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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: AUGUST 31st – SEPTEMBER 6th, 2026

<u>Mon.</u> 8/31	The Deposition of the Venerable Sash of the Theotokos in Chalcoprateia	9.00 am	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
<u>Tue.</u> 9/1	The Beginning of the Church Year Our Venerable Father Simeon the Stylite and his Mother; The Synaxis of the Theotokos of Miasena; The Holy Martyr Aeithalas; The Forty Holy Women martyred with their Instructor Ammon the Deacon; The Holy Martyr Callista and her two Brothers, Evodius and Hermogenes; Joshua the Just, Son of Nun	9.00 am	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (+ Genevieve Chornack – by Veronica Bodak)
<u>Wed.</u> 9/2	The Holy Martyr Mammas Our Venerable Father John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople	9.00 am	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (+ Mary Luczak – Judy Engle)
<u>Thu.</u> 9/3	The Holy Martyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia; Our Venerable Father Theoctist, Companion of our Venerable Father Euthymius the Great	6.00 pm	Vespers
<u>Fri.</u> 9/4	The Holy Martyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch; The Holy Prophet Moses, who saw God	6.00 pm	Vespers
<u>Sat.</u> 9/5	The Holy Prophet Zachary and his Wife, the Holy and Venerable Elizabeth, Parents of the Forerunner	5.00 pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (* Rev. Garrett O'Brien – by Marlene Thomas)
<u>Sun.</u> 9/6	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST The Commemoration of the Miracle of the Holy Archangel Michael at Colossae in Chionia; The Holy Martyr Eudoxius and his Companions; Our Venerable Father Archippus	9.30 am 10.00 am	Matins Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (+ Anthony Clemens – by Jeanne & Gary Lazor)

HOLY CONFESSION is available on Saturday from 4 pm to 4:45 pm or by appointment.



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF ST. MICHAEL'S:

Fr. Michael Evanick, Ann Libak, George Batcha, Edward Ivanyo, Casimir Laczkowski, Barbara Fedorchak, Susan Hlebasko, George Primich, John Olenik, Victoria Berch, Anthony Slinker, Jackie Petyo, Jacob Soderlund, Veronica Bodak, Elisabeth Babich, Rosemarie Stith, Nora Bloch, Nicholas Cuban, Nicholas Cuban Sr., Jennifer Adamo, Carol Zakutansky, Austin Gaydos, Todd Wert, Ed Moncada, Bridget Bowman, Matthew Malyj, Gary Lazor, and Roger Libke.

The Placing of the Cincture (Sash) of the Mother of God

Commemorated on August 31

The Placing of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos in a church of Constantinople's Chalcoprateia district took place during the reign of the emperor Theodosius the Younger. Before this the holy relic, entrusted to the Apostle Thomas by the Mother of God Herself, was kept by pious Christians at Jerusalem after Her Dormition. During the reign of Emperor Leo the Wise (886-911), his wife Zoe was afflicted with an unclean spirit, and he prayed that God would heal her.

The empress had a vision that she would be healed of her infirmity if the Belt of the Mother of God were placed upon her. The emperor then asked the Patriarch to open the coffer. The Patriarch removed the seal and opened the coffer in which the relic was kept, and the Belt of the Mother of God appeared completely whole and undamaged by time. The Patriarch placed the Belt on the sick empress, and immediately she was freed from her infirmity. They sang hymns of thanksgiving to the Most Holy Theotokos, then they placed the venerable Belt back into the coffer and resealed it.

In commemoration of the miraculous occurrence and the twofold Placing of the venerable Belt, the Feast of the Placing of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos was established. Parts of the holy Belt are in the Vatopedi monastery on Mt. Athos, in Trier monastery, and in Georgia.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/1953/08/31/102442-the-placing-of-the-cincture-sash-of-the-mother-of-god>



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Actions Speak Louder Than Words

All you who are gladdened by the gift of rebirth, all you who boast of that saving renewal, show me, after the sacramental grace, the resulting change in your ways. ... There surely must be some outward proof by which we may recognize the newborn person, something that clearly set the new apart from the old.

As darkness is dispelled by light, so the old nature disappears when clothed with the works of righteousness. Notice now Zachaeus, after the change of his life, put to death the tax collector that he was, made fourfold restitution to those whom he had unjustly damaged, and the rest he divided with the poor – the treasure that he had extorted from the poor (Lk 19:1-10). The

evangelist Matthew, a tax collector like Zachaeus, after his call changed his life as if it had been a mask. Paul was a persecutor, but after the grace given to him he became an apostle, bearing the weight of his chains for Christ's sake.

So you should be in your rebirth. So you should blot out your habits that lead you to sin. Just so the sons of God should live, because after the grace He has given us, we are called His children. And so we need to carefully study our Father's characteristics, so that by fashioning and framing ourselves to the likeness of our Father, we may seem true children of Him who calls us to adoption through grace.

St. Gregory of Nyssa

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Alexander, Patriarch of Constantinople -- August 30th