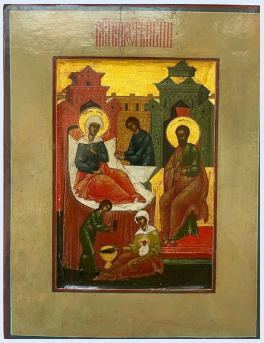

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Sunday Before the Cross. The Founding of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

Regular Schedule

- ◊ **Fr. Peter's Office Hours:** Tue-Thur 10-3 (parish office) or by appointment (Wednesdays vary)
- ◊ Saturdays**: Inquirers Class** 3:30 in the temple. **Great Vespers** 5pm followed by confession
- ◊ **Sundays:** Hours & Divine Liturgy 9:30 am followed by fellowship at the parish center. All are welcome.
- ◊ **Bible Study:** Tuesdays 6pm - Online

Announcements and News

- Sunday Divine Liturgy begins at **9:30 with the Hours.**
- **Feast of the Cross**: Great Vespers Sept 13 1pm. Divine Liturgy September 14 9am
- Parish Council Meeting (online) Sept 15 7-8pm
- What on Earth is Orthodox Christianity Sept. 19
- Holy Trinity Bulgarian Church Festival Sept 20 12-6
- Pierogi Prep Oct 4. Pierogi Session Oct 6
- Annual Golf Tournament Oct. 10
- Parish **FOCUS dinner** Oct 18—See Todd for details

A huge thank you to the Myrrhbearing Women sisterhood for hosting our altar feast meal last Sunday. We enjoyed great food and fellowship. It was a pleasure to host some of the faithful from Holy Trinity Bulgarian Church as well as all of you who attended.

Luke 24:1-12 Matins

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'" And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

2 Corinthians 4:6-15

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Matthew 22:35-46

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “The Son of David.” He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying: ‘The LORD said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool’? If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son?” And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

The Founding of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher

https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/09/06/102517-commemoration-of-the-miracle-of-the-archangel-michael-at-colossa

Troparion — Tone 4

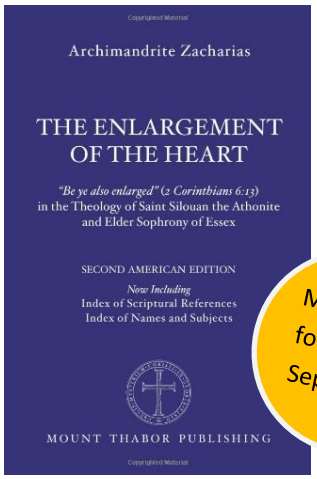
You have revealed the beauty of the holy dwelling place of Your glory on earth / to be like the splendor of the heavenly firmament, O Lord. / Through the prayers of the Theotokos, / strengthen it for ever and ever / and accept our supplication / which we ceaselessly offer to You therein, / the life and resurrection of all.

Kontakion — Tone 2

The Church has been revealed to be a heaven filled with light / which enlightens all the faithful. / Standing within it we cry: “Establish this house, O Lord.”

Available for Sale this Sunday!

Prices will be marked in each.



More titles for sale by Sept. 19!

Work continues on our iconography. These are the four Liturgists: Saints Basil, John, James and Gregory

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