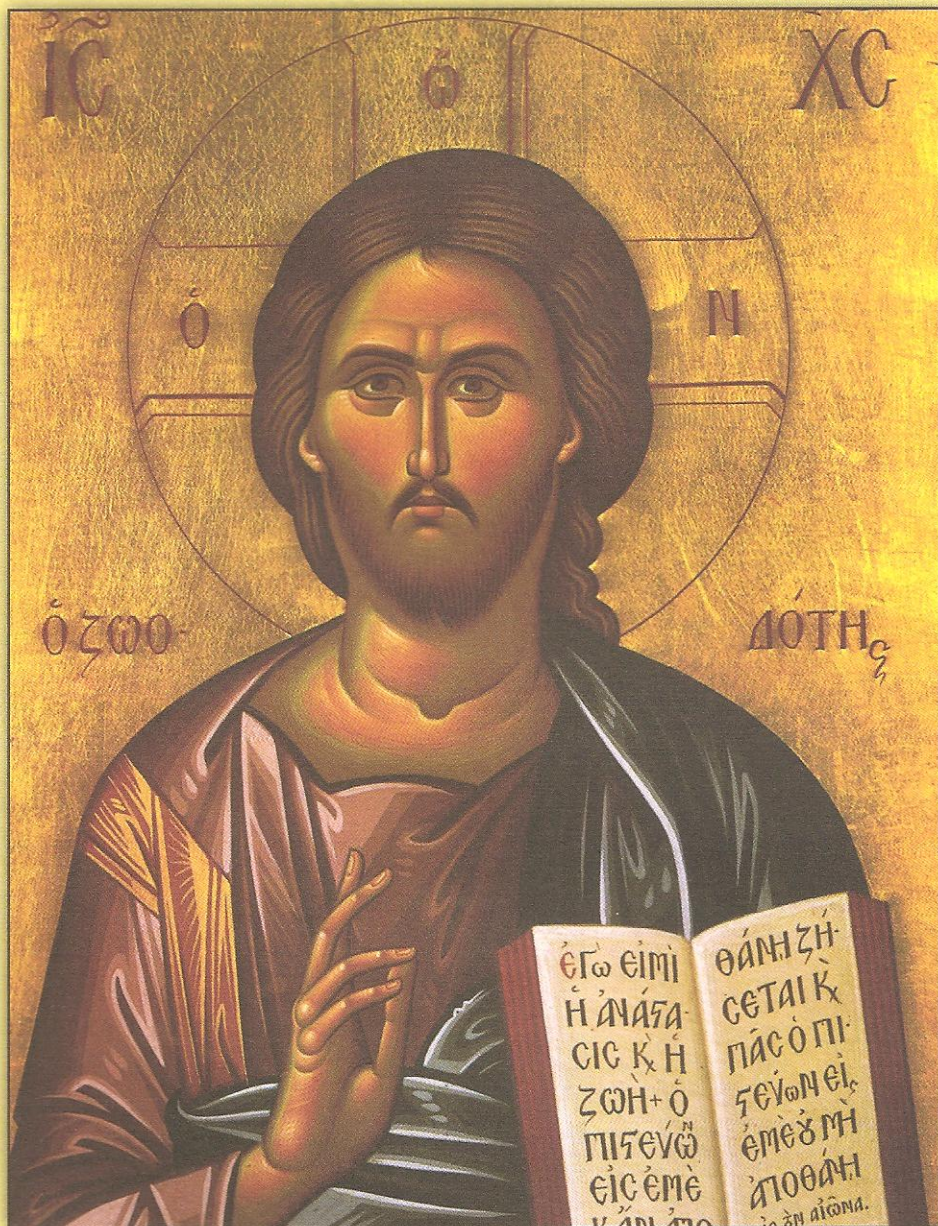


FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH YEAR



Icon of the Pantocrator, Christ the Teacher

A Blessed New Year!

The beginning of the new church year invites us to enter once again into the mystery of our redemption. It is in the context of the Church's yearly liturgical cycle that God's saving interaction with humanity is both experienced and celebrated. Our liturgical year, with its cycle of feasts, fasts and its own rhythm of jubilation and penance, is a prelude to the joy of eternity. In the liturgical year we are united to the great and saving events of the past, celebrate them as present, and we are called to enter the fullness of that which is yet to come.

