be studying St. Paul's Epistles to the Thessalonians.

***Confessions*** Please make plans to approach Holy Confession if you wish to continue to receiving the Eucharist each week.

A reminder.... We should not approach the chalice if we have missed the Sunday Divine Liturgy without a serious reason. Since we have the opportunity to attend Liturgy either Saturday in Jacobs Creek or Sunday in Monongahela, there a few serious reasons!

When we bravely and quietly endure the afflictions sent to us, we participate a little, although not fully, in the sufferings of Christ.  
*(St. Macarius of Optina)*

No matter what bitterness has befallen you, no matter what unpleasantness has happened to you, say, "*I shall endure this for Jesus Christ!*" and it will be easier for you. For the name of Jesus Christ is powerful. Through it all unpleasantness is calmed, and demons disappear.  
*(St. Anthony of Optina)*

The Holy Scriptures lead us to God and open the path to the knowledge of God.  
*(St. John Chrysostom)*

Of all the afflictions that burden the human race, there is not one, whether spiritual or bodily, that cannot be healed by the Holy Scriptures.  
*(St. John Chrysostom)*

**First Confession** We will celebrate the First Confession of two of our young people on Sunday, October 1.

**Rummage sale** is set for Sat. Oct.7. We will need your help setting up the tables and on the day of the sale.

**Hurricane victims** A special collection for those affected by the hurricanes in Texas and Florida was taken up today. It will be forwarded to the IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) which is on the ground in both states. We have already forwarded \$200 from our parish Charity Fund.

**Anniversary** The 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bishop Gregory as our shepherd and spiritual father will be celebrated in Johnstown on Monday, November 27. More information will be available closer to that date.

## Church Picnic



**Next Sunday at Tubby Hall  
Park 12 noon.**

**Please bring a side dish or  
dessert to share**