

The Placing of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos in a church of Constantinople's Chalcostrateia 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AppleFest, Warwick, NY-Perogy Sale-

October 5, 2007. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m

Beefsteak Dinner-Sussex Firehouse- October 26, 2008

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church - Wantage, NJ

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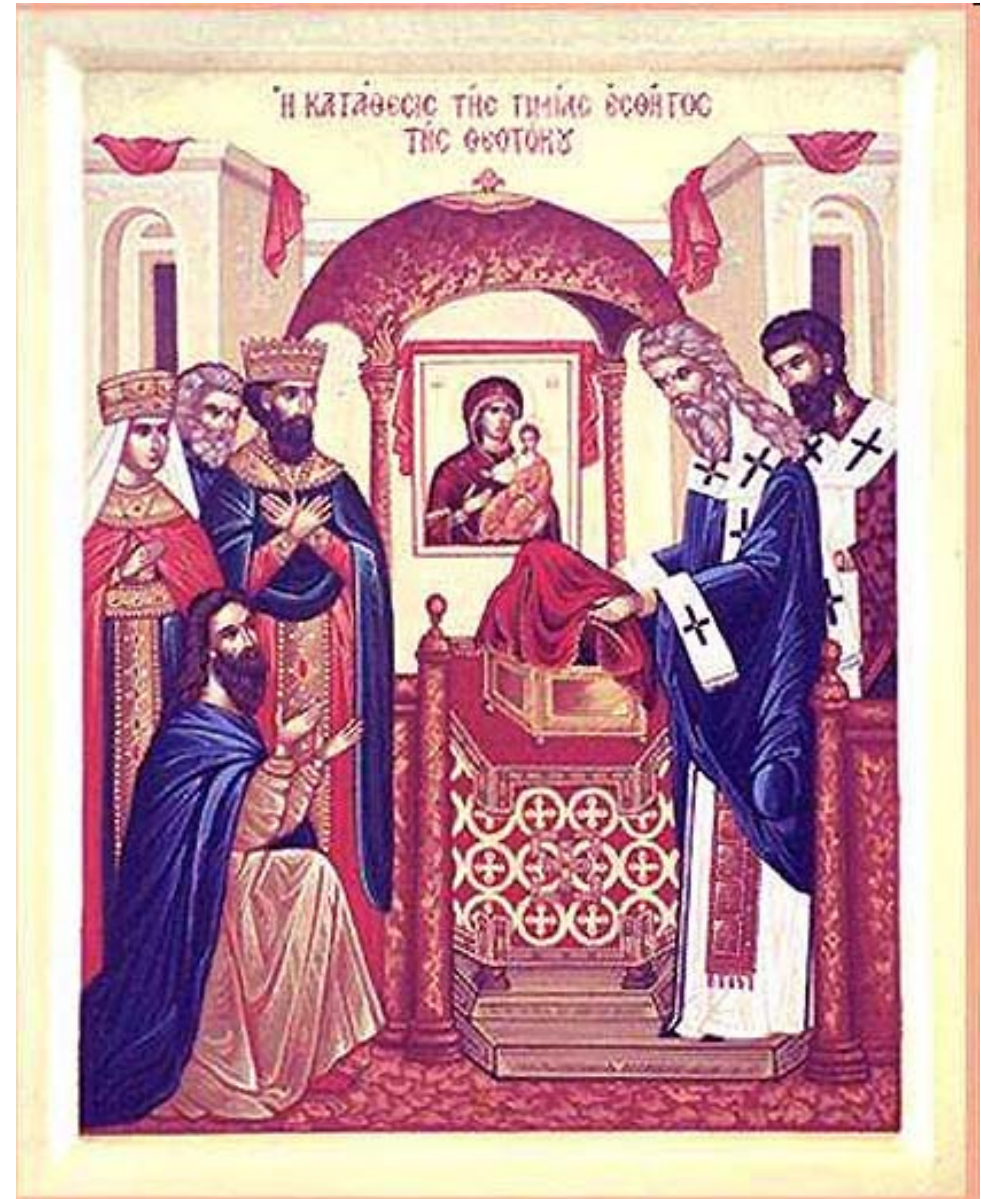
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Disposition of the Sah of the Holy Virgin Mary

