Sunday, September 1st: Indiction: Ecclesiastical New Year
   Ladies Society Meeting during Coffee Hour
Saturday, September 7th: 9:00am– Roll Grape Leaves at the Parish Center
   6:00pm– Arabic Liturgy
Sunday, September 8th: Sunday Before Elevation of the Cross
   Start of Church School & Welcome Back Luncheon
   Bake Sale during Luncheon to benefit Sunday School & Teen SOYO
Tuesday, September 10th: 7:00 Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, September 12th: 7:00 P.M.– Bazaar Committee Meeting
Sunday, September 15th: Sunday After Elevation of the Cross
   Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 11:30-12pm
Sunday, September 22nd: Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
   Outreach Committee ‘Food Bag Donations’ 11:30-12pm
Sunday, September 29th: Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Saturday, October 5th: 6:00pm– Arabic Liturgy
Sunday, October 6th: Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
   October is Youth Month
Sunday, October 13th: Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
   Bazaar Kick-Off Luncheon
Saturday, October 19th: Harvest Haflah– more info to follow
Sunday, October 20th: Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
   Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 11:30-12pm
Saturday, October 26th: Sunday School & Teens Halloween Party
Sunday, October 27th: Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
   Outreach Committee ‘Food Bag Donations’ 11:30-12pm
Friday, November 1st-Sunday, November 3rd: St. Mary Annual Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, November 2nd: 6:00pm Arabic Liturgy
Sunday, November 3rd: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 10th: Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 17th: Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
   Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 11:30-12pm
Wednesday, November 20th: 7pm Liturgy for the Entrance of The Theotokos
Sunday, November 24th: Twenty third Sunday After Pentecost
   Outreach Committee ‘Food Bag Donations’ 11:30-12pm
Sunday, December 1st: Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
**In Loving Memory of:**

Julia Vale  
Louise Osborn  
Tooﬁck, Elizabeth, Olga, Florence, John, Helen, George, Alma, Nicholas, Jane, Leon, Thomas, George T., John N. and Nick Matook  
Scott Blesdale  
Evelyn and Richard McNeil  
Janette, Joseph, Joe and Joan DiMarzo  
Anthony Cuzzo  
Robert Vale  
John Massiwer  
Donald Hayes  
Tom Andrew  
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghian

**The Synaxarion (Plain Reading)**

On September 1 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the Beginning of the Indiction—the Ecclesiastical (Church) New Year.

Verses

*Do thou bless for our sakes the new year’s Indiction  
Thou Ancient, Who, for man’s sake, tookest on newness.*

The First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea in 325 decreed that the Church year should begin on September 1. The month of September was, for the Hebrews, the beginning of the civil year, the month of gathering the harvest and of the offering of thanks to God. It was on this feast that the Lord Jesus entered the synagogue in Nazareth, and opened the book to read from the Prophet Isaiah, as found in today’s Liturgy Gospel reading. The month of September is also important in the history of Christianity, because Emperor Constantine the Great was victorious over Maxentius, the enemy of the Christian Faith, in September. Following this victory, Constantine granted freedom of confession to the Christian Faith throughout the Roman Empire.

On this day we also commemorate the miracle wrought by the Most-holy Theotokos at Masiaine Monastery and the Great Conflagration (fire) which followed. The Virgin’s holy icon had been cast into Lake Zaguru so that the iconoclasts would not desecrate it. It miraculously arose intact from the lake’s depths after many years in 864.

On this day we also commemorate Simeon the Stylite. He was born in Syria of peasant parents. At the age of eighteen, Simeon left home and was tonsured a monk. He undertook the most difﬁcult ascetic practices, including a strict fast for forty days. Simeon eventually took upon himself a form of asceticism that was previously unknown. He stood day and night on a pillar, in unceasing prayer. At ﬁrst, his pillar was six cubits (7.5 feet) high; Simeon eventually raised it to forty cubits (60 feet) high. The saint worked many great miracles, healing infirmities by word and prayer, comforting those in need, instructing others, and reproaching some who held heretical beliefs. Simeon lived to be 103 years old. He reposed in the Lord on September 1, 459. His pillar and the cathedral named in his honor still stand outside of Aleppo, Syria.

On this day we also commemorate Simeon’s mother, Martha; the 40 virgin-martyrs and Ammon the deacon in Heraclea; Venerable Evanthia of Skepsis; Righteous Joshua, son of Nun (Jesus of Navi); Meletios the New of Mount Myoupolis; Venerable Nicholas of Crete; New-martyr Angelis of Constantinople; the martyr Aethalas of Persia; and the martyrs Callista, Eudoxus and Hermogenes the siblings.

