

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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, Eastern 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.

Bishop Kallistos of Diocletia

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Icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos -- August 15th

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Sunday – August 13, 2023

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

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| Sunday August 13 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. | (For the Parish) (+Michael Kowalysko from Cindy Turchek) |
| Tuesday August 15 7:00 p.m. | Dormition of the Mother of God – Blessing of Flowers and Herbs (For the Parish) |
| Wednesday August 16 9:00 a.m. | (+Damian and +Irene Fedoryka from Family) |
| Thursday August 17 9:00 a.m. | (+Mark Hitchens from Family) |
| Friday August 18 9:00 a.m. | (+Fr. Roman Galadza from Friend) |
| Sunday August 20 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. | (For the Parish) (+Maria Urbanovych from Family) |

FEAST OF THE DORMITION – DIVINE LITURGY TUESDAY AUGUST 15 AT 7:00 P.M.

We will observe the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God (Assumption), a Holy Day of Obligation, on Tuesday August 15 at 7:00 p.m. with a Divine Liturgy. Please remember to bring flowers and herbs to be blessed.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONER

Genevieve Amelie Bakaj was newly illumined by the Holy Mysteries, baptized, chrismated, and received the Holy Eucharist this Sunday. God bless Genevieve, her father Andrew, and mother, Alesandra, and sister, Anastasia. *Mnohaya Lita!*

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Fr. Roman Galadza, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Frank Karasinski, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Paul Marynowych, Fr. Roman Mirchuk, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Gina Plisiewicz, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** 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.

God With Us Catechism

St Paul describes the risen Christ as “the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Cor 15:20). The rest of the “crop” will be gathered at Christ’s second coming (v. 23). This is the resurrection of the dead which we await. But from the first century the Church has also pointed to a “proof” that St. Paul’s claim is true: the body of the Theotokos was taken to glory. This is the second aspect to our feast of the Dormition. The Church teaches that Mary’s body was not allowed to decay, or even to remain in death. The Lord restored her soul to her body and glorified them both with Him. The Holy Virgin entered eternal life fully intact. As we sing in the kondakion of the feast, “Christ, who dwelt in her ever-virginal womb, lifted her up to eternal life.” Mary’s participation in eternal life is unique because her relationship to Christ is unique. She is not awaiting the return of her Son; she alone is fully sharing in His resurrection and stands as proof that human beings can be transformed physically into the image of the risen Christ. One tradition about the Dormition is chanted at vespers on this feast: “The holy Apostles were taken up from every corner of the world and carried upon clouds by order of God. And they gathered around your pure remains, O Source of Life, and kissed them with reverence. As for the most sublime Powers of Heaven, they came with their own Leader to escort and 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 in a hushed voice: “Behold, the Queen of All, the divine Maiden, is coming!” 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 our understanding.