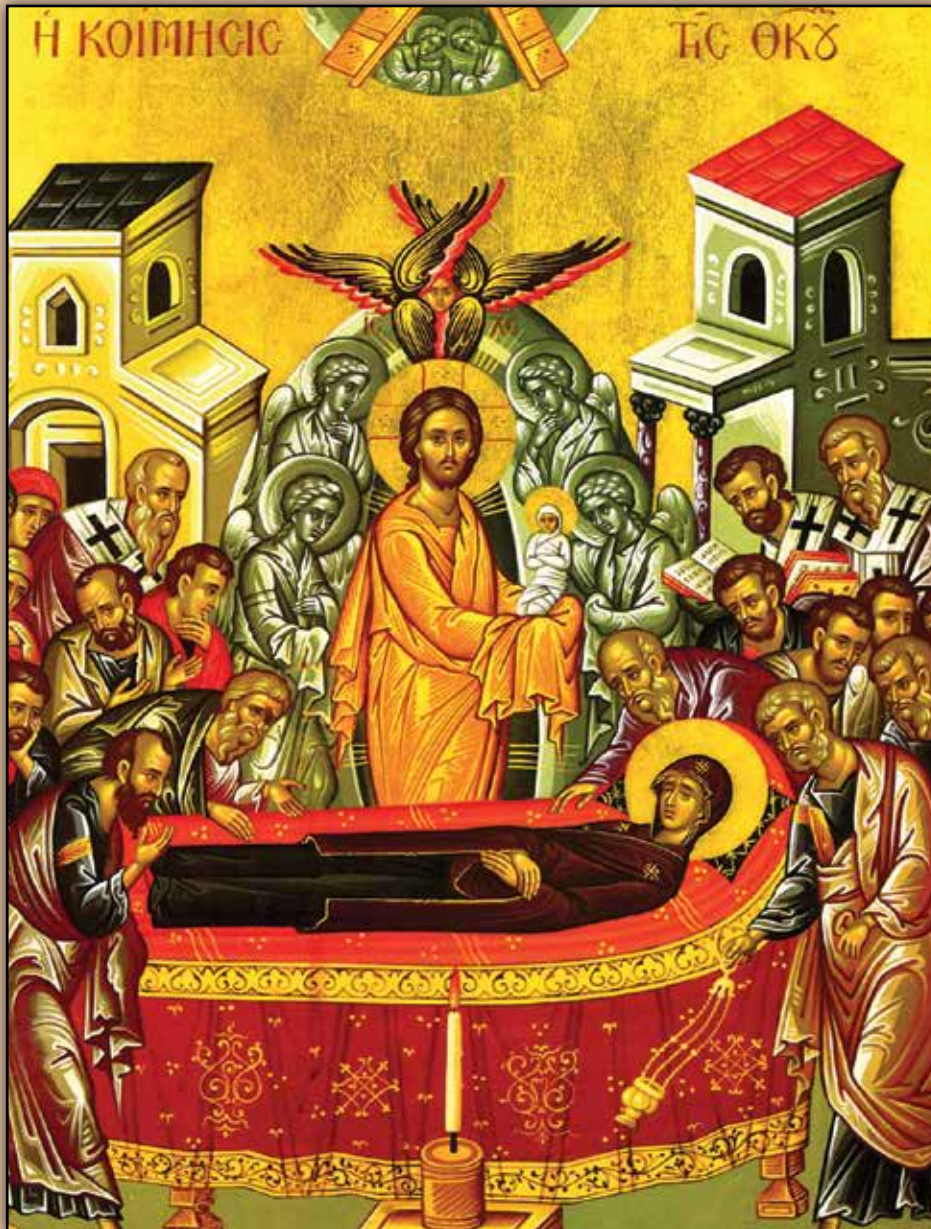


## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

## August 10, 2025: Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 3: 9-17

Gospel: Mt. 14: 22-34

<b>This Weekend</b>	4:00 pm + Diann Yuhnick (Husband, John) 10:30 For Our Parishioners
<b>Mon., Aug. 11</b>	9:00 + Mina Shumek (Michael Shumek Family)
<b>Tues., Aug. 12</b>	9:00 + Michael J. Kolsovsky, Sr. (A Friend)
<b>Wed., Aug. 13</b>	9:00 + Robert “Bob” Zelno (Mary Ann Spryn)
<b>Thurs. Aug. 14</b>	9:00 + Howard Smith (Son, Howard)
<b>Fri., Aug. 15</b>	<b>Dormition of the Theotokos (Holy Day of Obligation)</b> 9:00 For Our Parishioners
<b>Sat., Aug. 16</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b> 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Robert Harris (Jule Harris)
<b>Sun., Aug. 17</b>	10:30 For Our Parishioners

### POST-FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

#### Antiphon 1

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*  
The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; Your lightning lit up the world.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*

You have clothed Yourself in praise and splendor;

You robe Yourself in light as with a cloak.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*

Glory... Now... Only-begotten Son...

### **Antiphon 3**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.  
*Son of God, transfigured on the mount, 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 mount, 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 mount, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

### **Entrance**

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.  
*Son of God, transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

### **Hymn to the Mother of God**

O my soul, magnify the Lord transfigured on the mountain. Your giving birth was revealed as incorrupt; for it was God who came forth from your womb; He appeared on earth in the flesh, and made His dwelling among us. Thus, O Mother of God, all of us magnify you.

### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest.\*  
We will walk in the light of Your face, O Lord,\*  
and 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; modelling

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!

## Our Thanks

We wish to thank Billy Krenitsky of **QUINN'S MARKET** for donating the delicious fruit, which we blessed on the Feast of the Transfiguration

of our Lord. Thank you for your continued generosity. We all enjoyed the tasty fruit.

## Fundraising News

Three fundraising events are planned: 1. Our Second Annual Car Show is scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 to 4:00. The show will be dedicated to the memory of + Gibby Carozzi who was instrumental in the success of our first car show. We will be selling food and having a basket raffle and selling 50/50 tickets.

