

A ugust 11, 2024 / T one 3 / 12th S unday A fter Pentecost

Christ is A mong U s! He is and A lways S hall B e!  
¡Cristo está entre nosotros! / ¡E stá y estará!



### Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos

Come, all you lovers of the feast, let us form choirs and fill the Church with our hymns, in honor of the falling asleep of the Ark of God. Today heaven indeed opens its bosom to receive the Mother of the One whom the universe cannot contain. The earth gives back the Source of Life and receives the blessing of the Lord. The choir of angels and apostles look with awe as they see the One who gave birth to the Prince of Life now herself pass from life to life. Let us all bow together before her and say: O Lady, do not forget the children of your house who celebrate your holy Dormition in faith. (Stichera from Dormition Vespers)

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. There is an ancient story that St Thomas got to Jerusalem too late, and asked to see the body of the Theotokos one more time. When the tomb was opened, not only was her body gone, but the shroud in which she had been buried was filled with flowers.

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 having flowers at funerals: it is a testimony that we believe in the Resurrection of the dead, and reunion of body and soul at the end of the ages.

**PLAN AHEAD:** These are popular flowers to bring for the blessing on August 14/15 that are connected with Our Lady: roses (Queen of heaven, Jesus' thorns), marigold (Mary's gold), lavender (its scent represents Jesus' clothes which Mary put on the bush to dry), lilies and snow-drop (purity), violets (humility), columbine (Mary's shoes), rosemary (bushes which concealed Holy Family in their flight and flowers turned blue in Mary's honor), thyme and chamomile (herbs put in Jesus' manger), daisy is Mary-Love, geranium is Mary's Flower, larkspur is Mary's Tears, mint was dedicated to Mary, pansy (Our Lady's Delight), morning glory (Our Lady's Mantle), petunia (Our Lady's Praises), sage (Mary's Shawl), zinnia (Mary's virginity), and strawberries (Our Lady's fruitfulness in conceiving Christ). These are also plants you can use to make a Lady's Garden in honor of the Theotokos! (Fr. Chris Zugger)

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

**THEOSIS** : 2nd & 4th Thursday  
Bible Study 6:45 pm / Zoom

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May the Lord Bless your kindness and  
generosity to His House!

**ONLINE GIVING / ONLINE TITHING**

is available on our website:

For those parishioners who can't attend in person or traveling or anyone who find this more convenient, we just set up a new way to tithe online using your credit card or debit card information. You can do a one-time donation or setup weekly donations!! You will receive a receipt and statement immediately after donating. The software takes a very small percentage of the donation, but its worth it for the ease of the system. You can donate using your computer / smartphone at: [ps://  
www.olphnm.org/giving](https://www.olphnm.org/giving).

**Confession (Mystery of  
Reconciliation):**

9:00—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/Fr Chris or the office staff for more information. God bless you!**

***1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Matthew 19:16-26***

**YouTube Live** 8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Matins & Confessions  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Mysteries of Christian Initiation for Abigail Katerina Beaudet / Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH  
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine

**Aug 12 Mon**

***Photius and Anicetus Martyrs / 2 Cor 8:7-15; Mk 3:6-12***



9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +Priest Stephen Hudasek by Svenssons

**Aug 13 Tue**

***Maximus the Confessor Venerable / 2 Cor 8:16-9:5; Mk 3:13-19***

9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +Priest John Lisse by Svenssons

**Aug 14 Wed**

***Translation of the Relics of Theodosius of the Cave Venerable  
Heb 13:7-16; Mt 11:27-30***



5:30 pm OLPH Devotions

6:00 pm Deposition of the Shroud of the Theotokos / Divine Liturgy / Mysteries of Christian Initiation for Hebert Twins: Aden and Noah / Blessing of Flowers and Herbs / Blessing of Litija

**Aug 15 Thu**

***Dormition of the Theotokos / Holy Day of Obligation  
Phil 2:5-11; Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28***

9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Intention for the OLPH Parish Family / Myrovanije

**Aug 16 Fri**

***Post Festive of Dormition/Translation of the Icon of Our Lord  
Colossians 1:12-18 or 2 Cor 3:4-11; Luke 9:51-56 & 10:22-24***



