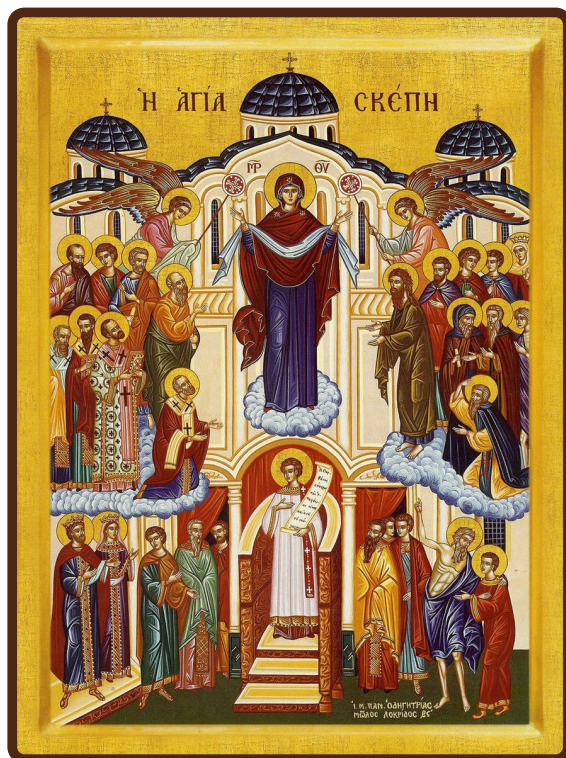


PRAYER BOUQUET OF VICTORY TO THE THEOTOKOS

All-Night Vigil and Rosary Coast to Coast
Friday, Oct. 6 – Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023

St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Church
222 E. Foothill Blvd.
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405



FRIDAY

5pm: Prayer Rule of the Theotokos

The Byzantine Rosary

DURING THE NIGHT

6pm – 9am: All-Night Vigil

*The Psalter will be prayed during the vigil. **See below** for more info.*

SATURDAY

10am: Divine Liturgy

11:15am: Patriotic Rosary

12pm: Paraklesis to the Mother of God

Concludes around 1:30pm.

DESCRIPTION

In this period of intense supplication, we offer these prayers as a spiritual bouquet to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Theotokos. We request that she pray to her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, to bring healing and conversion to our nation. In particular, with this event, we call to mind two powerful occasions of Our Lady's intervention. First, it takes place shortly after the Solemn Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos, October 1. In the East, this feast commemorates the protection of the people of Constantinople from the Saracen invaders in the tenth century as they held an all-night vigil for her assistance. Second, it takes place on the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, October 7. In the West, this commemorates the decisive victory of Christian Europe over the Ottoman Turks at the Battle of Lepanto in the sixteenth century, during which the faithful prayed the Rosary for the protection of Europe. In a similar way, we are calling out to Our Lady to seek her intercession for our homeland. And, we offer this bouquet as one of victory, with the knowledge that, as Our Lady promised at Fatima, "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

The Prayer Rule of the Theotokos: St. Seraphim of Sarov promoted and revived this prayer in the 19th century. It consists of 150 Angelic Salutations (similar to the Hail Mary) divided into 15 decades, like the Rosary. St. Seraphim's spiritual son, Fr. Zosima, says the Mother of God gave it to Christians in the 8th century, and it was at one time very popular. The Prayer Rule may be recited on a Chotki (Prayer Rope) or a Rosary.

All-Night Vigil: The entire psalter will be chanted or read during the vigil, with particular psalms assigned to each hour. In the West, the 150 Hail Marys of the Rosary (in the traditional 15 decades) originally corresponded to the 150 psalms, and the rosary was a way for the average layman to participate in the psalms that the monks prayed daily.

Vigil sign-up: at least **two people must register per hour**. Sign up at bit.ly/44YW0Eh or use the QR code provided on the right. Additional details are provided on the website. Contact Nicholas Brunet (clausworks@zoho.com, 661-576-4220) with questions.



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Please note: Children and teens under age 18 are welcome and encouraged to join in the prayer. However, at least one parent or two unrelated adults must be present in the church while a minor or minors are present.