2. By request, we will have a tent at the second Kris Kringle event in Olyphant on December 6th from

11:00 to 5:00. We will sell kielbosi and sauerkraut sandwiches, halushki, hot chocolate and baked goods. One basket to raffle as allowed by the committee.

3. With support from those who responded to the survey, we are going to host our first BINGO on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Manor on Main in Dickson City. We would appreciate those who offered to sponsor bingo games to send checks made out to "St. Cyril's" to the

rectory, with attention to “BINGO”.

## A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM YOUR CHURCH

We hope that you are enjoying the summer season. We know that many of you are looking forward to taking some time off from your busy schedules and spending some quality time with your loved ones. We pray that God will bless you with safety, health, and joy as you travel or relax at home.

As you plan your vacation, we would like to remind you of the importance of continuing your generous support to our Church. Even though you may be away from our Parish for a few weeks, our church still needs your help to pay the bills and maintain our facilities. Our

expenses do not take a vacation, and in fact, they tend to increase during the summer months due to higher utility costs and lower attendance.

We appreciate your faithful stewardship and your commitment to our church. We ask you to please remember to mail in your Sunday collection envelopes before you leave. By doing this, you will ensure that our church can continue its mission and ministry without interruption.

Thank you for your generosity and your love for our Church. We look forward to seeing you again when you return from your vacation. May God bless you and keep you in His care.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER OF CEMETERY REGULATIONS

The following regulations must be adhered to in an effort to keep our Cemetery in a decent condition and be able to keep it maintained.

- **FLOWERS** may be planted in the ground in front of monuments. **Flower beds** may NOT extend out from the monument more than one foot and may not extend beyond

the width of the monument. Urns or other containers used for planting must be placed close to the monuments in order to allow for grass cutting.

- **FLOWER BEDS MUST BE MAINTAINED** in a reasonable manner. They should not become unsightly.
- **NEW SHRUBS AND TREES**

**ARE NOT PERMITTED.**  
Existing shrubs **MUST BE TRIMMED OR THEY WILL BE REMOVED.**

- **VIGIL LIGHTS** must be in an enclosed container and must be placed close to the monument.
- **MARBLE CHIPS, GRAVEL OR METAL as a border for monuments are prohibited.** They may cause injury to our caretakers or damage grass cut-

ters. Artificial flowers may not be placed in the ground because they may cause injury to caretakers or damage grass cutters. If any one does place them in the ground, they will be removed.