9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas

6:00 pm Divine Liturgy/ God's Blessing on Valika Miner by Maria Kartsub

**Aug 17 Sat**

***Post Festive of Dormition / Myron Martyr / 1 Cor 2:6-9; Mt 22:15-22***

Noon Divine Liturgy / Mysteries of Christian Initiation for Charles Ryan Robinson

**Aug 18 Sun**

***13th Sunday After Pentecost / 1 Cor 16:13-24; Mt 21:33-42***

4:00 pm Great Vespers (YouTube Live)

Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday:

Numbers 25:1-9; 1 Samuel 16:12-23; Isaiah 28:14-22

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Robert Young by Daniel Fogg

**YouTube LIVE**

8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Matins & Confessions

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### Remember Those Who Request Our Prayers:

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	Harry & Barbara	Janet Worthington
Jenny Ford	De Lap	Patti Klinkovsky
Marilyn Fore	Irene Bradley	Matt Williamson
Sven & Barbara	Soriah Chavez	James Epstein
Svensson	Abraham Haddad	Katy Ford
Laurie Bienz	Marianne Gerace	Alton Bertschinger
Brent Dodson-	Michael Baron	Madalyn Davis
Sands	Gabriel Preisler	Rebecca Russo
Lara Davis	Jessica Pieniadz	Jacob McTernan
Carol Donlin	Rhonda	Paola Terlaza
Marcie Dark	Glasscock	Vicki Frank
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Richard Jacobs	Joel Ford	
	Jordan Smith	

### 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 / August For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

**Prayer for Vocations** "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have, give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, and follow me!" These words of our Lord inspired great saints such as Anthony the Great and Francis of Assisi. While each of us may answer this calling in different ways, we see that Jesus wants all of us to follow him. Is he seeking you to follow him as a priest, deacon, monk, or nun? If this may be the case, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)



Vocation Icon

Today:  
Fedorowich Family  
Next Sunday: Riley Family

**August 18, 2024**

Cantor: Andrea Riley

Reader: Dave Dark

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Troijca: Maddie Riley

Counters: Jana Brewer &

Laura Serna

**Propers for August 18, 2024**

13th Sunday after Pentecost.

Post-festive day of Dormition.

Tone 4

Troparion (Tone 4) - 141

Troparion (Feast) – 352

*v. Glory...*

Kontakion (Feast) – 352

*v. Now & Ever...*

Theotokion – 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 142 & 353

Magnification & Irmos – 354

Our Father – 69

Communion - 81 & 355 [F]

**The OLPH Prayer Warriors**

make intercessory prayer a daily commitment. We pray voluntarily and without bias; that is, we take to the Blessed Trinity the requests that come our way.

The Prayer Warriors meet on Zoom every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for themed meetings. **If you would like to join the Prayer Warriors**, would like additional information, and/or would like for us to pray for your intentions, please contact

Lara Davis at

[crowhopdavis@yahoo.com](mailto:crowhopdavis@yahoo.com)

**Alicia's Hall Report**

Thank you all for your generosity towards the fundraiser for the Women's Retreat weekend! Thanks to Jana for organizing and to all who brought rice, beans, meat, salad, taco shells, tortillas, toppings, and dessert. Sounds like it was a delicious taco bar and great fellowship, thanks be to God! A big congratulations to the newly initiated Elias Vargas! God grant you all many blessed and happy years! Please sign up to host or co-host, especially during the month of August: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph#/>.

Have a blessed month of August!

**Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now**

Aug 23 & 24	<b>Women's Day of Spiritual Reflection</b>
Thu Aug 29	<b>Beheading of John the Baptist</b> Simple Holy Day
Wed Aug 28	6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
Sun Sep 1	<b>Beginning of the New Church Year</b>
Fri Sep 13 Sat Sep 14	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> <b>Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy / Blessing of Litija 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Mon Sep 30	<b>Protection of the Theotokos</b> <b>Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
Sep 30/Oct 4	<b>Annual Clergy Retreat in Tucson AZ</b>
Tue Oct 15	<b>Celebration of the OLPH 50th Jubilee</b> 3:30 pm Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm Dinner at Sheraton 7:30 pm Dancing with a live band (Die Polka Schlingels)
Fri Nov 8	<b>Archangel Michael and All Angels</b> Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Fri Nov 15	<b>Beginning of Phillip's Fast</b>
Thu Nov 21	<b>Entrance of the Theotokos</b> <b>Solemn Holy Day</b>
Wed Nov 20	6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy of St Basil
Fri Dec 6	<b>Nicholas of Myra Archbishop</b> <b>Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Tue Dec 24	<b>Vigil of Christmas / Strict Fast</b> 10:00 am Royal Hours 4:30 pm Holy Supper 7:00 pm Vigil Liturgy of St. Basil
Wed Dec 25	<b>Christmas Birth of Our Lord</b> <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b> 9:00 am Matins 10:00 am Festive Liturgy
Thu Dec 26	<b>Synaxis of the Theotokos</b> <b>Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Fri Dec 27	<b>Stephen Protomartyr / Simple Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy

**Dear Parish Family**, our 50th Jubilee celebration is October 15<sup>th</sup>. We mailed out invitations and reply cards in April. We need them to be returned. It's already past deadline (August 1). We will need to finalize the plans with the venue and accurate numbers of attendees are needed to ensure that there is enough room and food. If you have not yet returned the RSVP card, please return it as soon as possible. If you have lost your invitation, you can ask for a new one. You can return it by mail, donation box, by hand, scan and email (abbaolph@gmail.com), or take a picture and text it (505-377-4197).

**The OLPH Theosis study group** would like to invite our Church members to join our group. We meet on Zoom twice a month. (Usually the 2nd & 4th Thursday). Soon we will start reading a new book, "Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture: Acts of the Apostles". Please send an email to Lara (crowhopdavis@yahoo.com) or Eva (eva@gravitypad.com) for more information if you would like to join the study of Holy Scriptures.

### **This year's Women's Day of Spiritual Reflection**

will be **August 23 and 24 at the Norbertine Abbey**: Our teaching will be an introduction to Lord Teach Me to Pray. LTMTTP is a prayer method based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. This series has been approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Fr. Artur has approved of LTMTTP for our Day of Reflection. **Please see the pamphlet on the Cabinet in the back for information and registration.**

### **EPARCHIAL APPEAL 2024**

The Annual Eparchial Appeal this year runs from **February 1st to August 31st**. The pledge form and information for the appeal was mailed directly from the Bishop's office to your home. **Collected to date: \$9,537.00. Thank you to Juanita Montoya and Tianna Sevachko.** Did you remember to send in your pledge? Our average giving has been about \$300.00 per household. Please, send your pledge directly to the Bishop's office in Phoenix, AZ, and our checks made to the Eparchy of Phoenix. Thank you for your support!

### **The Sisters of St. Basil the Great Warmly invite you to the 90th Annual Pilgrimage In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

Theotokos: Our Rock, Our Refuge, and Our Strength Celebrating 90 Years of Grace  
Mount Saint Macrina Uniontown, Pennsylvania  
(724) 438-8644 [www.sistersofstbasil.org](http://www.sistersofstbasil.org)  
(more information and schedule available on the greeting table)

### **MANDATORY SAFE ENVIRONMENT ONLINE TRAINING FOR ALL THE VOLUNTEERS**

**Reminder:** PLEASE, CHECK your Safe Environment Compliance Certificate Expiration date. Please note that Online Virtus training for many will be expiring within August-Sept-October. The Eparchy's revised Safe Environment Policy no longer allows for lapses in compliance - either in Virtus training or in background screenings - for ALL OLPH VOLUNTEERS AND EXPLORER YOUTH GROUP LEADERS. Anyone falling out of compliance at any point must immediately cease from their designated area of service at OLPH until such time as they are in compliance once again. No one - not members of the clergy, volunteers, educators, employees etc. - may serve for even one day when out of SEP compliance. Thank you for your vigilance in this matter.

**Please remind your kiddos** that they need to have a parent (or two dedicated adults) with them to go out on the patio at all times. We need to keep our kids safe! And picture this- a set of rotating chaperones take a group of kids to the park so they can play to their hearts' content and the adults can visit in the hall! I'll be out during most of August, but if someone is willing to take the lead on this, and make sure to have 2 adults present (for Safe Environment), you can

## **August 22: Blessed Simeon Lukac**

Ordained in 1919 for the eparchy of Stanisławów, Poland (now Ivano-Frankivsk in Ukraine), Father Lukac was a teacher of moral theology at the seminary. As Soviet power was established, he was secretly consecrated a bishop in April, 1945. He refused to join the Russian Orthodox Church in 1945 as was ordered of all Greek Catholics in western Ukraine. Bishop Simeon instead went back to his native village. He served in the underground until 1949 when he was arrested both for his work and on suspicion of being a bishop. No one would testify to his ordination as a bishop and so he was sentenced to "only" 10 years in a Siberian camp. He was interrogated sixteen times, but he never broke despite the violence of the secret police, and always replied "My priestly conscience does not allow me to answer your questions" and he never betrayed anyone. After Stalin's death, he was finally released in 1955, but resumed his secret pastoral work. He was re-arrested in 1962 and put in prison, and soon contracted tuberculosis. The Soviets released him in March 1964, rather than have him die as a martyr in prison, and he again resumed celebration of the Divine Liturgy and Holy Mysteries. He celebrated the Liturgy daily until his death on this day in 1964.

## **August 24: Blessed Martyr Methodius Trcka CSsR**

The life of this Blessed Martyr should resonate with those of us who grew up in the Latin Catholic Church but fell in love with Byzantine Catholic spirituality and liturgy. Born in Bohemia in a Czech family, he was baptized Dominik. He entered the Redemptorists in 1902, was professed in 1904, and ordained in Prague on 17 July 1910.

From the start of his priesthood, in the Czech Republic, he began his apostolate of preaching popular missions. During the First World War at Svata Hora, he took care of Croatian, Slovene and Ruthenian refugees. In 1919 in answer to his request to work with the Eastern Catholic Church, his superiors sent him to Lviv, to work among the Greek Catholic faithful. He learned their language with the help of a confrere, Bl. Fr Nikola Carnecky. At that time he took the name Methodius. In December 1921 he was sent to Stropkov, in Eastern Slovakia, where he founded the first mixed Latin and Byzantine rite Redemptorist community and served as superior. He was a zealous missionary in the Eparchies of Presov (Prjasev), Uzhorod and Krizevci. As superior he oversaw the installation of Greek Catholic Redemptorists in Michalovce. In 1932 he returned to Stropkov to rest and do parish work. In 1935, he returned to Michalovce where the Congregation for the Oriental Churches appointed him Apostolic Visitor to the Basilian Sisters in Presov (Prjasev) and Uzhorod. In Michalovce, he served a second term as superior from July 1936 to April 1942; he completed the church, helped found a convent, set up one retreat house and started another in the Eparchy of Uzhorod. He founded an association for women domestics, the most neglected group at the time. During the Second World War, the Slovak State suspected the Redemptorists of anti-State propaganda since they were helping Ruthenians in a Slovak nationalist situation. Since Fr Methodius was the chief suspect as superior of the house, to save the community he resigned his post as superior. In 1945, at the end of the war, the Redemptorists established the Vice-Province of Michalovce. Fr Methodius was appointed the first Vice-Provincial on 23 March 1946. He encouraged the Redemptorists' return to Stropkov where they worked until the Communists came to power.

In 1949 the Communists suppressed the Vice-Province; and on the 13 April 1950 all were taken to concentration camps, to be interrogated and tortured. Fellow prisoners said that to protect his confreres Methodius would take the blame and calmly endure torture.

On 12 April 1952, he was accused of collaboration with Bishop Gojdic because he spread his pastoral letters. He continued the regular reports to his superiors in Prague and through them to the ones in Rome. This was called espionage, high treason and brought him the sentence of 12 years in prison. He held out, despite ill health, trusting in God and doing His will. In April 1958 he was moved to Leopoldov prison. At Christmas he was caught singing a carol and condemned to the "correction cell" where he contracted pneumonia. Another prisoner, a doctor, asked that he be admitted to hospital, obtaining only his transfer to solitary confinement. Finally, he died in his own cell on 23 March 1959, after forgiving his persecutors. In 1969, his remains were transferred from the prison cemetery to the Redemptorists' Church of the Holy Spirit at Michalovce.



Fr Tyler delivers children's homily

Churching of Roxolana Stasyshyn