*By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.*
PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:
Jim & Beth Schillawski
Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Offered by: St Mary Liturgical Choir
Mary Massiwer & Family
John & Patricia Massiwer
Nora Matook & Family
Alan Matook
Florence & Phil Spenard & Family
Bill Osborn & Family
Darlene & Doug Elkas & Family
Judy & Russell Fortier
Nick & Elaine Matook & Family
Linda Matook & Family
Sandra Matook & Family
Janice Ciceo & Family
Donna & Dana Schock & Family
Lil Massiwer
Diana Hashway
Elaine Wilbur
Patti & Steve Kelsey & Family
AL & Vikki Hallal & Family
Nabil & Salwa Khoury & Family
Ed & Sue Ayoub
Fred & Adele Shaowary & Family
Jim & Beth Schillawski & Family
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
Sophie Hallal
Fred Hallal
Moses Lazieh
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint
Julia Vale
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier
Julia & Bob Vale
Offered by: Lily Massiwer
Julia Vale
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal
Julia Vale
Offered by: Nora Matook
Julia Vale
Offered by: Leah, Bianca & Johanna Macaruso
Julia Vale
Offered by: Michael, Maria, Mark & Meika Matook
Julia Vale
Sarah Massiwer
Don Hayes
Tom Andrews
Offered by: Mary Massiwer & Family
Julia Vale
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul
Julia Vale
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Julia Vale
Offered by: Nora Abdeladah
Julia Vale
Offered by: Elaine Agaty
Julia Vale
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family
Julia Vale
Offered by: Bill & Mary Lou Catelli
Julia Vale
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Indiction: Ecclesiastical New Year
Tone: 2 / Eothinon: 11

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 2
When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE INDICTION: Tone 2
O Maker of all creation, Who hast established the times and the seasons in Thine own power: Bless the crown of this year with Thy goodness, O Lord, and keep our rulers and Thy flock in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, and save us.

APOLYTIKION OF THE SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS: Tone 7
Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, haven and protection of the race of man; for the Redeemer of the world became incarnate of thee; for thou alone art both mother and virgin, ever blessed and glorified. Intercede with Christ God that peace be granted unto all the world.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. SIMEON THE STYLITE: Tone 1
Thou becamest a pillar of patience and didst emulate the Forefathers, O righteous one: Job in his sufferings, Joseph in temptations, and the life of the bodiless while in the body. O Simeon, our righteous Father, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION: Tone 1
In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

KONTAKION FOR THE INDICTION: Tone 4
(***Thou Who wast raised up***)
O God of all, Thou Who hast made all the ages, * O Sovereign Lord, truly transcendent in essence, * bestow Thy grace and blessing on the year to come; * and, O Most Compassionate, * in Thine infinite mercy * save all them that worship Thee, * Who alone art our Master, * and that with fear, O Savior, cry to Thee: * Grant unto all men a fruitful and godly year.
**THE EPISTLE**

Great is our Lord, and great is His power. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

**The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-7)**

Timothy, my son, first of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

**THE GOSPEL**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (4:16-22)**

At that time, Jesus came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and He went to the synagogue, as His custom was, on the Sabbath day. And He stood up to read; and there was given to Him the book of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus opened the book and found the place where it was written, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor and to heal the broken hearted. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” And Jesus closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke well of Him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth.

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**40 Day Memorial Service**

A Forty-Day Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God Julia Vale and is being offered by Her Family. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center in her memory following Liturgy.

**May God grant her peace and may her memory be eternal.**

**PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:***

- Kevin Hashway
- Mark Hashway
  Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
- John Massiwer
  Offered by: Nora Matook & Family
- Jim Schillawski
  Offered by: his wife, Beth and children, Michael & Tanya
- Elizabeth Votuba
  Offered by: Sandra Matook
- John Massiwer
- Mary Massiwer
- Sam Lazieh
- Elaine Wilbur
  Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint
- Elaine Wilbur
  Offered by: Elaine Gauthier
- John Massiwer
- Sue & George Michalopolous
  Offered by: Lily Massiwer
- Elaine Wilbur
- Bobby LaFete
- Al & Vicki Hallal
- John Massiwer
  Offering by: Ron & Janice Hallal
- John A. Massiwer
- Massiwer Family & Grandchildren
  Offered by: Mary Swistak
- Alan Matook
  Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
- Joe & Marlene Samra
- Robert LaFete
  Offered by: Mary Lou Catelli