

August 9, 2015

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12; Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35



Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos



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SCHEDULE:

Sunday:

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

Monday, Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Tuesday, Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Wednesday

OLPH Devotions, 5:30 pm

Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

Friday, Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

Saturday: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Thursday OFF

Parish Advisory Board Members:

Dorothy Curl, Dave Dark, Lubomyra Kmetyk,
Brian Fitzpatrick, Harry DeLap

Parish Finance Council Members:

Matthew Blain & Eva Schuler

Confession Schedule (Mystery of Reconciliation):

9:30-9:50 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!

Eastern Christian Formation Program:

All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for 45 min

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	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Festal Matins
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Fr. Chris: Intention of Becky Ungaro by the MacMurchadhas Outing in the park after Divine Liturgy
Monday	Lawrence Archdeacon - Martyr	
August 10	Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:10-15; Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35	
	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy with Panichida +Antonio Cordova by Marilyn Fore
	7:00 pm	Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday	Euplus Martyr	
August 11	Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:15-21; Gospel: Mark 1:16-22	
	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy Blessing on Dodson-Sands Family by the MacMurchadhas
Wednesday	Photius & Anicetus	
August 12	Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:11-16; Gospel: Mark 1:23-28	
	5:30 pm	OLPH Devotions
	6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy with Panichida +Belinda Rhone-Wells and consolation to her family by Pam Pettit
Thursday	Maximus the Confessor Venerable	
August 13	Epistle: 2 Corinthians 7:1-10; Gospel: Mark 1:29-35	
	6:00 pm	Pot Luck Dinner
	7:00 pm	THEOSIS Bible Study
Friday	Translation of the Relics of Theodosius of the Cave Venerable	
August 14	Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16; Gospel: Matthew 11:27-30	
	6:00 pm	Vesper Divine Liturgy; Blessing on Gloetzner Family Blessing of Litija Bread; Blessing of Flowers & Plants
Saturday	Dormition of the Theotokos/Holy Day of Obligation	
August 15	Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11; Gospel: Luke 10:38-42 & 11:27-28	
	9:00 am	Matins with Divine Liturgy & Deposition of the Holy Shroud For Parish Family, Benefactors & Friends Blessing of Flowers & Plants
Holy Day of Obligation	5:00 pm	Great Vespers
	6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy with Panichida +John Robert Larkin by Family (40 th day commemoration)
Sunday	12th Sunday After Pentecost/Translation of the Icon of Our Lord	
August 16	Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26	
	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Festal Matins
	9:30 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Fr. Chris: Intention of Mark Johnson Family by MacMurchadhas
	Eternal Lamp:	+John Schuler 7 th 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!***

Fr. Julian Gnall
Fr. Anthony Romero



Roy Smith
Sven & Barbara Svensson
Michele Koetter
Abraham Haddad
Lillian Murphy
Stephen Horner
Demetrius Yackanich
Jenny Ford
Marilyn Fore
Robert Hasaka
Frank & Martha Arden
Pricilla Hughes
Sharif Rabadi
Threima Leech
Alicia Wells

Paola Terlaza
Henry Zegger
John & Margie Disque
Phillip Fall
Walter Jakymiw
Olga Bodnar
Frances Brannan
John Deflice
Kristoff Rajala
Jordan Smith
Marge Merrills
Maggie Batsel
Katrina Anderson
Belita Halber
Mike Harahuc

Laura Dominguez
Robert Zadel
William Frank
Joseph Koetter
Mary Nell Preisler
Jackie De Paolis
Donny Terry
Mary Murphy
Lorraine Hubbell
Quintin Santamaria & Family
Heather Mattax
Larry Bennett
Chris Overlin
Mary Ellis
Tony Lucero

*Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon
against sin, and for healing.*

Glorious Mysteries are recited on Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday; Joyful
Mysteries on Monday & Saturday; Sorrowful Mysteries on Wednesday &
Friday.

*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

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.

VOCATION ICON
 Today: Block
 Next Sunday: Svensson



THEOSIS Bible Study
 Matthew Chapter 3
 (John the Baptist &
 the Baptism of Christ)
 Thursday, August 13th
 6 pm pot-luck dinner
 7-8:30 pm Bible Study

**All Ladies—please join us for
 OLPH Happy Hour!**

To be held Monday, August 17th from
 6-8 pm in the OLPH hall.
 We'll have smoothie drinks (non-
 alcoholic) and lots of time to socialize
 together.

Please bring Happy Hour Hors
 D'oeuvres (snacks) to share.

Contact Alicia at 720-280-0710 or
 Cindy at 505-503-0082 for more
 information.

Thank you to...

Bill Hossley for repairing the
 church pews. He sacrificed a
 couple of weeks in order to make
 our pews more comfortable.

May God bless benefactors and
 beautifiers of our church.

Outing with children and parents in
 the park today after Divine Liturgy.
 Please, bring sport clothes and lots of
 energy!!!

**August 29th, 9:00 am
 Altar Server Practice & Outing**

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	HOST	COUNTER
8/16	Sven Svensson	Sarah Brewer	Eva Schuler Miles Gloetzner	Lipke	Eva Schuler Brian Fitzpatrick

Barbara's Hall Report:

Thanks to Dan and Andrea Riley, parents of the Birthday Girl, Alaina, who turned six on Tuesday. They made a delicious pesto pasta salad, and brought lots of salad and French bread to eat along with it. And Andrea even did all the dishes! Thanks! Happy Birthday, Alaina, and may God grant you many more wonderful birthdays!



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.

