

HOLY VIRGIN PROTECTION CHURCH

ХРАМ ПОКРОВА ПРЕСВЯТЫЯ БОГОРОДИЦЫ

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Schedule for September 2010 • Расписание Сентября 2010

Fri. Sept. 3 – Russian Dancing Rehearsal – younger dancers only, 2:30 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 4 – *No Vespers*

Sun. Sept. 5 – Reader Service- Изобразительная, 10 a.m.

Mon. Sept. 6 – Russian Dancing Rehearsal – older dancers only, 6:00 p.m. (dinner included)

Wed. Sept. 8 – Bible Study-Изучение Св. Писания, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. Sept. 9 – Brotherhood Barbeque – Собрание Братства, 6:30 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 10 – Vespers-Вечерня, 7 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 11 – Divine Liturgy-Божественная Литургия, **8 a.m. (Note time)**

Beheading of St. John the Baptist – Усекновение главы Иоанна Предтечи
Parish BBQ & Clean-up, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 11 – Vespers-Вечерня, 5 p.m.

Sun. Sept. 12 – Divine Liturgy-Божественная Литургия, 10 a.m.
Sisterhood meal after Liturgy

Russian Dancing Rehearsal (after lunch) – ALL DANCERS

Mon. Sept. 13 – Parish Council meeting-Собрание Приходского Совета, 6 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 18 – 5th Annual Russian Festival – 5-й Русский Фестиваль, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 18 – Vespers-Вечерня, 5 p.m.

Sun. Sept. 19 – Divine Liturgy-Божественная Литургия, 10 a.m.

Mon. Sept. 20 – Vespers-Вечерня, 7 p.m.

Tues. Sept. 21 – Birth of Theotokos – Рождество Пресвятыя Богородицы @ Serbian Convent

Wed. Sept. 22 – Bible Study-Изучение Св. Писания, 7:30 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 25 – Vespers-Вечерня, 5 p.m.

Sun. Sept. 26 – Divine Liturgy-Божественная Литургия, 10 a.m.
Building Fund Lunch after Liturgy

Sun. Sept. 26 – Vespers-Вечерня, 2 p.m.

Mon. Sept. 27 – Divine Liturgy-Божественная Литургия, 9 a.m.
Exaltation of the Cross – Воздвижение Креста

Friday, Oct. 1 – Sunday, Oct. 3 Pilgrimage to Holy Cross Hermitage in West Virginia (*tentative*)

THE WISDOM OF THE ELDER THADDEUS OF VITVNICA
from Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives

Elder Thaddeus was born in Serbia in 1914 and died as abbot of a monastery he had founded in 2003. Two copies of this book are available in our parish library in the parish hall – consider checking one of them out!

On Thoughts

1. Our life depends on the kind of thoughts we nurture. If our thoughts are peaceful, calm, meek, and kind, then that is what our life is like. If our attention is turned to the circumstances in which we live, we are drawn into a whirlpool of thoughts and can have neither peace nor tranquility.

2. Everything, both good and evil, comes from our thoughts. Our thoughts become reality. Even today we can see that all of creation, everything that exists on the earth and in the cosmos, is nothing but Divine thought made material in time and space. We humans were created in the image of God. Mankind was given a great gift, but we hardly understand that. God's energy and life is in us, but we do not realize it. Neither do we understand that we greatly influence others with our thoughts. We can be very good or very evil, depending on the kind of thoughts and desires we breed.

If our thoughts are kind, peace, and quiet, turned only toward good, then we also influence ourselves and radiate peace all around us – in our family, in the whole country, everywhere. This is true not only here on earth, but in the cosmos as well. When we labor in the fields of the Lord, we create harmony. Divine harmony, peace, and quiet spread everywhere. When there is evil in us, we radiate it among our family members and wherever we go. So you see, we can be very good or very evil. If that's the way it is, it is certainly better to choose good! Destructive thoughts destroy the stillness within, and then we have no peace.

Our starting point is always wrong. Instead of beginning with ourselves, we always want to change others first and ourselves last. If everyone were to begin first with themselves, then there would be peace all around! St. John Chrysostom said that no one can harm the man who does not injure himself – not even the devil. You see, we are the sole architects of our future.

4. The Lord has taken all of our sufferings and cares upon Himself, and He has said that He will provide for all our needs, yet we hold on to our cares so tightly that we create unrest in our hearts and minds, in our families and all around us.

Whenever I am burdened by problems, and when I try to beat all the cares of the monastery and the brotherhood by myself, then there is trouble in store for me and the brethren. Then even the easiest job is carried out with great difficulty. But when I commit myself, the brotherhood, and everything else unto the Lord, even the hardest job gets done with ease. There is no pressure, and peace reigns among the brethren.