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Mon - Fri

Vespers Daily 6 PM

Matins Daily 8 AM

**Schedule for the Week of October 12 - 18, 2014**

<b>Sunday Oct 12</b>	<b>St Cyriacus the Anchorite</b>
<b>Monday Oct 13</b>	<b>6:30 PM Vigil for Pokrov</b>
<b>Tuesday Oct 14</b>	<b>Покров / Protection of the Theotokos 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия</b>
<b>Saturday Oct 18</b>	<b>5:30 PM Vigil</b>
<b>Sunday Oct 19</b>	<b>Ap. Thomas 8:15 AM Nocturns, Confessions 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия</b>

**Пред чудотворною Иконою Богоматери**

Как хорошо в твоём храме, Владычица!  
Как сладко душе и светло!  
Свободно, спокойно в нём каждому дышится,  
На сердце легко и тепло!

Словно Сама Ты, о Мати всепетая,  
Сама Ты здесь с нами стоишь:  
Любовью матерней к людям согретая,  
На всех с состраданием глядишь.

И лик Твой Божественный, славой сияющий,  
Безмолвно вещает сердцам:  
“Придите, молитеся Мне, вам бнимающей,  
Я всем вам отраду подам!

Молитесь, убогие, бедные сирые,  
Ведь я для вас Мать и покров.  
Молитесь и вы, сего мира счастливые,  
Познайте в сем счастье – любовь.

Молитесь и вы, грехом отягченные,  
Давно я молитв ваших жду,  
И покаянья, слезой орошенного,  
Услышу я их – и приму.

Молитесь и ты, старчество дряхлое, хилое,  
Молитесь и ты – юности цвет.  
Молитесь и вы, малолеточки милые,  
Я всех вас поркою от бед!”

О милосердная Мати Пречистая!  
Безмерна Твоя к нам любовь!  
Ты нам заступница в скорбях пребыстрая,  
Ты наша мать и покров!

О не оставь же нас, Мати любимая!  
Молитесь Тебе вразуми,  
И с верою теплою Тебе возносимые  
Моления грешных прими!



## Покров Пресвятой Владычицы нашей Богородицы и Приснодевы Марии

Покров Пресвятой Богородицы – один из великих праздников Русской Православной Церкви. Этот праздник установлен в память о явлении блаженному Андрею и его ученику св. Епифанию во время богослужения в константинопольском Влахернском храме Пресвятой Богородицы со святыми и ангелами, своящей на воздухе и простирающей Свой Покров над молящимся народом. Ободренные чудесным видением, греки воодушевились, и враг был побежден. На Руси это один из самых любимых праздников. Разноголосый хор молящихся обращается к Небесной Владычице: *“Покрый нас честным Твоим покровом, и избави нас от всякаго зла”*.



One of the most touching and loved Holy Days which the Church commemorates is Pokrov, or the Protection of the Mother of God, which occurs on October 1/14. Strange as it might seem, although the event which this day commemorates took place in Constantinople, which was part of the Byzantine Empire, the Greek Church does not celebrate this feast day with such fervency as the Slavic churches.

For those who do celebrate this day, it is a day of great manifestation of love and gratitude to the Most Holy Mother of God; a day of joyous praise and glorification for her protection and intercession.

The Holy Day commemorates the “protection” shown to Christians in the year 911. The Saracens were trying to take the city of Constantinople. The people were terror-stricken and gathered in the Church of Blachernae where several articles of clothing of the Mother of God were kept. During the evening services, as they were praying for divine intercession, two saints, Andrew and Epiphanius, saw the Mother of God standing with a veil or scarf stretched over her arms. This was a sign to the frightened people that the city would be saved.

Since that time, the Holy Day of the Protection has been celebrated in the Orthodox Church. We beg her to protect and help us: “Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin Mother of God, that we do not perish for our ever-growing sins. Protect us from all evil and cruel misfortune for we put our hope on you and celebrating the Holy Day of your Protection, we magnify you.”

### *What place do relics have in the Orthodox Church?*

Relics are the material remains of a saint after death and in some cases the word related to sacred objects which have been in contact with the body of a saint.

Mention of relics is made in the Old Testament and in the New. In Acts 19:12 we read about the healing power of cloth that had been in contact with St. Paul’s body.

About a hundred years later in the “Martyrdom of Polycarp” his relics are described as “more valuable than precious stones and finer than refined gold.”

Several hundred years later we find that Eucharist was celebrated over the tombs of martyrs. The 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council of Nicea in 787 anathematized or expelled from the church those who despised holy relics. It also decreed that no church should be consecrated without them. This canon is followed today. Relics are placed in the altar table when a church is consecrated and a special cloth embedded with a relic is given by the bishop upon which the Eucharist is served, called an antimens.

Relics are venerated because the body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit and miracles often occur in their presence.

St. John of Damascus wrote in his book *Exposition of the Orthodox Faith*, “The Master Christ made the relics of saints to be fountains of salvation to us, pouring forth manifold blessings and bounding in the oil of sweet fragrance. Let none doubt it ... Therefore, in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, in contrition and pity for the needy, let us venerate the saints, as by this God is most worshipped. Let us raise monuments to them. Let us give honor to her who bore God ... the Prophet John as Forerunner ... martyrs ... holy Fathers, the God-possessed ascetics ... the patriarchs ... prophets ... in order that we may be sharers with them in their crowns of glory.” *(from the Orthodox Herald)*



*Не лакомься на многое собрание злата и сребра - этих земных дрожжей: ибо все здесь останется, а сам ты обратишь в землю, от неяже взят еси. Не прельщайся вещами мимотекущими, ибо и сам ты не вечен. Презирай все долнее, да обогатишья горним. Презирай мимотекущее, да примешь вечное и сподобишья присносущих благ, о Христа Иисусе - Господе нашем.*

*(Свят. Димитрий Ростовский)*