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**September 1, 2019**  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 3  
1 Cor 15:1-11 Mt 19:16-26

## Schedule of Church Services and Activities

Sep 1	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> <i>For the Parishioners of All Saints Byzantine Catholic Church</i>
Sep 8	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	<b>Birth of the Theotokos</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> <i>For the Parishioners of All Saints Byzantine Catholic Church</i>
Sep 9	Monday	9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy ✙ <i>Joseph Chontos</i>
<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Solemn Holy Day)</b>			
Sept 13	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Great Vespers with Divine Liturgy
Sep 15	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> <i>For the Parishioners of All Saints Byzantine Catholic Church</i>

Holy Mystery of Penance – Confessions heard 45 minutes before each Divine Liturgy or by appointment.

***GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY TO HIM FOREVER!***

*All Saints Byzantine Catholic Church is committed to gather in the Lord's name and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all. We invite you to join us in worship and hope that you will experience the Divine Liturgy as a meeting of heaven and earth.*

The Year of the World – A lesser-known aspect of the Byzantine calendar is that September 1, AD 2019 is the first day of AM 7528! From AD 691 to 1728 the Byzantine Churches followed a system dating years from the creation of the world according to the calculations in the Book of Genesis (AM, *Anno Mundi*, the Year of the World). In 1700, during his westernization of Russia, Tsar Peter the Great replaced the Byzantine Era in his realm with the Western Christian Era. A few years later the Patriarchate of Constantinople and all the Churches in the Ottoman Empire followed suit. Formal documents of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Mount Athos and some other Eastern Church bodies may still indicate the Byzantine Era date along with that according to the Christian Era...

### Prayer for the Environment

The Genesis story of creation, on which the Byzantine Era was based, has given rise to a new expression in the modern age. In 1989 the late Ecumenical Patriarch Demetrios I designated September 1 as a day of prayer for the protection of the environment. He called for “prayers and supplications to the Maker of all, both as thanksgiving for the great gift of Creation and in petition for its protection and salvation.”

The patriarch noted that modern society has embraced an approach to the world around us, based on a philosophy which denies the existence of God the Creator. Since in this philosophy there is no God, there is no reason to consider creation as a divine gift. And since in this materialistic philosophy there is no higher life than the physical, there is no benefit to ascetic effort: to use the gifts of the earth sparingly and always with an eye to the needs of those who have less. In the patriarch's words, “Unfortunately, in our days under the influence of an extreme rationalism and self-centeredness, humanity has lost the sense of sacredness of creation and acts as its arbitrary ruler and rude violator. Instead of the eucharistic and ascetic spirit with which the Orthodox Church brought up its children for centuries, we observe today a violation of nature for the satisfaction not of basic human needs, but of man's endless and constantly increasing desire and lust, encouraged by the prevailing philosophy of the consumer society.”

Christians, the patriarch affirms, should approach the material creation with a eucharistic spirit, that is, with an attitude of thanksgiving, recognizing that it is of God and given to us by His grace. It should be used with an ascetic spirit, that is, according to our real needs rather than from a desire to amass or to out-possess others. An ascetic spirit sees our abundance as given that we may use it in doing good for those in need...

More recently the Pope of Rome, Francis, affirmed similar sentiments, speaking to a crowd in St. Peter's Square. He identified modern society as a “culture of

waste,” as others have spoken of a throwaway society. “This culture of waste has made us insensitive even to the waste and disposal of food, which is even more despicable when all over the world, unfortunately, many individuals and families are suffering from hunger and malnutrition,” the pope said... In 2015 Pope Francis added this commemoration to the calendar of the Roman Church.

As we begin the new Church year we can embrace the sentiments of both these hierarchs, by taking a fresh look at the creation in which we live, seeing it as God's gift to us meant to be used with a spirit of simplicity and love for others.

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### Priesthood anniversary potluck –

Come one, come all to celebrate Fr. Steven's 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priesthood on September 29, 2019. The main course will be provided. We are asking members of the parish family to bring an appetizer, side, or dessert to share. Sign up sheet is in the vestibule.

### Remember in Prayer – Rt Rev Mitrat

Archpriest Wolodymyr Woloszczuk, Rev Andrew Krasulski, Rev Michael Krulak, Rev Andrew Marko, Anna, Dorian, Joseph, Nicholas, Michael Balint, Ann Berna, David Brussee, Brenda Conyers, Irene Derr, Janelle (Misamore) Jessie, Pete Johnson, Nicholas Lawson, Jeff Link, Colleen Mallery, Peter Maroon, Emma Patrick, Anne Poole, Karen Schoepe, Leo Schofield, Missy Shapp, Vincent Spanti, Lindsay Anna Webster

### Sanctuary Lamp & Preparatory Table

In memory of my beloved parents  
by Judith Zimomra

### Vesting Table

In loving memory of our daughter,  
Joanne Herriven  
by John & Irene Derr