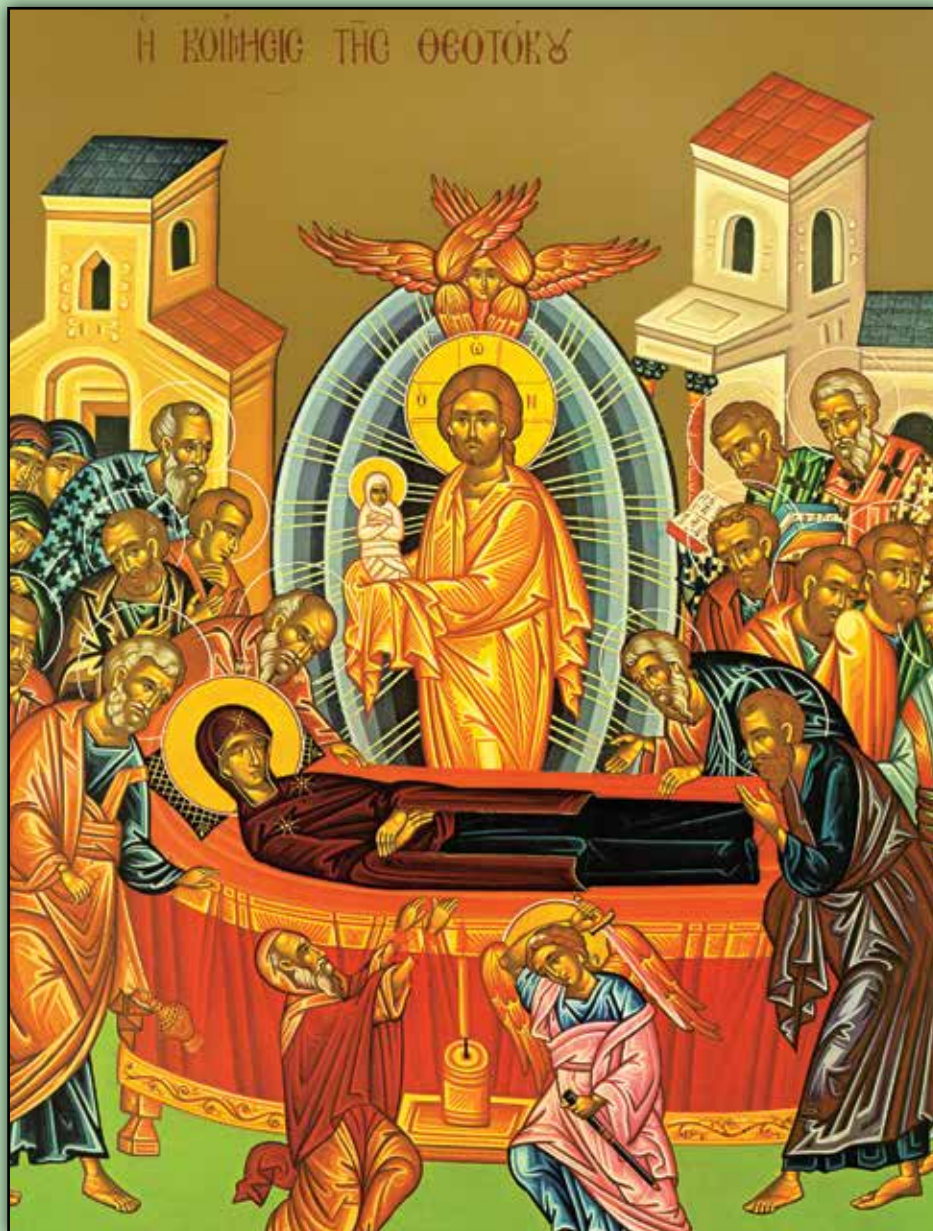


TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Dormition -- August 15th

August 9, 2020: Tenth Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: 1 Cor. 4: 9-16		Gospel: Mt. 17: 14-23
Mon., Aug. 10	9:00	+ Rose Rokavec (Leo Danylak)
Tues., Aug. 11	9:00	+ Mary Ann Cunion (Dorothy Zinsky)
Wed., Aug. 12	9:00	+ Jean Stange (John & Mary Ann Turko)
Thurs. Aug. 13	No Divine Liturgy Today	
Fri., Aug. 14	9:00	+ Howard Smith (Son, Howard)
Sat., Aug. 15	Dormition of the Mother of God	
	9:00	+ Mina Shumek (Michael Shumek)
	1:00	Confessions.
	3:00	+ Diann Yuhnick (Nicholas & Joyce Spryn)
Sun., Aug. 16	10:00	+ Bishop Walter Paska (Chancery)

First Antiphon

Sing joyfully to God, all you on earth;*
chant the glory of His name, give to Him noble praise.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, Savior, save us.*
Your voice thunders in the whirling wind,*
Your lightning enlightens the world and the earth trembles and shakes.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, Savior, save us.*
You are clothed in majesty and splendor,* robed in light as in a garment.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, Savior, save us.*

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Third Antiphon

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.
*Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, * save us who sing to You "Alleluia."*
Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.
*Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, * save us who sing to You "Alleluia."*
For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.
*Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, * save us who sing to You "Alleluia."*

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Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

*Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, * save us who sing to You "Alleluia."*

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Hymn to the Mother of God

Rejoice, O my soul, for the Lord was transfigured on Mount Tabor. You gave birth to God in purity. * He came forth in human flesh. * He was seen upon the earth, * and He conversed with men. * Therefore, O Mother of God, * with our hymns we praise you.

