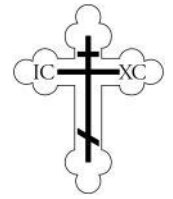




# ALL-MERCIFUL SAVIOR MISSION NEWSLETTER



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## FIFTEENTH SUN. OF PENTECOST, OCT. 2, 2005

civil date / church date



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>Oct. 2 / Sept. 19</b>	<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY</b>	of Pentecost, tone 6. Afterfeast of the Precious Cross. <b>Service 10 a.m.</b>
Oct. 3 / Sept. 20	Monday	Afterfeast of Elevation of the Cross. Sts. Eustace & his family, martyrs.
Oct. 4 / Sept. 21	Tuesday	Apodosis (the "saying farewell") to the Feast of the Precious Cross.
Oct. 5 / Sept. 22	Wednesday <i>Fast</i>	Sts. Phocas the Bishop & Phocas the Gardener, martyrs.
Oct. 6 / Sept. 23	Thursday	Conception of St. John the Baptist.
Oct. 7 / Sept. 24	Friday <i>Fast</i>	St. Thecla, equal-to-the-Apostles, martyr.
Oct. 8 / Sept. 25	Saturday	St. Sergius of Radonezh, abbot.

\* *Fast, OW* means that oil and wine are allowed that day. \**Fast, FOW* means fish is also allowed that day.

## EASTERN ORTHODOXY FACT SHEET PART II

**Sacraments.** We practice seven sacraments or "Mysteries": (1) Baptism is remission of all sins and entry into the Church. (2) Confirmation is the giving of the Holy Spirit, the completion of Baptism. (3) Holy Eucharist is a sacrament where bread and wine are consecrated by the Holy Spirit to be the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, for remission of sins and eternal life. (4) In Confession, a repenting believer's sins are forgiven. (5) By Ordination divine grace comes upon the ordinand and he becomes a Deacon, Priest, or, by apostolic succession, a Bishop. Apostolic succession is fundamental to the continuity of the Church. (6) Marriage sanctifies and joins a husband and wife by the power of divine grace. (7) In Holy Unction, the sick are anointed with oil blessed by prayer, and divine grace heals their bodily and spiritual ills. **Death.** At death man's body goes to the earth from which it was taken. The soul, however, being immortal, goes to God, Who gave it. There is only one life for each person on this earth; after death, each soul undergoes an immediate judgment. This is not the final word, however; at the end of the world, all souls are present at a Great and Universal Judgment. **Veneration of the Sacred.** We honour what is sanctified and blessed by God. Thus we venerate God's saints and ask them to pray to God for us. We honor the Virgin Mary above all because of the supreme grace and calling she received from God. We believed she was cleansed from original sin when the Holy Spirit descended on her and Christ was conceived miraculously in her womb, and that she never acted to sin. We venerate the sacred icons and sacred relics of the saints, thereby honoring God Who fills them. **Other Christians.** Essentially, Orthodox Christians consider that their beliefs are very similar to those of other Christian traditions, but that in Orthodoxy the balance and integrity of the entire Apostolic faith "once delivered to the saints" has been preserved in its fullness.

Sources: Official web site of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of N. & S. America; Rev. Fr. Aidan Keller

## OUR TROPARION & KONTAKION

*Troparion, tone 8.* O All-Merciful Saviour, Thou Luminary like the sun: | Through the light of Thy radiance grant us eloquence, | that with pure conscience we may sing praises on Thy feast all-divine, | glorifying Thee the only-begotten Son, and the consubstantial Spirit; | for Thou givest us peace and great mercy.

*Kontakion, tone 4.* I committed every abomination, O All-Merciful Saviour, | and fell into the pit of despair. | Yet I groan from the depths of my heart | and cry to Thee, O Word: | Hasten, O Merciful One, | and quickly help us, | for merciful art Thou!

## SCRIPTURES FOR THE WEEK

Today.: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Matthew 22:35-46

Mon. Ephesians 4:25-32; Luke 3:19-22

Tue. Ephesians 5:20-26; Luke 3:23-4:1

Wed. Ephesians 5:25-33; Luke 4:1-15

Thu. Ephesians 5:33-6:9; Luke 4:16-22

Fri. Ephesians 6:18-24; Luke 4:22-30

Sat. 1 Corinthians 10:23-28; Matthew 24:34-44

