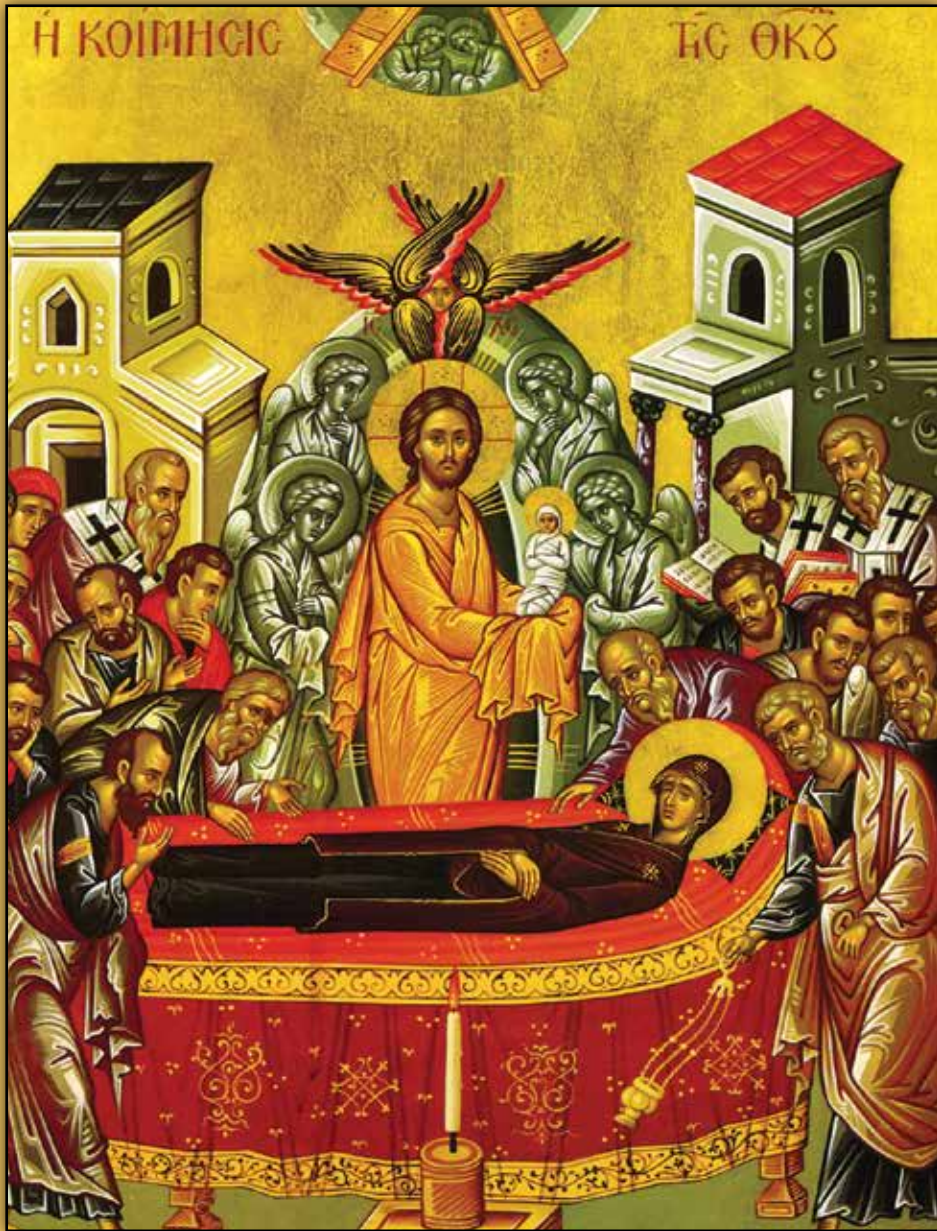


TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS



*Icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos*

August 15, 2021: Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost			
Epistle: 1 Cor. 15: 1-11		Gospel: Mt. 19: 16-26	
Mon., Aug. 16	9:00	+ John Lane (M/M Patrick Walsh)	
Tues., Aug. 17	9:00	+ Michael Kawa (Pat, Cathy & Patrick Marcinko)	
Wed., Aug. 18	10:00	Funeral: + Amanda Danylak	
Thurs. Aug. 19	9:00	+ John Sereditch (M/M Robert Hudak)	
Fri., Aug. 20	9:00	+ George Shekitka (Elayne Eberhart)	
Sat., Aug. 21	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Harry & Olga Pish; +Mildred Polacek (Jean Howarth)		
Sun., Aug. 22	10:00	For Our Parishioners	



## 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!

## SECOND ANNUAL MUM SALE

This year's mum sale will be different from last in that it is a voucher sale. Vouchers costing \$10 each can be redeemed for a **9-INCH JUMBO MUM** of your choice at *Jerry's For All Seasons* in Dunmore. Mums will be available from September 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>.

