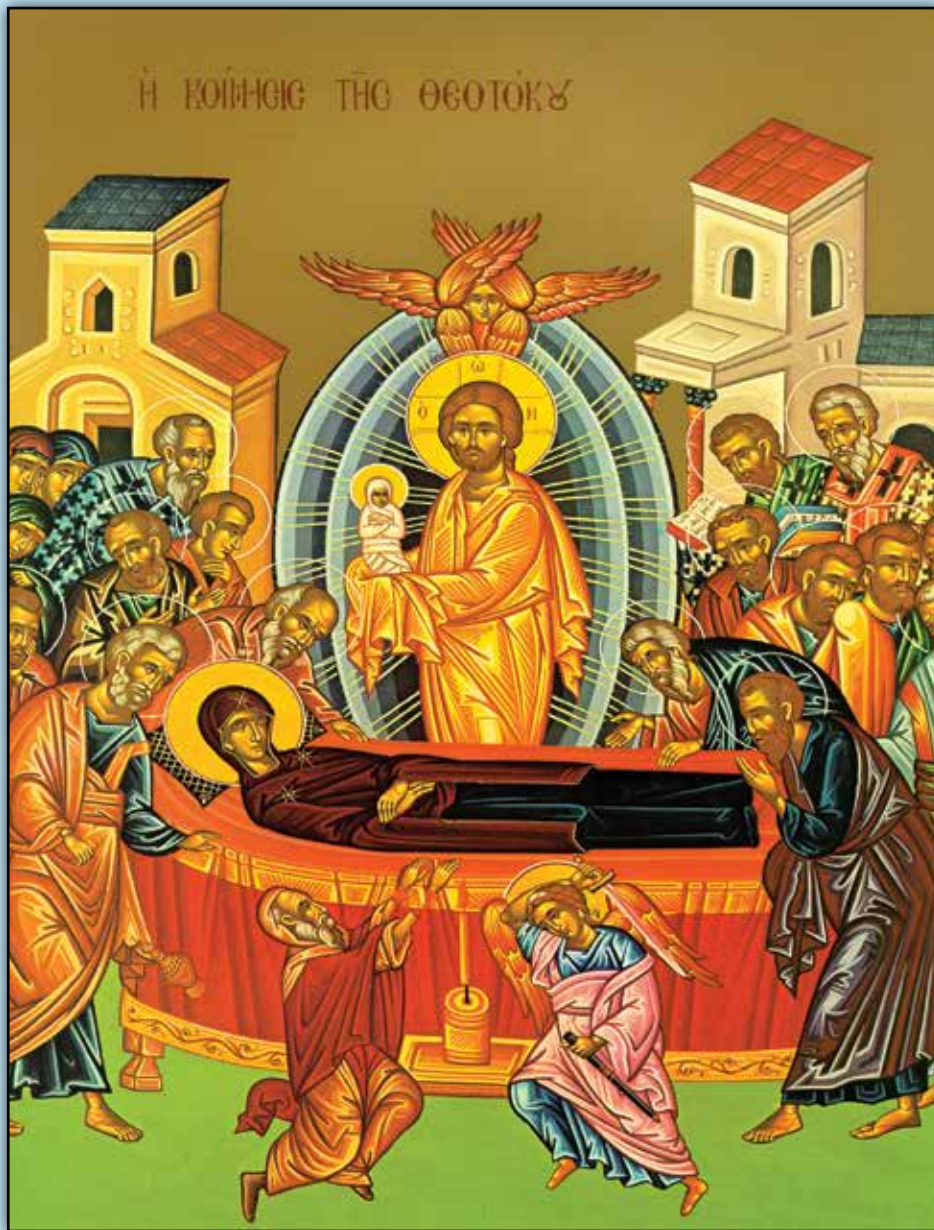


TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

August 14, 2022: Tenth Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: 1 Cor. 4: 9-16		Gospel: Mt. 17: 14-23
Mon., August 15	Dormition of the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)	
	9:00	For Our Parishioners; Blessing of Flowers
Tues., August 16	9:00	+ Jenny Mitchko (Son, Leonard)
Wed., August 17	9:00	+ Bishop Robert Moskel
Thurs., August 18	9:00	+ Delores Wargo (Hudak Family)
Fri., August 19	9:00	+ Louis & Julia Daniels Family (Dolly Daniels)
Sat., August 20	No Morning Divine Liturgy	
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	For Our Parishioners
Sun., August 21	10:30	+ Bishop Michael Kuchmiak (Chancery)

+ MOST REV. ROBERT MICHAEL MOSKAL



Most Rev. Robert M. Moskal,
Bishop Emeritus of St. Josaphat
Eparchy in Parma passed into Eternal

Life, Sunday, August 7, 2022, after
having received the prayerful support
and consolation of the Sacraments.

Bishop Moskal was born in
Carnegie, Pennsylvania on October
24, 1937. In 1951 he entered Saint
Basil Preparatory School and College
Seminary in Stamford, Connecticut.
He completed his graduate studies
in Sacred Theology at Catholic
University of America and Saint
Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic
Seminary in Washington DC. He
was ordained to the sacred priesthood
in the Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception in Philadelphia on March

25, 1963.