United to both time and eternity, the liturgical worship of the Church is a theological and evangelical experience. It is an evangelical tool to be utilized in bringing all people to the fullness of the Gospel. Our worship manifests to us and to the world that the Kingdom that

is to come is already upon us. The crucified and risen Lord Jesus is among us here and now. And here and now, by the Holy Spirit, He invites us to share eternal life with our Eternal Father.

Our commemoration of the beginning of the ecclesiastical year must be more than a formality. Our observance of the new Church year must be joined to our love for the Divine Services. Celebrating the beginning of the church year, we are to discover yet again the gift of liturgical worship and the great responsibility that is ours in making this gift available to all. Entering upon a new year of salvation, and a new chapter in the history of our Church, let us share the gift of the Church's liturgical worship and through it offer to all the Gospel of new and eternal life.

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"Slava Isusu Khristoo!"
"Glory to Jesus Christ!"

Sep. 1, 2013
The 15th Sun.

THE ISRAELITES (the ancient Jews) began the new year around the first of our current month of September, a practice followed today within the Jewish Faith. Since the first Christians were of the Jewish Faith and nation, they also celebrated the new year on or about Sep. 1 in their church calendar. Our Eastern Church has kept this practice even today and celebrates the new year Sep. 1. And so today we have a new beginning to make our resolutions to improve ourselves by study, reading, prayer, forgiveness and love. Today we wish all of you: **HAPPY NEW (CHURCH) YEAR!**

OUR DEAR PARISH AUXILIARY will meet this Thursday, Sep. 5 at 6 pm in the Parish Hall to prepare for the fall/winter Catering Season. We are scheduled to serve a large wedding reception on Saturday, Sep. 14 from 5 - 10 pm, so we will need tons of help. Please come and be a part of this most valuable service ministry!

THE YOUNG GIRLS (Teens and Tweens) of our Parish serve in the Junior Sodality under the care of Dr. Michele Burns and Denise Daniels. We expect that all these Sodality members will attend the Holy Liturgy and Sunday School every week, as well as serve in the Hall with our Catering Ministry. We trust that our parents will encourage their daughters to be a part of this fine group.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet on Thursday, Sep. 5 at 7 pm in the Hall to help and advise Father Pastor on all future parish plans and programs. We thank all the members, listed in last week's bulletin, for serving on this Board.

OUR TERRIFIC SUNDAY SCHOOL will get underway with Registration of all students on Sunday, Sep, 22 at 10 am in the School. Formal sessions and classes will begin on Sunday, Sep. 29 at 10 am. All parish youth, from Preschool through Highschool, must attend this program to ensure the moral future of our families and church. School Catechists and Staff will meet on Wednesday, Sep. 11, in the parish Home at 6:30 pm to prepare for the new school year.

THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND we whisper a prayer for all the men and women who built and bought, worked and toiled in this land yesterday and today - to make America the great land that she is today. We all owe these folks our love and recognition for their great labors, of which we all benefit today. God bless all our workers and laborers!

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm For all the Faithful
Sunday, 9 am +Oleh G. Pawluk (The Borys Pawluk Family)
Thursday, 7 am +Caroline Glowa (The Katarynick Family)
Friday, 7 am +Lubomyr TRYciecky (Dr. Eugene Tryciecky Family)
Saturday, 8 am +Audrey Papona (Brother Luke Kusek)
Saturday, 6 pm For all the Faithful
Sunday, 9 am +Olenka (Mother Irena and Brother Yurij)

TODAY'S TROPAR: Angelic Powers were on Your Sepulchre, the guards became dead-like, as Mary stood by Your tomb seeking Your most Pure Body. You captured hell yet were not detained by it. You are the Giver of Life, O Lord, Risen from the dead, Glory to You.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND...

TODAY'S KONTAK: When Christ God, the Life-Giver of all things, had raised up from the valley of gloom all the dead, He gave Resurrection to the human race, for He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection and the Life, and God of all the Creation.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: O Lord, save Your People and bless Your Inheritance.

R. Ronald