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ST. THEODOSIUS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL



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FOREFEAST OF THE DORMITION
OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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The Dormition
("Falling Asleep") of
our Most Holy Lady,
Theotokos and Ever-
Virgin Mary

The Dormition of our
Most Holy Lady The-
otokos and Ever-
Virgin Mary: After the
Ascension of the
Lord, the Mother of
God remained in the
care of the Apostle
John the Theologian,
and during his jour-
neys She lived at the
home of his parents,
near the Mount of
Olives. She was a
source of consolation
and edification both
for the Apostles and
for all the believers.

Conversing with

them, She told them about miraculous events: the Annunciation, the seedless and undefiled Conception of Christ born of Her, about His early childhood, and about His earthly life. Like the Apostles, She helped plant and strengthen the Christian Church by Her presence, Her discourse and Her prayers.

The reverence of the Apostles for the Most Holy Virgin was extraordinary. After

the receiving of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the Apostles remained at Jerusalem for about ten years attending to the salvation of the Jews, and wanting moreover to see the Mother of God and hear Her holy discourse. Many of the newly-enlightened in the Faith even came from faraway lands to Jerusalem, to see and to hear the All-Pure Mother of God.

During the persecution initiated by King Herod against the young Church of Christ (Acts 12:1-3), the Most Holy Virgin and the Apostle John the Theologian withdrew to Ephesus in the year 43. The preaching of the Gospel there had fallen by lot to the Apostle John the Theologian. The Mother of God was on Cyprus with Saint Lazarus the Four-Days-Dead, where he was bishop. She was also on Holy Mount Athos. Saint Stephen of the Holy Mountain says that the Mother of God prophetically spoke of it: "Let this place be my lot, given to me by my Son and my God. I will be the Patroness of this place and intercede with God for it."

The respect of ancient Christians for the Mother of God was so great that they preserved what they could about Her life, what they could take note of concerning Her sayings and deeds, and they even passed down to us a description of Her outward appearance.

According to Tradition, based on the words of the Hieromartyrs Dionysius the Areopagite (October 3) and Ignatius the God-Bearer (December 20), Saint Ambrose of Milan (December 7) had occasion to write in his work "On Virgins" concerning the Mother of God: "She was a Virgin not only in body, but also in soul, humble of heart, circumspect in word, wise in mind, not overly given to speaking, a lover of reading and of work, and prudent in speech. Her rule of life was to offend no one, to intend good for everyone, to respect the aged, not envy others, avoid bragging, be healthy of mind, and to love virtue.

"When did She ever hurl the least insult in the face of Her parents? When was She at discord with Her kin? When did She ever puff up with pride before a modest person, or laugh at the weak, or shun the destitute?

With Her there was nothing of glaring eyes, nothing of unseemly words, nor of improper conduct. She was modest in the movement of Her body, Her step was quiet, and Her voice straightforward; so that Her face was an expression of soul. She was the personification of purity.

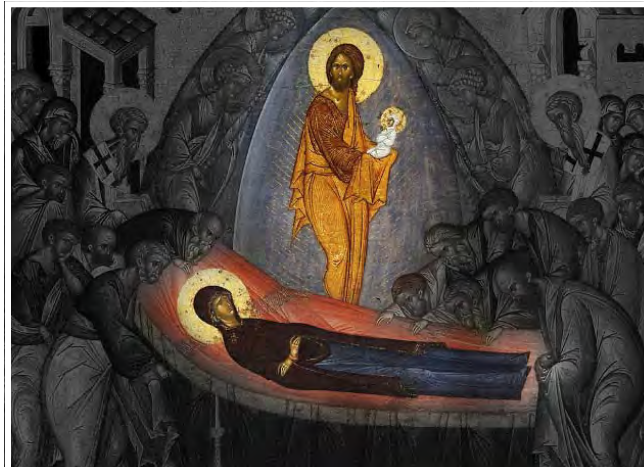
"All Her days She was concerned with fasting: She slept only when necessary, and even then, when Her body was at rest, She was still alert in spirit, repeating in Her dreams what She had read, or the implementation of proposed intentions, or those planned yet anew. She was out of Her house only for church, and then only in the company of relatives. Otherwise, She seldom appeared outside Her house in the company of others, and She was Her own best overseer. Others could protect Her only in body, but She Herself guarded Her character."

According to Tradition, that from the compiler of Church history Nikēphóros Callistus (fourteenth century), the Mother of God "was of average stature, or as others suggest, slightly more than average; Her hair golden in appearance; Her eyes bright with pupils like shiny olives; Her eyebrows strong in character and moderately dark, Her nose pronounced and Her mouth vibrant bespeaking sweet speech; Her face was neither round nor angular, but somewhat oblong; the palm of Her hands and fingers were longish...

In conversation with others She preserved decorum, neither becoming silly nor agitated, and indeed especially never angry; without artifice, and direct, She was not overly concerned about Herself, and far from pampering Herself, She was distinctly full of humility. Regarding the clothing which She wore, She was satisfied to have natural colors, which even now is evidenced by Her holy head-covering. Suffice it to say, a special grace attended all Her actions." [Nikēphóros Callistus borrowed his description from Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus (May 12), from the "Letter to Theophilus Concerning Icons."]