Father Moskal served the Archeparchy as secretary at the Archbishop's Chancery in Philadelphia; the founding pastor of a new Saint Anne Ukrainian Catholic parish in Warrington, served two years on both the Archdiocesan Tribunal and as the editor of the Archdiocesan Weekly, a charter member of the Board of Directors of Ascension Manor; Vice-Chancellor of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia; pastor of Annunciation Ukrainian Catholic Parish; Chancellor of the Archeparchy and Rector of the

Immaculate Conception Cathedral. He was ordained to the episcopate on October 13, 1981. On December 3, 1983, Bishop Moskal was named the first prelate of the new Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma, Ohio and was formally installed on February 29, 1984. He resigned for reasons of age on July 29, 2009 and left this world on August 7, 2022.

In blessed sleep grant eternal rest, O Lord, to Your ever to be remembered servant, Bishop Robert, and make his memory everlasting. Everlasting memory!

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 LITTLE ENTRANCE WITH THE GOSPEL

During the Third Antiphon, the Priest makes a procession around the Altar symbolizing the walks of Jesus through the cities and villages with His disciples and His preaching the cigarette Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

The Priest, carrying the Gospel, symbolizes Christ's bringing the Word of God to the world and the beginning of His ministry.

The Priest comes to the center of the Royal Doors, facing the Altar, he

elevates the Holy Gospel (symbolizing victory of Christianity throughout the world) and calls upon us to stand reverently in order for Christ Himself to penetrate our mind and soul. The beginning of Wisdom is the fear of God; and the advanced Wisdom is Love.

In the early church, the Gospel was hidden in crypts from the pagans; today, the Priest, in memory of this practice, carries it into the Church triumphantly, raising it in front of the Altar and exclaiming: "WISDOM!"

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.

HUMOR: KIDS SAY THE DARNEST 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.”

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 fi-

nancial 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.

WHY COOK WEDNESDAY DINNER

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold the 3rd 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 17th. Order from a menu of festival foods including: holubtsi (piggyes)...\$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!”

FIFTH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO CENTRALIA

All are invited to the Fifth Annual Pilgrimage at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catho-

lic Church, Centralia, PA., on Sunday, August 21, 2022. The theme of this Pilgrimage is: “Mary, Protectress and

Refuge of All: A Call to Prayer.” The schedule is as follows:

11:00 am: Confessions
12:00 pm: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

2:30 pm: Living Rosary
3:30 pm: Akafist to the Dormition
5:00 pm: Candlelight Procession and Moleben to the Mother of God

NORTH ANTHRACITE L.U.C. MEETING

Members of the North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics will meet on Sunday, August 28th at 2:30 pm at Grotto Pizza, 36 Gateway Center, Edwardsville PA.

*Reminder, Convention 2022 is happening, if you plan on going, re-

serve your room, etc. We are looking forward to see everyone: members, and guests.

Any questions contact our council president: Dorothy Jamula 570-822-5354.

Ukrainian Food Festival

Transfiguration of Our Lord Church, Bliss & Center Street, Nanticoke, Pa will hold it's annual Ukrainian food Festival on Saturday, September 3 from 11AM to 4PM. Featured food

items will be Holubsti, Pyrohy, Potato Pancakes, Borsch, Clam Chowder, Baked Goods, Sausage & Peppers, and more.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of August 2022 is Team

#4: Ron Barkofsky and Joe Smagula.

Sunday Collection for August 6 & 7, 2022: \$

Please don't leave this bulletin in the pew or in the trash when you are finished. We encourage you to share this bulletin with friends and family. Let all your loved ones know of the spiritual treasure that God has for all people here at St. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church in Olyphant, PA.

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

The Dormition

O most holy Mother of God, after heaven and earth were honored by your presence, how is it possible to accept that your departure has left men deprived of your protection? Let it never occur to us to think in this way. For just as you, when living in this world, never felt estranged from a heavenly life, even so, after your departure, you are not spiritually separated from the [earthly] existence of men. If, on the one hand, you were consecrated as the heavenly tabernacle of God, because you held the Son of the Most High within you, your womb being capable of carrying His weight; on the other hand, you have been called the spiritual earth, because you received His body within you. Thus it is right to think that, since you were intimately united with God during all of your earthly sojourn, you never abandoned those who continue to live in this world, when you left this world's life.

We however, accustomed to venerate you

faithfully, uselessly say: Why were we not considered worthy to have you stay with us in your bodily presence? Therefore we call thrice blessed those who delighted in the contemplation of your earthly existence, those who helped you, O Mother of life, as your companions in life. In any case, still desiring that you might dwell bodily in our midst, the eyes of our souls are compelled to look toward you daily.

Indeed, as you were a fellow citizen of our ancestors, even so you dwell with us spiritually, and your ample protection in our regard is like a sign that you are with us. We all hear your voice, and all our voices reach your ears. Through the protection you offer us, we are known by you. We, in our turn, recognize your ever-wonderful assistance. Nothing, not even death, can come between you and your servants.

St. Germanus of Constantinople