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Sunday, August 31, 2008

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Monday 8:35 hours, 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy-Indiction-Church New Year
Fri...... 7:35 a.m. Hours 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy beheading of St. John the Baptist
Strict Fast

Saturday 10 am Divine Liturgy and Festival-All Saints of Russia Church-
Pine Bush, NY- 6:00 P.M.. Vespers/Confessions- our Church

Sunday 9:35 AM Hours, 10 AM Divine Liturgy
1:00pm Molbury twins Baptism-
Everyone is invited and to celebrate downstairs afterwards
7:00 pm Vespers for the Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary

Today's commemorated feasts and saints... 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. The Placing of the Cincture (Sash) of the Most-Holy Theotokos (395-408). Hieromartyr Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage (258). St. Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople (471).

1 Corinthians 9:2-12 (Epistle) Matthew 18:23-35 (Gospel)

BULLETIN

Thank you to **Michael Chwan** for mowing and cleaning the Church property this past week. **There is a sign-up sheet for Lawn mowing and Church Cleaning** downstairs. Please sign-up to help at least one time. No one has been signing up.

Thank you to the **Ion Family** who hosted the **Coffee Social** last week. The **Perich Family** will host today. Next week the coffee social will be hosted by **The Pishtey Family**. Check the Coffee Social Assignment Sheet for your assigned Sunday.

Traveling this Summer? Be sure to visit the "Orthodoxy in America" website to find an Orthodox Church wherever you are heading, be it in the United States, Canada, or Mexico. All the canonical Orthodox jurisdictions (OCA, Greek, Romanian, Antiochian, Serbian, etc.) are listed together on this one helpful site: www.orthodoxyinamerica.org. Check it out! Also, Father can contact a priest ahead of time for you to inform him that you would like to come to the Chalice at the Liturgy. If you do travel, also please remember to not take a vacation from your support of our parish! We are here even when you

are not! Thank you, God bless your travels and come back safe and sound!

Please continue to bring in articles of food for the **Sussex Help Center**. **Thank you** to all the parishioners who donated food to this worthwhile endeavor. It is good to feed the needy in our community.

PLEASE PURCHASE gift cards for shopping at ShopRite and A & P stores. They are working out wonderfully. Very convenient for shopping. No cash, no checks, just a little card. They are great, and our church benefits by your using them.

WE HAVE SHOP RITE AND A&P GIFT CARDS-STOCK UP ON GIFT CARDS FOR YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING & AS GIFTS TO OTHERS

Please place a small donation in the basket at Coffee Social to help pay for the paper products.

Please **keep the following people in your prayers:** Catherine Schwed, Thelma Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Matushka Evelyn Kreta, Christopher, Corinne Matthews, infant Nicholai, Dan Taylor, Stephen Kachur, Pighi Mardaloescu, Archimandrite Joachim (Parr), Frank Higginbotham, Joanne Patrick, Feodora Apanasow, Alexander, Archpriest Joseph Chupeck, the infant Logan Eugene, Jennifer, Matushka Vera Yuschak, Christine Molbury and her children, Catherine Matthews, Jean Holowach, Frank Brincka, Despena Eptamenitis, Matushka JoAnne, Louis Vagias, Mike Flood and the infant Ella Jane.

Seven Day Vigil Candles

By **the Engelsman family** for the health Salvation of their grandson

Alexander Buccieri

By **Michael, Nadine and Michelle Olsen** for the health, salvation and **Happy Birthday** of their Son and Brother **Eric Olsen**

Seven day vigil candles are available for the faithful to sponsor in memory of their departed, the sick, or for the general intentions (anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, etc.). They will remain lit on the altar and table of oblation. The suggested donation is \$10.00 each and will burn for seven days. The intentions and those who offered them will be announced in the weekly bulletins. You may purchase your offering at the Parish Council office.

If you would like to have something published in the weekly bulletin, e-mail or bring typed copy to Father Samuel by Wednesday of the week prior to the Sunday you would like it published. If you would like something in the monthly bulletin have it e-mailed or brought to Fr. Samuel two weeks prior to the first of the month it is to be published in.