The circumstances of the Dormition of the Mother of

God were known in the Orthodox Church from apostolic times. Already in the first century, the Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite wrote about Her "Falling-Asleep." In the second century, the account of the bodily ascent of the Most Holy Virgin Mary to Heaven is found in the works of Meliton, Bishop of Sardis. In the fourth century, Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus refers to the tradition about the "Falling Asleep" of the Mother of God. In the fifth century, Saint Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem, told the holy Byzantine Empress Pulcheria: "Although there is no account of the circumstances of Her death in Holy Scripture, we know about them from the most ancient and credible Tradition." This tradition was gathered and expounded in the Church History of Nikēphoros Callistus during



the fourteenth century. At the time of Her blessed Falling Asleep, the Most Holy Virgin Mary was again at Jerusalem. Her fame as the Mother of God had already spread throughout the land and had aroused many of the envious and the spiteful against Her. They wanted to make attempts on Her life; but God preserved Her from enemies.

Today flowers are blessed in church, and people keep them in their homes. During times of family strife or illness, the flower petals are placed in the censer with the incense, and the whole house is censed. See the Prayer at the Sanctification of any Fragrant Herbage.

All are welcome to a Baby Shower for Lena (Tsvetelina) and Reader Georgi Galeva!

Date: Saturday August 27, 2022

Time: 4-6 pm

Location: Parish Hall

Questions? call Joyce Tabeling 216-408-7187

Reminder!

Everyone, Parish Council meetings are open to anyone and minutes are available in the church office upon request. If there is anything a parishioner wants to know, they may! We are an open book. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 16, at 6:30 PM in the Counting Room.
- Parish Council

VISITATIONS

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation due to COVID, our absence of a rector, or for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest's ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason.

He asks that we use the contact number provided should we need anything from him. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here:

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Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy on Monday

The **St. Theodosius Altar Society** is hosting Coffee Hour after Dormition Liturgy on
Monday, August 15th!



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as of 8/14/2022

Departed:

Pete Kuzmins
Peter Petkac
Ivan Artamonov

Special Intentions:

Deacon Paul Mitchell (*Tom Mitchell's father*)
Subdeacon Theodore Lentz
Reader Paul Pangrace
Reader Frank Tkacz
Reader Ron Latre (*cousin of Felons*)

Dan Boerio

Jennifer Boerio

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

Diane Kearsy (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

Janice Tkacz

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Rachel Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Mickey O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

Joe Czajkowski (*son of Jerry*)

Carol Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

Matthew Ponomarenko

Virginia Medvec

Stephen Chwalyk

Child Benjamin Udell (*son of Michael and Lacey*)

Jeffrey Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

Maggie Parhamovich (*sister-in-law of Karen Felon*)

Margaret "Peg" Peyton (*Cathy's aunt*)

Kristin Robinson (*friend of Nicholas Kozak*)

Jean Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

Child Anna Marie Luvison (*daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison*)

Martha Musil (*mother of Linda Kovach*)

Michael Bowman (*Lydia Mytrohovich's neighbor*)

Debra Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

Grace Mary Parhamovich (*mother of Karen Felon*)

Peter

Andrew Mytrohovich

Robbie Prock

Gayle Vidovich

Phyllis Gindlesperger

Jeremy & Yvonne & unborn child

Alex Medvec (*nephew of Virginia Medvec*)

Lisa Theodore

Arlene Czajkowski

Athina

Betty Balasz (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Constantinos

Amelia

Andrew Sykaluk

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to ambo-theodosius@googlegroups.com

Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 14

John 20:19-31
1 Corinthians 3:9-17
Matthew 14:22-34

Matthew 21:18-22

Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Wednesday, August 17

1 Corinthians 16:4-12
Matthew 21:28-32

Saturday, August 20

Romans 15:30-33
Matthew 17:24-18:4

Monday, August 15

Genesis 28:10-17
Ezekiel 43:27-44:4
Proverbs 9:1-11
Luke 1:39-49, 56
1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Tuesday, August 16

Colossians 1:12-18
Luke 9:51-56; 10:22-24
1 Corinthians 15:29-38
Matthew 21:23-27

Thursday, August 18

2 Corinthians 1:1-7
Matthew 21:43-46

Sunday, August 21

John 21:1-14
1 Corinthians 4:9-16
Matthew 17:14-23

Friday, August 19

2 Corinthians 1:12-20
Matthew 22:23-33

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Sunday, August 14

Forefeast of the Dormition of the Mother of God
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour
6:00 PM Dormition Vespers

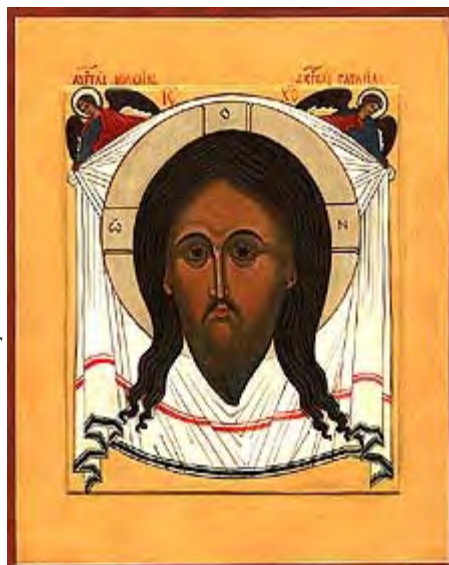
Monday, August 15

The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, August 16

Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Mother of God
Translation of the Image "Not-Made-By-Hands" of our Lord Jesus Christ from Edessa to Constantinople, the Third "Feast of the Savior in August"
6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2022



Wednesday, August 17

Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Mother of God
Martyr Myron the Presbyter of Cyzicus

Thursday, August 18

Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Mother of God
Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria

Friday, August 19

Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Mother of God
Martyr Andrew Stratelates, and 2,593 soldiers with him, in Cilicia

Saturday, August 20

Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Mother of God
Prophet Samuel
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, August 21

Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Mother of God
Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour