



13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2016

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory to God Forever!



Dormition of the Theotokos

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SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY: Rosary 8:30 am
Festal Matins 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Daily Liturgy (Schedule of Services, Page 3)

Saturday: Great Vespers 5:00 pm
Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday 10:00 am—4:00 pm
Thursday OFF

THEOSIS: 2nd & 4th Thursday
pot luck dinner 6:00 pm
Bible Study 7:00 pm

Eastern Christian Formation Program: All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for 45 minutes (September through May)

Confession (Mystery of Reconciliation):

9:15—10:00 am on Sundays, before or after weekday Liturgies, or by appointment with Father

Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist:

Must be arranged three months in advance. (Pre-Jordan requirement)

Mystery of Crowning:

Must be arranged six months in advance (Pre-Cana requirement)

Sick and Shut-Ins: It is the family's responsibility to notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the hospital or confined to home because of sickness or old age. Father will bring the confined person the Holy Mysteries on a regular basis. It is recommended that one receive the Anointing of the Sick before any major surgery. Please don't let the priest be last to know that someone is ill!

Welcome to our Church! If you are looking for a spiritual home, contact Father Artur or the office staff for more information. God bless you.

Today

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24; Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Matins/Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends
Fr. Chris: Health of James & Marianne Fedorchak
Eternal Lamp: Agnes Adamsko by Pam Pettit
5:00 pm Great Vespers with Litija

**August 15
Monday**

**Dormition of the Theotokos/Holy Day of Obligation
Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11; Gospel: Luke 10:38-42 & 11:27-28**

6:00 pm Festive Divine Liturgy; Myrovanije/Blessing of flowers and Herbs
for Parish Family, Benefactors & Friends

**August 16
Tuesday**

**Post-festive of Dormition/Translation of the Icon of Our Lord
Epistle: Colossians 1:12-18 or 2 Corinthians 3:4-11
Gospel: Luke 9:41-56 & 10:22-24**

9:00 am +Keenan Alan by Jilek Family

**August 17
Wednesday**

**Post-festive of Dormition/Myron Martyr
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 13:3-13; Gospel: Mark 4:35-41**

5:30 pm OLPH Devotions
6:00 pm +Emily Dishaw by Mary Alice Cooper
Fr. Chris: Health of Jeanin Savelby M/M MacMurchadha

**August 18
Thursday**

**Post-festive of Dormition/Florus and Laurus Martyrs
Epistle: Galatians 1:1-10 & 1:20-2:5; Gospel: Mark 5:1-20
5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Family Night**

**August 19
Friday**

**Post-festive of Dormition/Andrew and Others Martyrs
Epistle: Galatians 2:6-10; Gospel: Mark 5:22-25 & 35-6:1**

6:00 pm Blessing on Karen Paquette by Mary Alice Cooper
Fr. Chris: Intention of Matthew Precinski by M/M MacMurchadha



**August 20
Saturday**

**Post-festive of Dormition/Samuel, Prophet; Stephen, King of Hungary
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12**

**August 21
Sunday**

**14th Sunday after Pentecost /Post-festive Dormition
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4; Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14**

5:00 pm Great Vespers
6:00 pm +Juanita Kocik (40th day) by Pam Pettit
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Festive Matins/Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends
Fr. Chris: Intention of Helga Dzek
Eternal Lamp: +John Schuler 8th Anniversary by wife Eva

Physician and Help of Those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm; O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their Iniquities, that they may glorify Your might divine

Sharif Rabadi
 Stephen Horner
 Katrina Anderson
 Abraham Haddad
 Jenny Ford
 Robert Hasaka
 Threima Leech
 Priscilla Hughes
 Steve Jakymiw
 Lillian Murphy
 Marilyn Fore
 Demetrius Yackanich
 Sven & Barbara Svensson

Fr. Julian Gnall
 Henry Zuger
 John & Margie Disque
 Phillip Fall
 Laura Dominquez
 Olga Bodnar
 Frances Brannan
 John Deflice
 Mary Ann Kosty
 Jordan Smith
 Maggie Batsel
 Jean Pesce
 Henry Burnette

William Frank
 Joseph Koetter
 Mary Nell Preisler
 Mike Harahuc
 Robert Zadel
 Nathan Barkocy
 Jack & Lorraine Hubbell
 Quintin Santmaria
 & Family
 Heather Mattax
 Larry Bennett
 Paola Terlaza
 Ruth Sousa

Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon against sin, and for healing. If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions, and join us on Sunday at 8:30 am. Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group

Intentions of the Rosary

- 1st Decade: Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states
- 2nd Decade: Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 3rd Decade: Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 4th Decade: Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them
- 5th Decade: Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul



Vocation Icon

Today: Dodson-Sands

Next Sunday: Riley

Holy Father's Intentions for August

Universal: That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.

Evangelization: That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

August 7, 2016 - Attendance: 85

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great warmly invite you to the 82nd Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help September 3 & 4, 2016.

This year's theme, "Theotokos: An Inexhaustible Fountain of Mercy", reflects Pope Francis' call to everyone to observe an extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy.

In our Eastern Christian prayer and spirituality, "have mercy" is an often repeated phrase. It is both a petition and a prayer of thanksgiving acknowledging all that the Lord has done, is doing, and will continue to do. Because we are totally dependent on Him for all good gifts, our response is "Lord, have mercy."

Who among us does not need to call upon the mercy of the Lord? And who is better suited to bring our needs to Jesus than His most holy Mother—the inexhaustible fountain of mercy?

Whether you come to the pilgrimage for a day or for the entire time, you can be sure that mercy and grace await you. For 82 years countless pilgrims have made the journey to the Shrine of Our Mother of Perpetual Help to be spiritually enriched and to find peace and mercy. How much more important is this journey today during a time of violence, restless turmoil, and spiritual decline? How uplifting to place your footsteps upon the footsteps of so many faithful souls who have gone before you!

Pilgrims to Mt. St. Macrina: For those Pilgrims of our Eparchy traveling to Uniontown for the Pilgrimage to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, please note: **A group photo** will be taken on Saturday, September 3rd at 12:30pm in front of the Shrine Altar, directly across from the House of Prayer. Bishop Dino and Bishop Pazak will be attending the Pilgrimage. Bishop Pazak will be the main celebrant for the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy held on **Sunday, September 4th at 4pm.**

Attention Ladies: Registration forms are available today for the Women's Spiritual Enrichment Weekend in September.

You have only this month to sign up for the event. Please obtain a form and complete it by the end of the month.

Scholarships are available if you are unable to pay the entire fee.

See Pam, Cindy or Rafael for more information.

The Perpetual Helpers Book Club will meet on Saturday August 20 from 10 am to Noon in the OLPH social hall. We will share a potluck brunch & discuss the book "33 Days to Morning Glory". Many of us will have just consecrated ourselves to Jesus through Mary on August 15th & we will share about that experience as well.

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	COUNTER	HOST
August 28	Michael Wells	Sarah Brewer	Luba Kmetyk	Cindy Loescher Barbara DeLap	Blain

Barbara's Hall Report

Thanks to Ann and Dorothy for keeping Mr. Nobody away by bringing lots of bagels with cream cheese, and fresh fruit and cookies. Yum! All that food certainly kept him far away! So don't forget to sign up for future socials. Now that vacations are over and school is back in session, think about it!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

August 19—21	17th annual pilgrimage to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Olympia, Washington www.stgeorgeolympia.com . Pamphlets located on the greeting table.
Monday August 29	6:00 pm Divine Liturgy/Beheading of St. John the Baptist
September 3 & 4	Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Uniontown, Pennsylvania

TOMORROW WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, which is a Holy Day of Obligation for Byzantine Catholics. Blessing of Flowers after the Liturgy. Be sure to bring your Flowers and Herbs for the blessing.

Do you know someone locally who can read and translate Slovak? If so, please pass their contact information to Father Chris, who needs help in research for Book No. 3.

Children are back in school all across the state. Please exercise caution when driving near a school, as excited children do not remember to look both ways, or look at all!

Special OASIS Class on Aug. 25: Recusants of the British Isles

The recusants of England and Wales kept "The Old Religion" alive in an underground church that resisted from 1533 until Catholic Relief was granted in 1829. Mass and sacraments were secretly offered by priests branded as traitors, and martyrs suffered frightening deaths. But the faith endured and Catholics were legalized at long last. We will hear their words and Father Chris will present some of his family's own history on the Welsh Marches and a hidden chapel.

You must register for this class <http://www.oasisnet.org/About-Us/How-to-Register> OR by calling the OASIS office at 884-4529; cost is \$8.

Volunteers Needed—Love kids? Pray & Play, a kidscare program during the ABQ Women's Bible Study at the Shrine of St. Bernadette's is looking for caring volunteers to spend two hours with young children every other Wednesday morning from 9:45-11:45 this fall. A wonderful opportunity to serve moms growing in their faith, and to enjoy time caring for and teaching kids about our faith! Must have Archdiocese Abuse Awareness Class (offered 8/18 6-9pm at the Catholic Center). Pray & Play Training 8/17, first session 8/24. Contact Becky Vigil at 505-241-9274 or beckylenihan21@hotmail.com

ABQ Women's Bible Study (with childcare) Join us for a women's Bible study & fellowship at the Shrine of St. Bernadette this fall. We will meet every other Wednesday morning from 9:45-11:45AM starting August 24th and ending before Thanksgiving. We will be studying Walking with Purpose: Seven Priorities that Make Life Work. Women of all ages are welcome, not just moms. \$20 book and materials fee. For more info on childcare and to register visit: abqwomensbiblestudy.weebly.com

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS

!!!ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the week of August 22-26!!!

