

## FEAST OF THE DORMITION



### “REJOICE, I WILL BE WITH YOU ALWAYS”

**O**ne may wonder what became of the Theotokos after her Son ascended into heaven? We know that she was entrusted to the care of the Apostle John. The Book of Acts mentions her being with the apostles on the first Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon them in the form of tongues of fire. Other than that, it is thought that she spent most of her time in Jerusalem and the surrounding areas, visiting the meaningful

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### **HOLY MYSTERIES**

**VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM** - If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR**.

**EMERGENCY CALLS** - Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

**BAPTISMS** - Celebrated by appointment.

**CROWNING IN MARRIAGE** - Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** - The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS** - For the Needs of the Parish; 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Ministry

**August 29, 2021**  
**Volume 57: Number 35**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of August 29 – September 5, 2021**  
**Celebrating our 94<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

**Sunday, August 29 – 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 1**

**8:30 AM – Confessions**

**9:15 AM – Hours**

**9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful**

**Coffee Hour**

**Monday, August 30**

**8:00 AM Divine Liturgy**

**Thursday, September 2**

**7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy**

**Saturday, September 4**

**10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Holy Trinity – Whaleyville, MD)**

**Sunday, September 5 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2**

**8:30 AM – Confessions**

**9:15 AM – Hours**

**9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful**

**Coffee Hour**

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Icon of the Icon Not Made by Human Hands of Christ -  
Matins: John 21:1-14; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Matthew 17:14-23; Icon Colossians 1:12-18;  
Luke 9:51-56; 10:22-24

Monday – 2 Corinthians 2:3-15; Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday – 2 Corinthians 2:14-3:3; Matthew 23:23-28

Wednesday – 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 23:29-39

Thursday – 2 Corinthians 4:1-6; Matthew 24:13-28

Friday – 2 Corinthians 4:13-18; Matthew 24:27-33, 42-51

Saturday – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Matthew 19:3-12

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: John 21:15-25; L iturgy: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12;  
Matthew 18:23-35, Leave-taking Dormition: Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

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In powerful imagery and poetic verse, the Matins Hymns of the Feast relate this mystery:

At the all-powerful command, the assembly of the apostles from the ends of the earth and the multitude of Angels from on high made haste to Zion, there to minister in fitting manner at your

burial, O Lady.

The gates of heaven were opened wide and the Angels sang as Christ received the virgin-treasure of His own Mother. Cherubim withdrew before you in your exultation while Seraphim glorified you in your joy.

The Icon of the Dormition represents the Virgin lying on her deathbed, surrounded by the Apostles, with Christ in glory receiving her soul into His arms. All hints of extreme sorrow are overcome by a certain colorful sobriety.

We behold in this Icon the "Mother of Life" being transferred to life by her Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Since she is the Mother of God, it was right that He who dwell in the womb of the Eve-virgin should take her to Himself in her falling asleep. The Apostles are painted surrounding the Mother of God. Behind them is the figure of Christ. He holds in His left arm a small child clothed in white garments and crowned with a halo. This is the luminous soul of Mary which He receives at the moment of death. The multitude of Angels present at the Dormition forms an outer border around Christ. Also present are the six-winged Seraphim. The Icon of the Dormition gives us a picture of Christian death. We find our salvation in Jesus Christ Who raises to life all who believe in Him,

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In powerful imagery and poetic verse the Vespers Hymns of the Feast relate this mystery: "O what a wonder! \* The Source of Life is placed in a tomb \* the grave becomes a ladder to heaven. \* Rejoice Gethsemane, holy chamber of the Mother of God. \* As for us, O faithful \* let us cry out with Gabriel the prince of Angels \* Rejoice O woman full of grace the Lord is with you \* the Lord, who because of you \* bestows great mercy upon the world." - "Because the disciples had been both the eyewitnesses and servants of the Word \* it was also fitting that they should witness the final mystery \* the Dormition of His Mother according to the flesh. \* They not only saw the Ascension of the Savior from earth to heaven \* but they also were witnesses of the translation of the Mother who bore Him. \* they came to Zion to escort the Virgin who surpasses the Cherubim \* as she hastened in her journey to heaven. \* With them let us also bow low \* before the one who intercedes for our souls."