To order your vouchers: call Jule (570) 357-6171 or Michaelene (570) 209-2026. Or, fill out the following form, enclose your payment and drop in the collection basket. (Alternatively, mail the form to St. Cyril's MUMS; 135 River St., Olyphant, PA 18447. Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope to receive your voucher by return mail.) Make checks payable to: St. Cyril's.

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### ST. CYRIL'S FALL FUNDRAISER -- MUM ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of mums: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount @ \$10 each: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** St. Cyril's; 135 River St., Olyphant, PA 18447 (Enclose payment and a stamped self-addressed envelope.)

## RELIGIOUS Q & A

**QUESTION:** Do I really have to go to Church and celebrate the Divine Liturgy every Sunday?

**ANSWER:** “Remember the Sabbath”, and the Church has taught since the beginning that, at minimum, we are to fulfill this commandment by going to Church every Sunday. (Interesting fact, Sunday actually begins with sunset on Saturday evening.) On Sunday, nothing should come in the way of the worship of God, service and relaxation. For more information, see (CCC 2185) Catechism of the Catholic Church or CCC for short. We know this can be tough at times. There are many demands and opportunities that come

up on Sunday that can conflict with Sunday Liturgy. Just ask yourself, “If they were serving my favorite dessert, wouldn’t I try to get there?” or “If they were handing out free gift cards to my favorite grocery store to everyone in attendance, would I make an effort to get it?” If you would make it for that and not the Eucharist, what does that say about where God is first into your list of priorities? In addition, God desires to share with us something far greater than merely material things and possessions. He offers us His very self - present in the Holy Eucharist - His Body, Blood and Divinity. What treasure on earth could ever compare?

## KEEP YOUR FORK

There was a woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things “in order,” she contacted her pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what Scriptures she would like read, and what outfit that she wanted to be buried in. The woman also requested to be buried

with her favorite Bible. Everything was in order and the pastor was preparing to leave when the woman suddenly remembered something very important to her. “There’s one more thing,” she said excitedly. “What’s that?” came the pastor’s reply. “This is very important,” the woman continued. “I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.” The pastor stood looking at the woman, not knowing quite what to say. “That surprises you, doesn’t

it?” the woman asked.

“Well, to be honest, I’m puzzled by the request,” said the pastor. The woman explained. “In all my years of attending church socials and potluck dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, ‘Keep your fork.’ It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming... like velvety chocolate cake or deep dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance! So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder ‘What’s with the fork?’ Then I want you to tell them.”

“Keep your fork... the best is yet to come.” The pastor’s eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the woman goodbye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew

that the woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She KNEW that something better was coming. At the funeral, people were walking by the woman’s casket and they saw the pretty dress she was wearing and her favorite Bible and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the pastor heard the question “What’s with the fork?” And over and over he smiled. During his message, the pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. The pastor told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably will not be able to stop thinking about it either. He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork, let it remind you oh so gently, that the best is yet to come.

## **67TH HOLY DORMITION PILGRIMAGE**

On August 14-15, 2021, Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate at St. Mary’s Villa - Sloatsburg, NY will hold the 67th Holy Dormition Pilgrimage. “Mary, Mother of the Savior and Joseph, Righteous Spouse, sustain

us in God’s Providence.” Celebrating the 50th Episcopal Consecration of Bishop Basil Losten. For more info contact: 845-753-2840 or [srkath25@gmail.com](mailto:srkath25@gmail.com).

## **WHY COOK WEDNESDAY DINNER**

“Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> and last of their “Why Cook Wednesday Dinners” for the Summer with an a La Carte, Ukrainian Festival Food, Take-Out Dinner on Wednesday, August 18th. Order from a menu of festival foods including; holubtsi (piggies) ...\$3/each, pyrohy (pierogies) ...3 for \$3.00, kovbasa & kapusta (kielbasa & sauerkraut) ...\$5.00/each, halushki (cabbage & noodles)... \$3.00/pint and Pagash (potato pizza) ...\$2.00/

cut. Pick-Ups from 4:00 to 7:00pm in their school hall on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, near the General Hospital Parkade in Wilkes-Barre. Take-Out Only and Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged. Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Bake Sale items available and tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember... When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!”

