

The Deposition of the Venerable Robes of the Theotokos at Blachernae – July 2nd

THE DEPOSITION OF THE SACRED ROBE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN BLACHERNAE

The sacred robe of the Mother of God was transferred from Palestine to Constantinople in the year 458 AD, during the reign of Leo the Great. At that time, two patricians from Constantinople, named Galbios and Candidos, embarked on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Having arrived in Galilee, they ended up lodging at the home of an elderly widow, a devout Christian woman of Jewish descent. During their brief stay there, they witnessed many Christians coming to offer candles and incense at a small shrine in her house. After questioning the widow about this, she revealed to them that within a wooden reliquary there was the robe of the Most-Holy Theotokos. Prior to her dormition, the Mother of God gave her sacred garments as a blessing to two virgins who attended to her after the Ascension of the Lord. This old widow was of the family of one of those two virgins, and from one generation to the next the sacred robe had come into her possession.

God permitted for these two men to take the sacred garment by stealth back to Constantinople for the profit of many. When they visited Jerusalem, they had a wooden box constructed that looked similar to the reliquary in the widow's shrine. Upon returning to the widow's home, they took the wooden box containing the robe of the Panagia back with them to Constantinople, leaving the box they had constructed in its stead. They then built a church dedicated to the Apostles Peter and Mark on a property they owned named Blachernae, and secretly enshrined the garment therein. However, on account of the multitude of miracles that began to take place, they revealed this treasure to Emperor Leo, who proceeded to build a church at that same site, in honor of the Theotokos.

The Emperor himself wrapped the sacred robe with a regal purple cloak, then deposited it in a case, and secured it with imperial seals. The sacred robe of the Theotokos was woven from wool. Such wool fabric typically begins to deteriorate within six months, as it is eaten by moths. The sacred robe of the Mother of God, however, remained intact to serve as testimony of her incorrupt virginity. Many years later when the reliquary containing the sacred robe was opened, the regal purple cloak was found deteriorated from the passage of time; however, the Panagia's robe was found intact, and in the same condition as it was when initially placed there. The Panagia's robe was woven from wool that was not dyed, an indicator of her utmost humility. Whereas the shawl she wore was red, an indicator of her perpetual virginity. For, according to the ancient Jewish tradition, virgins would wear a shawl that was red, whereas once they were married, they would wear a shawl that was white.

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✠ **Liturgies for the Week of 6/27 – 7/5** ✠

SAT Jun 27 *Our Venerable Father Sampson the Hospitaller, The Holy Myrrh-bearer Joanna*

--- No Divine Services ---

SUN Jun 28 *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00 am Holy Spirit – † William Metzgar by Marion & Eugene Urda

Apostol: Rom 10: 1-10
Gospel: Mt 8: 28 – 9: 3

(Tone 4)
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11:00 am Ss. Peter & Paul – *Living and Deceased Members of Ss. Peter and Paul and Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Churches*

MON Jun 29 *The Holy Pre-Eminent Apostles Peter and Paul (Holy Day of Obligation)*

9:30 am Ss. Peter & Paul – *Festal Divine Liturgy*
† John and † Martha Rodriguez

6:30 pm Holy Spirit – *Living and Deceased Members of Holy Spirit and SS. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Churches*

TUES Jun 30 *The Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles*

--- No Divine Services ---

WED July 01 *The Holy Unmercenary Healers and Wonder-workers Cosmas and Damian*

--- No Divine Services ---

THU July 02 *The Deposition of the Venerable Robes of the Theotokos at Blachernae (c. 465)*

--- No Divine Services ---

FRI July 03 *The Holy Martyr Hyacinth (108)*

--- No Divine Services ---



SAT July 04 *Our Holy Father Andrew of Jerusalem, Archbishop of Crete (740)*

--- No Divine Services ---

SUN July 05 *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00 am Holy Spirit – *Living and Deceased Members of Holy Spirit and Ss. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Churches*

Apostol: Rom 12: 6-14
Gospel: Mt 9: 1-8

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11:00 am Ss. Peter & Paul – † Janet by Family



Candle Intentions: Please see the sheet posted in the Church vestibule for the Candle Intentions and Sponsors for the Month of † **June**.



Happy Birthday: We'd like to wish a very Happy Birthday to:

Marilyn Foran, who will celebrate her Birthday this Monday, **June 29th**
George Dennis, who will celebrate his Birthday this Wednesday, **July 1st**!

May Our Lord and God bless them and grant them long life, good health, peace and happiness for
Many Happy and Blessed Years! - Na Mnohaja i Blahaja Lita!



Social Hour: *THIS Sunday, June 28th*, we will be having our social hour in the Holy Spirit Church Hall after the 9:00 am Holy Spirit liturgy. All are welcome and encouraged to come and have a cup of coffee & snack with your fellow parishioners.

There are still some **open dates** we need sponsored: **(8/16, 8/30 & 9/27)**. Please consider signing up for a future date so we can continue this ministry.

Sign up sheets to Sponsor the Social Hour & available dates, are on the table in the Church Vestibule.



Parish Family Luncheon: We will be having a Parish Luncheon on **Sunday, July 12th**, following the 10:00am combined Divine Liturgy at Holy Spirit Church.

The theme for The luncheon is: **"Celebration BBQ"**

If you plan to attend, please fill out the sign-up sheet and annotate the number of people attending.

In addition, there are sign-up sheets to bring a **dish to pass** and to **help with the luncheon**. Sign-up sheets are posted at both parishes. At Holy Spirit in the church vestibule, and up front at Ss. Peter & Paul. **Thank you very much for your support in this effort!** †



Can & Bottle Drive – Ss. Peter and Paul will be having a **Can & Bottle Drive** scheduled for **Saturday, July 11th**. Please donate saving your Cans & Bottles to Ss. Peter & Paul and help make Their drive a smashing success! You can drop off your bagged or boxed empties at the church parking lot between **11:00 am – 3:00 pm** on **Saturday, July 11th**. No sorting is necessary.



Stephen Dean, the Cantor from Ss. Peter and Paul Church, is **hosting classes** to help anyone who is interested in learning more about singing the melodies of the Divine Liturgy in the Green Book, including the eight tones, Troparions, Kontikons, and even the Prokeimenon and Alleluias. Reading of music is not required, and everyone is welcome!

The Classes are every Thursday from **4:00 pm to 5:30 pm** at Ss. Peter and Paul Church!



Holy Spirit Church 50/50 Raffle:

Don't forget your June 50/50 Raffle Ticket! You have to play to win! The entry envelopes are on the table in the church's vestibule. Thank You to everyone for your support!