This is the story of the Dormition of the Theotokos

When Mary, the Mother God, fell asleep in the Lord, the whole company of the Apostles - except Thomas - was miraculously brought together in Jerusalem. Amid divine and heavenly praises they commended her soul into the hands of God and placed her body in a little tomb in Gethsemane. For three days a choir of Angels continued to sing above her tomb. And on the third day Thomas arrived. So that he could venerate the body that had given birth to Christ God, the Apostles opened the tomb. They found not the body of the Mother of God but the winding sheet and the most beautiful and sweet-smelling flowers. Mary's body had been taken up into the heavens by her Son.

What does this romantic story tell us? All the great myths tell us truths, and so too with this story. First of all, as a result of the miracle and as a testimony of our belief in the resurrection of the body at the end of time, **flowers are blessed on August 15**, a custom which was practiced from the earliest times in both East and West. Over time seeds and herbs used for medicinal purposes were also blessed, both in commemoration of the many healings and blessings that were bestowed upon the pilgrims at Mary's tomb, and because the hot summers resulted in many illnesses in medieval cities. The medicines of the day were derived from – flowers and herbs!

Second, this is the origin of the practice of bringing/ sending flowers to funerals: it is, again, a testimony that we believe in the Resurrection of the dead, and reunion of body and soul at the end of the ages.

Our Lady's Popularity

Some of the popular flowers of today are also named after Mary. Bachelor button is Mary's Crown, English daisy is Mary-Love, geranium is Mary's Flower, larkspur is Mary's Tears, pansy is Our Lady's Delight, morning glory is Our Lady's Mantle, petunia is Our Lady's Praises and zinnia is the Virgin.

Our Lady's Fruitfulness

The strawberry was called Fruitful Virgin and it was told that Mary would go a-berrying with her Son on St. John's Day, June 24. Also that any mother who had lost a child would not eat strawberries on that day for if she did, Mary would say to her child in heaven, "You must stand aside for your mother has eaten your share, and none remains for you."

Dormition of the Theotokos

The Theotokos is depicted upon the funeral bier: this makes it clear that, like all mortals, the Virgin Mary has to taste death and be buried. She is dressed in her traditional colors as the Mother of God – Theotokos – red and white. Her hands are folded modestly, and her head rests on a little pillow – a nice home-like touch in the icon!

Christ, standing behind the Theotokos, has received His Mother's soul. He is robed in the white robes of the Resurrection and Transfiguration, showing that Mary will be changed soon by her translation to heaven and will experience the Divine in Its fullness.

Jesus also appears in an aureole (elongated halo) depicting the Light of His Divinity. At the top of the aureole or nearby are often two bright red Seraphim: remember that in the Liturgy we sing that the Theotokos is “beyond compare, more glorious than the Seraphim.”

Jesus holds in His left arm an infant swaddled in white linens. This is the soul of the Theotokos which had already been taken to heaven. In holding His Mother's soul, **He Who was wrapped in her arms now wraps her in His arms** (Office of the Feast). Jesus comes to the burial site in order to prepare to take her body into heaven.

The Apostles are depicted on either side of the bier stand the Apostles; the group on the left is led by St. Peter who stands at the head of the bier; the group on the right is led by St. Paul who stands at the foot of the bier. St Peter is holding a kadilo, or censer. A lit candle stands in the exact center of the action that is taking place: in direct line with Jesus Himself, the Light of the world, and in line with the two groups of mourning apostles.

Sometimes the icon also includes the mourning women, led by St. Mary Magdalene and the sisters of Lazarus, Mary and Martha.

Theology of the Dormition of Our Lady

The liturgical year, which is the image of the *life in Christ*, is also defined by two events in the life of Mary, *her birth* and *her death*. In fact, the first feast of the liturgical year is the Nativity of the Virgin (September 8). The last major feast of the liturgical year is the Dormition, celebrated on August 15.

Like her Son, who ascended to the Father, so Mary was taken by angels and *transported into heaven with her body* (the absence of bodily relics of the Virgin in a Church which highly esteems relics only confirms her assumption into heaven). The Dormition expresses the hope of every Christian who waits for **the hour of death as the passage into life**, because of the victory of the resurrected Christ. Each death is a new and personal Pascha. **Therefore this event is seen as the first-fruits of the bodily resurrection of the faithful that will occur at the Second Coming of Christ.** The Theotokos has already undergone the bodily resurrection and stands in heaven in that glorified state – which the rest of humanity hopes for. Like us she was formed from earth, but she did not return there after her death, though she intercedes on earth for us.



Tessa Mentus of KOB TV Channel 4 surprised Dorothy Curl last Wednesday at the Friars of the Renewal Soup Kitchen to present her \$400 in the channel's "Pay It Forward" series in recognition of her volunteer work.

On Mondays she collects baked goods from Starbucks and baked goods and roses from Albertson's on Juan Tabo to benefit Kaseman Hospice, where she works as a volunteer; on Tuesday she joins Melinda Fitzpatrick in cleaning the Blanchette House; on Wednesday she is part of a large group of parishioners with Father Artur at the Friars; on Thursday she delivers Meals on Wheels to shut-ins; and on Fridays she picks up the weekend flowers to go in front of the iconostas from Albertson's, delivers them to the church, and then helps out wherever she's needed.

Frankly, she beats out people half her age in terms of energy, although it seems nobody knows what her age is. In true Dorothy style, she paid out the \$400 to two charities dear to her heart. May God grant her many blessed years.

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now!

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| Sat-Fri, Aug 1-14 | Fasting Season in Preparation for the Solemn Feast |
| of the Dormition | |
| Sat., Aug 15 | Solemn Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, |
| Holiday of | Obligation |
| | Divine Liturgy: Vigil on Friday at 6:00 PM and on |
| Saturday at 9:00 AM | |
| | Blessing of Flowers and Plants after each Liturgy |
| Sat., Aug 29 | Simple Feast of the Beheading of John the Baptist. |
| | Divine Liturgy: Vigil on Friday 6:00 PM |