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Saturday Vespers will remain.

Sunday, 9am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy at Carith Carmelite Pre-Novitiate House, 5498 Kimbark (door facing Kimbark, building just south of St. Thomas Catholic Church, against 55th St.

Saturday, 6pm Vespers at Calvert

Tuesday, 6pm Vespers at Carith

Christmas and Theophany Schedule will come out in 1-2 Weeks! More scheduling difficulties this year!

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Please pray for the sister of Niveen, **Nisreen** and family whose house was hit by the Israelis in their offensive against Gaza, as well as all the Palestinian Orthodox in Gaza and the West Bank.

On another note, the Orthodox presence and *status quo* in the Holy Sepulchre and the Church of the Anastasis, is once again under threat by the policies of the Israelis. Follow this link to hear about a water bill used to undermine the Church:
<http://civilnet.am/2012/11/18/challenges-facing-the-church-of-holy-sepulchre-in-jerusalem/>

We should pray for embattled Orthodox in Egypt, Syria and Iraq, who are very endangered by political instability and the decline of the secular state in the Middle East.

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Baptisms!

Sunday December 2nd, 9am, of Eleanor Stiff.

January, date TBA, Masha Gorbacheva.

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Choir Practice, 4pm at Calvert, Saturday. Will practice the new Anaphora and go over some Christmas caroles.

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First meeting of the Church School (teenagers), 10am at Fr. Elijah's House. Will use Bishop Kallistos' *Orthodox Church*, and learn a touch of Greek and Hebrew.

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UC Div. School Announcement:

Theology Workshop Autumn Capstone: The Theology Workshop, in collaboration with the Dean's Office and the Late Antiquity & Byzantium Workshop, is delighted to invite you to the capstone event of our autumn quarter sequence on "Theology in Public": a lecture and discussion with **Derek Krueger**, Joe Rosenthal Excellence Professor of Religious Studies (and Program Faculty, Women's and Gender Studies), University of North Carolina Greensboro.

Friday, November 30

4:30-6:00 pm

Swift Hall Common Room

"The Internal Lives of Biblical Figures in the Hymns of Romanos the Melodist"

Professor Krueger's presentation falls at the membrane between public and private: the forms of subjectivity represented and cultivated in the liturgical practices of late antique Christianity. Byzantine Orthodox liturgy presented portraits of the self in the first person singular. Through hymns and prayers, Byzantine Christians received models for how they might have access to themselves. In the sixth century, the greatest Byzantine liturgical poet, Romanos the Melodist, wrote extended verse sermons expanding scenes from the biblical lectionary cycle and giving voice to minor characters from the Gospels. And yet, when he explored his characters' interior lives, Romanos was less interested in their distinctiveness and more focused on their conformity to generic patterns of self-expression. In a series of hymns where he explored "the mind" of his biblical subjects, he showed them engaging in typological exegesis to construct the self as sinner in need of salvation.

Liturgy, then, is the crucial site of 'public' religiosity with which we end our formal workshop program for the quarter. This event is free and open to the public, with no preparation expected.

Note: Prior to the lecture, there will be an informal conversation with Professor Krueger for any students active or interested in the challenges and opportunities of academic work on late antiquity, Byzantium, and the Christian East. Participants from the Theology, LAByz, Early Christianity Workshops, and any others whose interests overlap, are most welcome to meet and speak with an eminent figure in the field. **3:00-4:00 pm, Swift 200.**

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Short report on the 17th All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America

This council met for the sole purpose of electing a new Metropolitan, following the resignation of Metropolitan Jonah. The election followed a liturgy, on the feast of St. John Chrysostom. The voting was the closest it has ever been since the proclamation of the autocephaly of the OCA in 1970. The procedure is that the first ballot allows a single name; if any name receives 2/3 of the vote that person is immediately nominated and the Synod has to approve or veto the nominee. If no one receives 2/3, then a second ballot goes out and two names must be put on it, and the Synod will choose one of the top two vote-getters. They do not necessarily choose the one with the most votes. In fact that has happened the majority of times, but this time the top vote getters were very close, so they chose Tikhon of Eastern Pennsylvania to be Metropolitan. In some respects, the voting for him among representatives seemed to be the least partisan. He is a calm and understated person, not known for hasty decisions—a good quality.

If you would like an account of the Diocesan Assembly, please talk to Fr. Elijah or Mark Roosien. You can also find a very good report, amongst more interesting and edifying things on Fr. Ted Bobosh's blog at <http://frted.wordpress.com/>