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Communion Verse

We walk in the light of Your countenance, Lord;*
and we rejoice in Your name forever.*

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION

It should be no surprise that one of the most prominent icons found within the Church depicts the Theotokos with the Christ child, that is, serving as the bridge that brings the Divine into the world. As such a bridge, she holds a place of honor in both the Church and in our hearts. And, it is on the fifteenth of August that we commemorate her falling asleep in the Lord. This occasion is a solemn time for Eastern Christians. In fact, in preparation for the Dormition of the Theotokos, we fast from certain foods (meats and dairy products) and

we offer prayers for her intercessions throughout the first fourteen days of August. It is a time of personal reflection and a time for us to offer thanksgiving that we have as an intercessor the one with the Motherly favor! Extra biblical sources (information not of the Bible) suggest the Theotokos was a tireless servant of Christ. Throughout her life, she served the Lord with commitment, with love, and with faith; modeling the virtues that each is called to possess. Her words and her actions, that is, her life, taught the early Christians of Jerusalem much.

The Theotokos continues to serve her son by offering Him prayers on behalf of humanity. Similarly, she continues to teach the faithful much, who look to her virtuous example as a model for their own lives. As such, she is the Mother of all His Creation!

The Feast of the Dormition is

normally a Holy Day of Obligation in the Ukrainian Catholic Church. However, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Divine Liturgies still remains in effect. We will bless flowers during the Divine Liturgy as is our custom.

THE PARABLE OF THE SPOONS

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in.

In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water.

The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer

than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one.

There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water.

The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, "I don't understand."

It is simple" said the Lord, "it requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other."

SOME HUMOR: "THE CHURCH TREASURER RESIGNS"

The day the Parish treasurer resigned, the Parish asked the local

grain elevator manager to take the position. He agreed under two

conditions: That no treasurer's report would be given for the first year. That no questions would be asked about finances during the year. The people were surprised but finally agreed since most of them did business with him and he was a trusted man. At the end of the year he gave this report:

- The church indebtedness of \$228,000 had been paid.
- The minister's salary had been increased by 8%.
- The charitable gifts had been increased by 200%.
- There were no outstanding bills.

- And there was a cash balance of \$11,252!

Immediately the shocked congregation asked, "How did you do it? Where did the money come from?" He quietly answered: "Most of you bring your grain to my elevator. Throughout the year, I simply withheld 10% on your behalf and gave it to the church in your name. You didn't even miss it. Do you see what you can do for the Lord if you are willing to give at least the tithe to God, who really owns you?" And so the new treasurer made his point.

HUMOR: KIDS SAY THE DARNDDEST THINGS

A woman was trying hard to get the catsup to come out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her four-year old daughter to answer the phone. "It's Father Tim,

Mommy," the child said to her mother. Then she added, "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."

SOME COVID 19 REMINDERS

We thank our Parishioners for complying with both our Governor's and Archbishop's request that we wear face masks. We remind our Parishioners, however, that for the face mask to be effective, it needs to cover BOTH your mouth and nose. We understand that while it may be uncomfortable, it is necessary in order for us to get through this plague.

We also ask our Parishioners not to block off the center of the pews. If there is room, please move in towards the center in order to make room for other Parishioners.

Finally, please remember to TAKE HOME both your Church Bulletin and Divine Liturgy book.

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation!

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME:

EXPENSES:

TOTAL EXPENSES:.....\$

PROFIT:.....\$

TOTAL INCOME:....\$

19TH ANNUAL LEBANESE-AMERICAN “MINI” FOOD FEST

Date: August 7-9, 2020. Time: variety baskets, clams, beer. No games or book sale this year.
Fri. Aug 7: 4 - 9 pm; Sat. Aug 8: 4 - 9 pm; Sun. Aug 9: 1 - 7 pm. Location: Please follow current mask & distance guidelines.
St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, 130 N. St. Frances Cabrini Ave (off lower Jackson St), West Scranton, PA. Prepaid orders after Aug 1. Call 570-343-6092. For menu or info - www.melkite.scranton.org or facebook.com/melkitescranton.

Brief Description: Take Out and Pickup Great Middle Eastern Food and pastries, Local picnic food favorites, Contact: melkite.scranton@gmail.com

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66TH ANNUAL HOLY DORMITION PILGRIMAGE

Due to the pandemic, the 66th Annual Holy Dormition Pilgrimage will be a very different experience this year. Although physically

separated from one another, we remain “united” under the Omophor of the Mother of God, who we honor each year at this time. The holy grounds of Sloatsburg will be barren of Pilgrims standing in line for Confessions, for the Healing of the Sick, for the spiritual nourishment of the Holy Eucharist, as well as standing in line for pyrohy and holubchi. However, the Sisters Servants hope to fill that “pilgrimage void” by coming into your homes through live-streaming the Divine Liturgies

and other services throughout the Pilgrimage week.

The theme of this year’s Pilgrimage is “Mother of Tenderness, be our Strength.” If there was ever a time in our country and our world when we need the tenderness and strength of Our Lord and the Theotokos to help us respect, care for and support each other, it is NOW, during these challenging times! For more information, visit: www.ssmi-us.org

AFTER THE FURNITURE SALE

Yes, any unsold items need to be removed from the BACK DRIVEWAY. Depending on the items, which may be donated or held for our future 10th annual RUMMAGE SALE. It seems like the work for the sales is “never-ending”. We need to re-organize the school gym and return the garage back to Father Nestor for his car. Starting at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 10th all able parishioners are asked to help out. If need be, Tuesday, August 11th at 11:00 a.m. Contact Lauren regarding the “after-sale” re-organization for our 10th Rummage Sale in the future.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of August 2020 is Team #4: Joe Smagula & Ronald Barkofsky.

Sunday Collection for August 1 & 2, 2020: \$

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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*