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## **ST. NICHOLAS FLEA MARKET**

Rev. Dr. Eduard Shestak and the parishioners of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, 320 Vine St., Old Forge, Pa. is having their Annual Flea Market on Saturday, September 18th from 8am-4pm; Sunday September 19 (Half Price Sale) 10am-2pm and Saturday September 25th (Bag and

Box Sale) 10am-2pm. The event will be held rain or shine at the Church Hall. Antiques, household items, furniture, children's items and much more! A variety of ethnic food items, baked goods, and refreshments will also be available.

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## **IT'S VACATION TIME... (BUT NOT FOR CHURCH BILLS)**

It's that time of year again...Vacation Time. We take time out of our normal routine for rest and relaxation. Sometimes we stay at home; sometimes we take trips to visit friends, explore new places or go on adventures.

We may even forget about our normal routines for a little while.

Unfortunately, our bills and financial obligations never take a vacation. This includes our Church's bills, which always seem to INCREASE

during summer time. Please, when you prepare to go on vacation, don't forget about YOUR CHURCH! You can always mail in your Sunday Collection envelopes and then can enjoy your vacations.

## **THE 11TH SUMMER '21 SALES AT ST. CYRIL'S CHURCH**

The 11th Summer '21 Furniture/ Rummage Sale Fundraiser for St. Cyrils Church is being held on August 13 and August 14th, 2021. On Saturday (14th), the sale will still be open until 6:00 p.m., stop by after the Divine Liturgy. Thank you for all your support and special thanks to all the volunteers for a successful Rummage sale.

The financial business report will be available in a future bulletin for the furniture/rummage sale for 2021. Income and expenses will result in a true NET PROFIT. This report will be as we have listed over the last 10 years.

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## **AFTER THE SALE AT ST. CYRIL'S CHURCH**

We are not working on Sunday, August 15th, 2021. On Monday (16th) and Tuesday (17th) we will be re-organizing Father's Nestor garage, clear the driveway, and reset up the school gym. Volunteers (men and women) are needed to help with the post-sale of getting the merchandise to where it belongs. Depending on the weather, we will start at 9:30 a.m. to noon on Monday and continue on Tuesday (17th) at 9:30 a.m. The Fall '21 Rummage/ furniture is slated for September 24th and 25th 2021. Contact Father Nestor 570-291-4451 or Lauren at 646-241-9443 cell.

## **COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...**

The Collection Processing Team for Ron Barkofsky and Joe Smagula. the month of August 2021 is Team #4:

**Sunday Collection for August 7 & 8, 2021: \$**

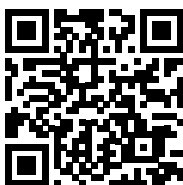
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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

### *Explanation to the Emperor*

There is nothing in the holy, inspired Scripture about the death of Mary, the holy Mother of God. But we know from ancient and wholly reliable tradition that at the time she so gloriously fell asleep, all the holy Apostles, who were traveling the world for the salvation of the peoples, were lifted up in a single instant of time and were gathered at Jerusalem; and as they stood by her, they saw a vision of angels, and heard the divine chanting of the higher powers ... Her body, which had been God's dwelling place, was brought for burial amidst the singing of the angels and the Apostles, and laid to rest in a coffin in Gethsemane; and the angelic dancing and singing continued without pause in that place for three days. But after three days, the song of the angels ceased; the Apostles were there, and since one of them, Thomas, had not been present (for her burial and came at the end of three days) and

wished to reverence that body which had housed God, they opened the coffin. And they could not find her body, which had been the object of such praise; all that they found were her burial wrappings. And being overcome by the ineffable fragrance that came out of the wrappings, they closed the coffin again. Amazed by this miraculous discovery, they could only draw a single conclusion: the one Who had deigned to become flesh in her own person, and to take His humanity from her, the one Who willed to be born in human flesh as God the Word, the Lord of glory, and Who had preserved her virginity intact even after childbirth, now chose, after her departure from this world, to honor her immaculate and pure body with the gift of incorruptibility, and with a change of state even before the common, universal resurrection.

*St. Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem*