

**9/11 ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 2 P.M. - ODO MEAL AT STS. PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL – Volunteers needed to serve and assist with clean up. Please arrive between 1 and 1:30.

Thank you to EVERYONE who donated to our GIVE FROM THE HEART Drive – our school supplies collected were donated to: Sacred Heart Church School in Dearborn – we had our drawing on Sun. Aug. 28 and the supplies were delivered on Tues. Sept. 6. The supplies were JOYOUSLY accepted. I am aware of the following people donating: Donna Sekulidis, Joyce Christoff, Mary Todoroff, Mary Roley, The Muzzin Family, The Connors, The Petroffs. As always, if I missed anyone, my sincerest apologies!!!

**SEPT. 4 DONATIONS:**

**For Health of (FHO): PANZOFF FAMILY-** ANGIE PANZOFF; **FHO: FAMILY** – DONNA SEKULIDIS;

**FHO: EVERYONE** – HELEN ARNAUT; **FHO: FAMILY** – PAVLE NANOVSKI

**In Honor of MY NAME'S DAY-** SAM PETLICHKOFF

**In Memory of (IMO): FATHER FRANK**(on our anniversary)- JANET TIMPKO;

**IMO: PAUL & TED TODOROFF** – DONNA SEKULIDIS

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

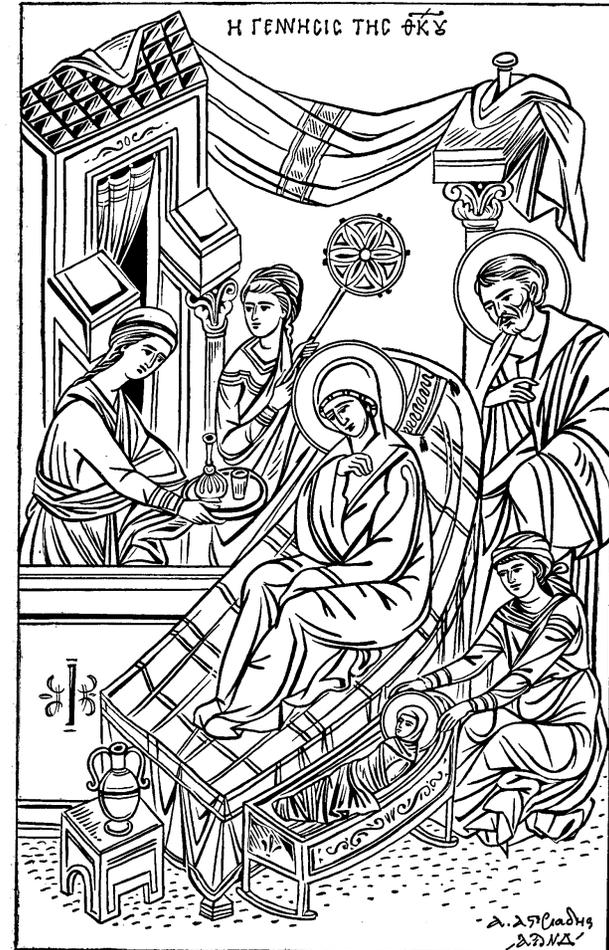
SEPT 18 – BBQ HONORING GRANDPARENTS DAY

25 – Bkft. Following Divine Liturgy  
Church Council Mtg.

# SAINT PAUL ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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September 11, 2016 – Tone 3: 12<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



**TODAY WE WILL COMMEMORATE THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY  
OF THE THEOTOKOS, APPOINTED FOR SEPTEMBER 8**

## AT THE ENTRANCE

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF THE THEOTOKOS, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## TROPARION & KONTAKION

Troparion, Feast, 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.

Glory... now and ever...

Kontakion, Feast, 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.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE - Philippians 2:5-11

Brothers and sisters: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL - Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. \* And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Him and said, "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary

has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As He said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that Thou hast sucked!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY MEET...", Tone 8:

Magnify, O my soul, the Virgin Mary, born of a barren womb.

Virginity is foreign to mothers; / childbearing is strange for virgins. But in you, O Theotokos, both were accomplished! For this, all the earthly nations unceasingly magnify you!

## COMMUNION VERSE

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on September 8 each year. The Feast commemorates the birth of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

According to the story found in this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks.

As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary.