

### Martyr Sophia and her three daughters, Vera, Nadezhda & Lubov

The Holy Martyrs Saint Sophia and her Daughters Faith, Hope and Love were born in Italy. Their mother was a pious Christian widow who named her daughters for the three Christian virtues. Faith was twelve, Hope was ten, and Love was nine. Saint Sophia raised them in the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. Saint Sophia and her daughters did not hide their faith in Christ, but openly confessed it before everyone.

An official named Antiochus denounced them to the emperor Hadrian (117-138), who ordered that they be brought to Rome. Realizing that they would be taken before the emperor, the holy virgins prayed fervently to the Lord Jesus Christ, asking that He give them the strength not to fear torture and death. When the holy virgins and their mother came before the emperor, everyone present was amazed at their composure. They looked as though they had been brought to some happy festival, rather than to torture. Summoning each of the sisters in turn, Hadrian urged them to offer sacrifice to the goddess Artemis. The young girls remained unyielding.

Then the emperor ordered them to be tortured. They burned the holy virgins over an iron grating, then threw them into a red-hot oven, and finally into a cauldron with boiling tar, but the Lord preserved them.

The youngest child, Love, was tied to a wheel and they beat her with rods until her body was covered all over with bloody welts. After undergoing unspeakable torments, the holy virgins glorified their Heavenly Bridegroom and remained steadfast in the Faith.

They subjected Saint Sophia to another grievous torture: the mother was forced to watch the suffering of her daughters. She displayed adamant courage, and urged her daughters to endure their torments for the sake of the Heavenly Bridegroom. All three maidens were beheaded, and joyfully bent their necks beneath the sword.

In order to intensify Saint Sophia's inner suffering, the emperor permitted her to take the bodies of her daughters. She placed their remains in coffins and loaded them on a wagon. She drove beyond the city limits and reverently buried them on a high hill. Saint Sophia sat there by the graves of her daughters for three days, and finally she gave up her soul to the Lord. Even though she did not suffer for Christ in the flesh, she was not deprived of a martyr's crown. Instead, she suffered in her heart. Believers buried her body there beside her daughters.

The relics of the holy martyrs have rested at El'zasa, in the church of Esho since the year 777.

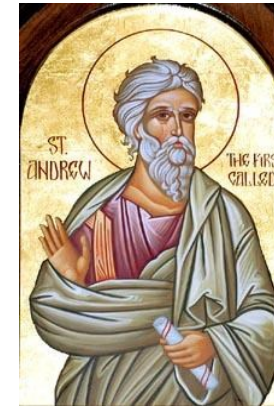


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## September 17, 2017

15th Sunday after Pentecost

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3rd Money collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

### Times of Services

Sep 17 Sun 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy Reader: Richard

**24 Sun Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at:**

**Moraine State Park, in the MPF Pavilion (ADA accessible) --**

**seats 144 people -- McDanel's Boat Launch**

**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy**

Oct 1 Sun **Protection (Pokrov) of the Most-holy Theotokos**

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

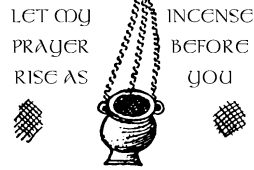
7 Sat 6:00 PM Vespers

8 Sun 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

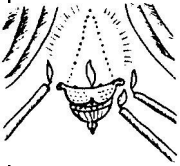
### Candles for the altar and the tetrapod

Sep 17 Donated by Skero family in honour of Mary Ann's birthday.

Sep 24 Donated by Valerie Enslin in loving memory of her sister, Anastasia.



### Festal Candles



November	(Red)	Dorothy Hays
December	(Gold [Christmas])	Bill Milich

### Charities Collection

1st Sunday: For the church's charities  
 3rd Sunday: Money collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul



### Flowers for Feast Days of the Theotokos

Oct 1	Protection of the Theotokos	The Sisterhood
Nov 21	Entry of the Theotokos into the temple	Mary Ann Skero



### Future Events/Meetings

Sep 20, 21 & 22	Wed, Thu & Fri	8:30 AM	Pierogi Making Party
22	Fri	8:30 AM	Pierogi Sales in Church Hall
24	Sun	10:00 AM	Pan-Orthodox Liturgy at Moraine Park
27	Wed	6:30 PM	Growth Committee Meeting
Oct 1	Sun		Protection (Pokrov) of the Most Holy Theotokos
5	Thu	6:30 PM	Parish Council meeting

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### Computer Classes @ The Lighthouse Foundation

Start Date: September 18, 2017  
 End Date: November 1, 2017  
 Duration: 6 Weeks



Please join us for our fall computer classes; we welcome all ages and levels of proficiency. Learning these skills is a valuable asset for most occupations, expand your skill set in Microsoft Office, Introduction to PC and Windows 10, or Adobe Photoshop. We do ask for a one-time donation of a minimum of \$30, however scholarships are available and no one will be turned away. Space is limited, please call Dan Hartzler at (724) 586 5554 ext. 206 to reserve a spot.

#### Adobe Photoshop Elements with Regis

Every Wednesday, Beginning: September 20th (10 AM - NOON)

#### Introduction to PC and Windows 10 with Phil

Every Tuesday, Beginning: September 26th (1 PM - 3 PM)

#### Introduction to PC and Windows 10 with Regis

Every Wednesday, Beginning: September 20th (1 PM - 3 PM)

#### Microsoft Word with Jon

Every Monday, Beginning: September 18 (10 AM - NOON)

### Pan-Orthodox Liturgy and Picnic on September 24, 2017:

10:00 am Con-Celebrated Divine Liturgy at the **McDanel's Boat Launch Pavilion, Moraine State Park, North Shore Entrance.**

We encourage everyone to stay after Liturgy to enjoy a Pot-Luck Picnic. Main dishes (meats) will be provided...we're asking attendees to please bring a side dish or dessert of your choosing to share.

Come join us for a great day of fellowship!

NOTE: There will be **NO DIVINE LITURGY AT ST. ANDREW'S THAT SUNDAY.** So, please make the short drive north and join us at beautiful Moraine State Park!!