

Falling Asleep, You Have Not Forsaken the World

At the time of her death, so it is believed, the Mother of God was living in the house of St. John on Mount Zion. The Twelve were preaching the Gospel in different parts of the world. But so that they might see the Virgin once again before her death, all of them except Thomas were carried miraculously on clouds to the Holy City. Besides the Twelve, the Apostle Paul, together with the bishops Dionysios the Areopagite, Hierotheos, and Timothy, were also present at her bedside. As they stood round her, the Holy Virgin commended her spirit into the keeping of her Son and God. He Himself descended from heaven and took her soul up with Him in His arms. Led by Peter, the apostles sang funeral hymns in her honor, and carried her body down to the valley of Cedron, close to Gethsemane, where she laid in a tomb specially

prepared for her. The Jews tried to interrupt the funeral procession, one of them even attempting to upset the bier. His hands were cut off by an angel, but he was subsequently healed. Thomas arrived on the third day after the burial. Since he was anxious to look for a last time on the Theotokos, the apostles opened the tomb – and found it empty.

Without insisting on the literal truth of every element in this account, Orthodox tradition is clear and unwavering in regard to the central point: the Holy Virgin underwent, as did her Son, a physical death, but her body – like His – was afterwards raised from the dead and she was taken up into heaven, in her body as well as in her soul.

*From the Festal Menaion,
Bishop Kallistos of Diokleia*

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Dormition -- August 15th

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Sunday – August 9, 2020

Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever

The District of Columbia is at Phase 2, and our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. But, some may not feel ready to return, so we will continue to Livestream our 9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy and our 11:30 a.m. Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. The dispensation from attending Sunday Divine Liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Archeparchy is still in effect until further notice.

Sunday Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday August 9 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(Blessings for the Fisanich Brothers from George) (For the Parish)
Thursday August 13 9:00 a.m.	(+Anna Sliwka from the Chalupa Family)
Friday August 14 9:00 a.m.	(Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
Sunday August 16 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Dormition of the Mother of God Weekend (+John Fedack from Ruth) (For the Parish)

Pray the Rosary Together!

Come join us in the comfort of your own home and rediscover the Rosary. It's the prayer of saints and the prayer for you! Our Rosary Prayer Group is dedicated to the Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Fatima and with these uncertain times that we all live in, let us turn to her for help to bring peace for our country. All you need to have is a telephone! The prayer participants receive a special toll-free number and access code and you dial in at the appropriate day and time. **We meet each Tuesday at 6:15 PM** and we recite the set of Mysteries which is appropriate for the season of the year. No matter where you live in the country, you are invited to join us in praying the Rosary. For more information and to join us in prayer, please contact Mary Ellen Keyes at mekeyes1@yahoo.com or call her at 301-431-1069.

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Fr. Frank Avant, Susan Avant, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Fr. David Clooney, Mary Connors, Jack Davis, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Damian Fedoryka, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, 1LT Catherine Hetmansky Hayes (Active Duty Iraq), Julia Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Michael Joseph Little, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta Andrew, Gerald Stasko, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Jarrelyn Trusen, Cindy Turchek, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson, Nataliya Wozniak, Michael Zabych.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

**Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God – Observed Sunday August 16
At Our Sunday Liturgies at 9:00 am and 11:30 am**

It is the custom to bless flowers on this Feast. As we continue to be in Pandemic Mode, please bring your **PERSONAL Flowers** to the Liturgy. The flowers can be placed on the steps by the iconostas for blessing at the end of the Liturgy. For those viewing on Facebook we will bless your flowers in same way we blessed the Easter Baskets this year.