The earliest written tradition which speaks of the death of the Mother of God is given in the work entitled Sermon of St. John the Theologian on the Dormition of the Mother of God. A summary of the details is as follows: "Three days before the death of Mary, the Archangel Gabriel appeared and announced to her from her Son, Jesus Christ, the time of her departure into eternity. On the day of her death, in a miraculous manner, all the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem, although they had been scattered in various countries of the known world. St. Thomas was the only Apostle absent. The Mother of God expressed her wish to be buried in

Gethsemane near her parents (Sts. Joachim and Anna) and her spouse Joseph. Christ, Himself, came accompanied by the Angels and the Saints to escort His most pure Mother to heaven. The Apostles, while singing hymns, carried the body of Mary to the grave where they remained keeping vigil for three days. On the third day Thomas came from afar and desired very much to view for the last time the Most Pure Mother of God. When the grave was opened her body was not there, only the funeral cloths which had wrapped her body. The Apostles then realized that she had been taken up into heaven body and soul. The fragrance of flowers was noticed by all in the tomb.

We remember the death and the burial of the Mother of God, and we celebrate her resurrection and ascension. The Icon of the Dormition represents the Virgin lying on her deathbed, surrounded by the Apostles, with Christ in glory receiving her soul into His arms. All hints of black sorrow are overcome by a certain colorful sobriety.

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She is higher than the heavens \* more glorious than the Cherubim \* and more honorable than all creation. \* Her outstanding purity became the dwelling place of the eternal divinity. \* Today she places her all pure soul in the hands of her Son. \* With her the universe is filled with joy \* and the grace of salvation is given to us.

All you peoples of the earth \* sing together a hymn of glory \* to the pure and most holy Virgin \* from whom the Word of God came to us \* receiving flesh from her in a manner beyond all understanding. \* Let us cry out Blessed are you among women \* and blessed is your womb which contained Christ \* into whose hands you committed your soul. \* O pure Virgin, intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls!

O Virgin Mother of God \* at the time you were carried up to the One born of you \*in a manner beyond all understanding \* James and Peter were present \* James the brother of the Lord and first bishop \* and Peter the honorable head and prince of theologians. \* the whole college of Apostles was also there \* all in one accord proclaiming things divine \* praising the astounding mystery of Christ \* and with joy preparing your body O most glorious one \* source of Life and the temple of God. \* The most holy angelic powers \* were rapt in wonder at the sight of this miracle \* and they said to each other \* Lift up your gates to receive the Mother of the Creator of heaven and earth. \* Come let us all sing hymns to her noble and holy body \* that has contained the invisible Lord. \* Therefore we also celebrate your feast \* and O woman worthy of all praise we cry out \* O glorious Lady, exalt the Christian peoples \* and intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls.

The holy Apostles were taken up from every corner of the world \* and carried upon clouds by the command of God. \* they gathered around your pure body, O Source of Life \* and kissed it with reverence. \* As for the most sublime powers of heaven \* they came with their own leader \* to escort and to pay their last respects to the most honorable body \* that had contained Life itself. \* Filled with awe they marched together with the Apostles in silent majesty \* professing to the princes of heaven ii' a hushed voice \* Lift up your gates and receive with becoming majesty \* the Mother of the Light that never fades \* because through her salvation was made possible for our human race. \* She is the One upon whom no one may gaze \* and to whom no one is able to render sufficient glory \* for the special honor that made her sublime is beyond understanding. \* Therefore, O most pure Mother of God \* forever alive with your Son, the Source of Life \* do not cease to intercede with Him \* that He may guard and save your people from every trouble \* for you are our intercessor. \* To you we sing a hymn of glory \* with loud and joyful voices now and forever.





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Irene Billon, 8/29; Damian Krauthauser, 8/29; Nancy Tur, 8/30; Thomas Bringle, 8/31; Kristina Pappas, 9/1; John Dmytryk, 9/2 & Victoria Otamas, 9/3. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**DONATIONS (CREDIT CARDS) ACCEPTED** – for those who are interested, we can accept donations to the Church through credit cards. See Michael Tilson or Lorraine Neff for details.

**SPECIAL THANKS** – is offered to Father Mykola Zomchak for substituting for me while I was on vacation. He will be with us again on September 12 so that I can be at Holy Trinity Parish with His Eminence, Metropolitan Antony. May God continue to bless and keep Father Mykola for many, happy and blessed years of serving Him by serving His people.

**SCHEDULING FOR THE PARISH** – Please remember that all events, work parties, use of the hall must be cleared through the calendar kept by Father Stephen so that dueling events may not occur.

**OUTDOOR WALK IN FREEZER** – is being ordered for the Parish. It will reside in the back of the Church outside the back doors of the hall. Our problem in preparing for any of our bigger sales is the space in which to store our food. The cost of the freezer complete will be about \$15K dollars. We need your help. A **SPECIAL COLLECTION** will be taken for the next few months to help us to reach this goal. Thank you.

**DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON?** – Did you know that if you would get on Smile Amazon and choose our Parish as your beneficiary that Amazon would donate a percentage of your purchase to us? Search on Orthodox Wilmington and choose SS Peter & Paul Ukrainian (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

### **CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Week of August 30 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of September 6 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of September 13 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of September 20 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of September 27 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of October 4 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration



## **TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS**

Monday, September 13 – Bible Study Resumes

Saturday, September 18 – Karaoke Night (6:00 PM)

Sunday, September 19 – Religious Education Begins

Friday, September 24 – 6:00 PM – Coptic Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, September 25 – 1:00 – 4:00 PM – Wedding from the Coptic Church

Saturday, September 25 – Dancing Under the Stars

Saturday, October 9 – UOL Retreat

Sunday, October 10 – 13 – Clergy Retreat, South Bound Brook, NJ

Saturday, October 23 – UOL Book Sale

Saturday, November 6 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 23 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, November 28 – St. Philip's Fast Begins

Sunday, December 12 – UOL Cookie Sale

## **MEETINGS**

**PARISH BOARD MEETING** – Tuesday, September 14 @ 6:30 PM

**UOL MEETING** – Sunday, September 19 during coffee hour

## **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

August 29 - David and Eve Lazaration

September 5 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

September 12 - John and Sandy Cramer

September 19 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

## **READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

August 29 - Linda Hnatow

September 5 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

September 12 - Jean Roeth

September 19 – John Plachuta

September 26 - Andrew Duncan

## **TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)

August 29 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

September 5 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

September 12 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

September 19 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

September 26 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

October 3 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

**FALL PYROHY SCHEDULE** – Although a decision will not be made until the end of September, with the spread of the delta virus it is looking like our Fall Bazaar will be take out only. Due to the vast ordering for our “Take Out Bazaars” and the lack of personnel to help prepare all the foods, it was decided that we shall not sell to the public in the months of September and October so that we may fill the freezer with enough food to support the event. Each session will be less than usual to prepare. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, September 7 – Butter and Onions

Thursday, September 8 – Peeling potatoes, making balls, pinching sauerkraut pyrohy

Friday, September 10 – Pinching potato and cheese pyrohy

Monday, September 20 - Butter and Onions

Thursday, September 23 – Peeling potatoes, making balls, pinching sauerkraut pyrohy

Friday, September 24 – Pinching potato and cheese pyrohy

Monday & Tuesday, October 4 & 5 – Taking orders for the Bazaar

Monday & Tuesday, October 11 & 12 – Taking orders for the Bazaar

Friday, October 15 – Peeling potatoes, making balls, pinching sauerkraut pyrohy

Saturday, October 16 – Pinching potato and cheese pyrohy

Monday, October 25 – 250 lbs of Butter and Onions

Saturday, October 30 – Making holubtsi

Tuesday, November 2 – Peeling potatoes

Wednesday, November 3 – Pinching potato pyrohy

(More will be added to the schedule)

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL** – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father John Bohush, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father George Hnatko, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Pani Dobrodyka Lillian Hnatko, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Matt, Michele, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, ColbyTAtkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Maria Borowenski Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, John Dmytryk, James Dudrick, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Michael Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Elizabeth Kaliakin, Rosalie Ann Kane, Sandra Kasch, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Emma Krasnopera, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Paul Markow, Frederick McCarthy, Victor Melnychenko, Ronald Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Linda Muldoon, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Ivan Otamas, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Janylyn Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Isaac Schmidt, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Kimberly Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Anna Tur, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, Sophia Zomcahk & James Zook.

places that were significant in the earthly life of Christ. Sacred tradition tells us that she spent much time praying on the Mount of Olives and in the Garden of Gethsemane, asking God to take her from this world and reunite her with her beloved Son.

One day, her prayers were answered. The Archangel Gabriel appeared to her, telling her that in three days, her earthly existence would come to an end. She received this news joyfully, and returned to John's home in Jerusalem, fervently hoping to see all of the apostles one final time.

God was to fulfill her desire. All of Christ's faithful followers, with the exception of Thomas, managed to be with her when she peacefully commended her soul into God's hands. She was buried in the Garden of Gethsemane near the tombs of her parents, Joachim and Anna.

Three days later, the Apostle Thomas arrived, wanting to pay his respects to the Theotokos. When the Virgin's tomb was opened, only the winding sheet was found. Her body was not there! Later that evening, the apostles had a vision of the Mother of God, surrounded by a multitude of angelic hosts. She left them with these words: "REJOICE, I WILL BE WITH YOU ALWAYS." This is why we continue to pray to her and ask her to intercede on our behalf.

The exact age of the Theotokos at the time of her falling asleep cannot be stated definitively. The popular belief, however, is she was at least 60 years of age.