Dear Parish Family,

August - September are the months of the improvements that were planned since the start of the year. Improvements of the circulation of air, lighting and painting of the nave walls are done already.

Next few stages would be more demanding in terms of logistics and amount of work done. In order to do that we would need volunteers, strong men to help to load and unload the new hard wood floor (2800 SF), take out old pews, remove old hard wood floor and part of the nave carpeting, move heavy furniture.

We need women volunteers to prepare the meals and with other light work.

The schedule of three coming stages is following:

Monday August 22: removal of old pews, delivery of the new hard wood floor (loading at the Lumber Liquidators storage house, unloading at the church) 86 heavy boxes.

Tuesday August 23 - Friday August 26: removal of the old hard wood floor, partial removal of the nave carpet, moving of the furniture and other.

Want to be a part of this project, please, see Fr Artur.

Monday August 29 - Friday September 2: installation of the new hard wood floor (Sam Boughter and his "A-Premier Flooring" installation team)

Monday September 5 - Friday September 9: delivery and installation of the new oak pews (installation team from "Imperial Woodworks Inc")

PLEASE, KEEP IN MIND THAT THE CHURCH NAVE WOULD BE WITHOUT PEWS FOR TWO SUNDAYS:

August 28 and September 4. There would be chairs brought from the hall but that won't be enough for everyone.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS, TIME, TALENT AND GENEROUS DONATIONS, HARD WORK IN FUNDRAISING PROJECTS AND LOVE FOR YOUR CHURCH without which this project would still be a dream!!!! God Bless YOU!!!

Dormition of the Theotokos

It is a dogma of the Catholic Church that at the end of Mary's life, God reunited her body and soul in heaven, as a sign of our future resurrection of body and soul. This was done, as it says in the Divine Office, so that the all-pure body which had carried the Life of the world should not be subject to corruption or decay.

Blessing of Flowers and Herbs - This custom has its origin in the story of the tomb of Our Lady, which can be found today in the church on Mount Zion in Jerusalem, the oldest church in the holy city. Having lived in Ephesus with Saint John, Mary returned to Jerusalem where she fell asleep in the Lord. St. Thomas arrived after the funeral, and asked to see her body once again. When the tomb was opened, it was filled with flowers, but no body. Since the earliest days, it has been a constant tradition that God took the body of Mary into heaven: **(a) as a sign of our own future resurrection that will reunite body and soul and (b) in order to spare the body which had contained Christ our God for nine month from corruption** in tomb. Ever since, Christians bring/ send flowers to funerals as a sign of our faith in the resurrection of the dead. **The blessing includes medicinal herbs**, in the hot summer months, diseases would flourish in the crowded towns of ancient Europe.

The bodily assumption of Our Lady and union with her soul testifies to her role as motherly intercessor for all. So many times in apparitions or miracles Mary identifies herself as a helper, as in the name of our church "Perpetual Help." She takes the role of the Queen Mother of old Israel and stands at the side of the king to present the petitions of the people. Vatican II teaches that the **"Mother of Jesus continues in this present world as the image and first flowering of the Church as it is to be perfected in the world to come. Likewise Mary shines forth until the day of the Lord shall come (2 Peter 3:10) as a sign of sure hope and comfort for the pilgrim People of God"** (Lumen Gentium, 68). Again, the Council teaches **"Taken up into heaven she did not lay aside this saving role but, by her manifold intercession, she continues to win for us gifts of eternal salvation"** (LG, 62). Holy Mother of God, assumed into heaven, pray for our souls especially at the hour of death!

Flowers Associated with the Mother of God

Our Lady has an association with flowers going back before her death. Both the ancient Church and that of medieval Europe assign different flowers to parts of her life, or to reflect qualities of her life.

Roses and Lilies: Mary was associated with this passage from the *Song of Songs* (2:1) *I am the Rose of Sharon, The lily of the valleys*. Dried rose buds were used to make the first rosaries, and lilies became a symbol of purity while their yellow anthers (the long stems inside the bloom) are "the glowing light of her soul". Red roses are for Mary's suffering, white for her joy, and yellow for her glories.

Marigolds: The marigold was called Mary's Gold by early Christians who placed the flowers around statues of Mary, offering the blossoms in place of coins. It was told that Mary used the blossoms as coins. A legend says that during the Flight into Egypt the Holy Family was accosted by a band of thieves. They took Mary's purse and when they opened it, marigolds fell out.

Spearmint – in France, this is known as "Our Lady's Mint".

Violets: The lowly violet was associated with humility and became known as Our Lady's Modesty. It was said to have blossomed when Mary said to the Angel Gabriel, who had come to tell her she was to bear the Son of God, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord."

Shut-ins Outreach



Prayer for the Mother after childbirth and churching of Stefania Eleanora Salazar.