- **ANY AND ALL OBSTACLES to the cutting of the grass will be removed.**
- **TRASH** should be placed in the cans that are provided.

## **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 13<sup>th</sup>. Order from a menu of festival foods including; holubtsi (piggies)...\$3/each, pyrohy (pierogies)...3 for \$3.00, kovbasa with kapusta (kielbasa with sauerkraut)... \$6.00, halushki (cabbage & noodles)...\$4.00/pint

and Pagash (potato pizza)...\$2.00/cut. Pick-Ups from 4:00 to 7:00 pm 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, Eveybody’s Happy!

## **UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE FOLK FESTIVAL**

On Sun., Aug. 24, at 12:00 PM, the Ukrainian American Sport Center Tryzub (County Line and Lower

State Rds., Horsham, PA) invites you to the Ukrainian Independence Folk Festival 2025. Commencing

at 1:30 PM, enjoy “A Celebration of Liberty, Valor and Unity”, a vibrant Outdoor Summer Concert of Ukrainian Dance, Music and Song, celebrating the 34th anniversary of Ukraine’s Independence, the Unity of her People and their Struggle for Freedom, Prosperity and Dignity. The performers -- “Voloshky” (Phila.) and Spirit of the Dance (Balt. – DC) Ukrainian Dance Ensembles, singer-songwriter “Iryna Lonchyna” (UA), violinist “Innesa” (UA), “Soloveyko” (Phila.) (Nightingale) Quartet; and “Vox Ethnika” (NYC)

Orchestra -- have created a dynamic, integrated concert program for your delight. Live, vibrant music by the “Vox Ethnika” will follow the concert and play on until 8:00 PM. Ukrainian ethnic foods and baked goods, a BBQ and cool refreshments for all ages will be plentiful. Visit vendors’ grove and the Ukrainian Arts and Crafts market. Admission: \$20; Free for kids to age 14. Info: 267-664-3857; [info@tryzub.org](mailto:info@tryzub.org); [www.tryzub.org](http://www.tryzub.org). \$2 of each paid admission goes to Humanitarian Relief in Ukraine.

### **SIMPSON FUNDRAISER CASH PRIZE BINGO**

A fundraiser Cash Prize Bingo is planned for October 12, 2025 at Trinity Hall, Prospect St., Simpson. The Bingo will include 14 games, 3 Specials, and a Jackpot prize. Snacks

and refreshments will be available for purchase. Tickets will be \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

For tickets or more information, call 570-282-5680 or 570-282-0796.

### **COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM**

The Collection Processing Team for the month of August 2025 is

Team #4: Ron Barkofsky, Steve & Jeannie Cucura.

### **Sunday Collection for Aug. 2 & 3, 2025: \$**

*Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity.*

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### ***Baptism***

As Christ, its giver, is called by many and diverse names, so also is His gift. Because of the great joy we experience either in regard to it ... or because of its many forms of benefit, we have many names for it as well. We call it gift, grace, baptism, illumination, anointing, robe of incorruption, washing of rebirth, seal, everything honorable. It is gift because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; grace since it is given even to the guilty; baptism because sin is buried in the water; anointing for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed; illumination because it radiates light; robe since it covers our shame; bath because it washes; and seal as it is our safe-

guard and sign of God's Lordship. In this the heavens rejoice together, this the angels glorify because it is like their great radiance. This is an image of the blessedness to come. We desire to sing forth its praises, but we are unable to do so worthily.

Since we are twofold, I mean body and soul, and our nature is visible yet also invisible, the purification is also twofold, through water and Spirit. The one is received in a way that can be seen and is bodily, as the other joins with it spiritually and in a way that cannot be seen. And the one is symbolic while the other is true and purifies the depths.

*St. Gregory the Theologian*