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Divine Liturgy Schedule August 15, 2021

Saturday, August 14

6:00 PM

Sunday, August 15

10:30 AM

Monday, August 16

10:00 AM

Wednesday, August 18

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

Thursday, August 19

10:00 AM

Friday, August 20

10:00 AM

Saturday, August 21

6:00 PM

Sunday, August 22

10:30 AM

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Good Health on all Parishioners

DORMITION OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Danny Lee- Lee Family

God's Blessings on America - Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

God's Blessings for Brooklyn United Methodist Nursing Center- Angel & Sandy Ocasio

God's Blessings for Leonard Komar-Anna Kutsup

†Michalene Barton- Chris & Lisa Miller

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Michael Yurchak- Yurchak Family

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Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners Assisted Living: Olga Yurkowski, Mary Hoolick. At Home: Anna Kutsup, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Marion Hvozda, Sophie Staronka, Andrew Kobela, Josephine Latoszewski; MaryAnn Kelly **Awary:** Leona Kobela **Prayer Request:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko; Fr. Uriy Markewych; Fr. Peter Waslo; Bishop John Bura Emeritus; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG; Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Fr. Daniel Gurovich. Pavlyk Motychka(baby in Ukraine with SMA); Marion Hvozda; Rita Kurtz.

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August 15, 2021



TROPARION: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

***TROPARION OF DORMITION:** In giving birth you retained your virginity, in falling asleep you did not abandon the world, O Mother of God. You passed into life, for you are the Mother of Life, and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

KONTAKION: The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God, unceasing in her intercession and unfailing hope of patronage, for, as the Mother of Life, she was transferred to life by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

KONTAKION: You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord, and led us out from the gates of death. Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices, and the prophets together with the patriarchs unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

PROKIMEN: Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing. Clap your hands, all you nations, shout unto God with the voice of joy. My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

A reading of the first letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 15:1-11:

Brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remains to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of

God. But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever. Alleluia (3). Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me. Alleluia (3). Rise up, O Lord, to the place of Your rest, You and the Ark of Your holiness. Alleluia (3).

Gospel Matthew 19:16-26 (& Luke 10: 38-42, 11: 27-28)

At that time a certain man came to Jesus and said, "Good Master, what good work shall I do to have eternal life?" He said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is One who is good, and he is God. But if you will enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which ones?" and Jesus said, "You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have kept; what is yet wanting in me?" Jesus said to him, "If you will be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when the young man heard the saying, he went away sad, for he had great possessions. But Jesus said to his disciples, "Amen I say to you, with difficulty will a rich man enter the kingdom of heaven. And further I say to you, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven." The disciples, hearing this, were exceedingly astonished and said, "Who then can be saved?" And looking upon them, Jesus said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

INSTEAD OF "It is truly right...": Seeing the pure one's falling asleep, angels marveled in wonder how the Virgin could ascend from earth to heaven. **Irmos:** O pure Virgin, in you are conquered the bounds of nature, for childbirth remains virginal and death is betrothed to life.* Virgin after childbearing and alive after death, O Mother of God,* never cease to save your inheritance.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

After the Ambvon Prayer- the people recite the ***Tropar of Dormition....** Blessing of Flowers.

CHURCH NEWS "Every day is a Holy Day of Opportunity. Pray Without Ceasing."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! A Very Happy to Mark Jennings who celebrates his Birthday on August 22! Mnohaya Lita! May God Bless him and his Family with Many Happy Years!

**FLEA
MARKET**

FLEA MARKET: A Flea Market will be held on Aug 14, 21, and 28. From 9am until 2pm. Please do not bring anymore clothing or merchandise until October. Please do not bring anything to the church basement. Come visit our Flea Market we have lots of GOOD STUFF CHEAP! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

BAKE SALE AT FOOD FESTIVAL: Once again we call upon the talented bakers of our parish to donate homemade baked goods for our Food Festival on September 4. Please have cakes cut into serving pieces and items individually wrapped. Baked goods can be brought to the hall the day of the food festival. Thank you.

BLESSING OF FLOWERS: Sunday, August 15th is the Dormition of the Holy Mother of God. There will be Blessing of Flowers immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please remember to bring flowers to church if you wish to bless them. Flowers will be blessed on Saturday and Sunday immediately following Divine Liturgy.

ETHNIC FOOD: 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 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!"

LABOR DAY FOOD FESTIVAL SAVE THE DATE: The scheduled date for our Labor Day Food Festival is Saturday, September 4, 2021.

POTATO PYROHY FOR SALE: We still have pyrohy \$8.00 a dozen for sale... please contact the rectory office.



Father, Why do we bring flowers to church to have them blessed on the Feast of the Dormition of Our Blessed Lady?

The historical origin of this custom seems to have been the blessing of the first fruits of olives by the Patriarch of Constantinople and some scholars note that in the blessing's present form it has many borrowings from the Roman tradition.

The Slave texts title it a "Blessing of Herbs," and the intention of the prayer seems to be the blessing of herbs that were used for medicinal purposes in the summer heat which was conducive to many infectious diseases. In more recent times, the tradition concerning the death of the Theotokos (literally; Birth-Giver to God, i.e. Mother of God) that flowers were discovered in her tomb after her body was taken into heaven has influenced this office and made it a blessing of flowers.

PRAYER TO SAINT ANN

Good St. Anne, you were especially favored by God to be the mother of the most holy Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Savior. By your power with your most pure daughter and with her divine Son, kindly obtain for us the grace and the favor we now seek. Please secure for us also forgiveness of our past sins, the strength to perform faithfully our daily duties and the help we need to persevere in the love of Jesus and Mary. Amen.



"The devil frequently fills our thoughts with great schemes, so that instead of putting our hands to what work we can do to serve our Lord, we may rest satisfied with wishing to perform impossibilities." — **Santa Teresa de Jesús, Interior Castle**

"Untilled ground, however rich, will bring forth thistles and thorns; so also the mind of man." — **St. Teresa of Avila**

"It is of great importance, when we begin to practice prayer, not to let ourselves be frightened by our own thoughts." — **Santa Teresa de Jesús, The Life of Saint Teresa of Ávila by Herself**

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." — **Teresa of Avila**

“May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.” — **Teresa of Ávila**

“For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.”
— **St. Teresa of Avila**

PRAYER FOR THE BISHOP

Heavenly Father, in these trying times when the spirit of the age threatens Christian values, give our bishop holiness of life and wisdom to direct and guide our Archeparchy so that we may grow in Your Charity. We pray in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

AUGUST CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Lee Family in
loving memory of Danny Lee.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Ellen Algrainy
In memory of John Hook.

The **Proscomedia Table** is given by MaryAnn & Donna Kelley
in loving memory of Julia Boback.

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by the Koretz Family
in loving memory of Leo Koretz.

The **Icon Candle before the Theotokos** is
Given by Diane Petry for Jason Yankosky,
A Holy Soul in Purgatory.

The **Candle before the Icon of the Theotokos** is
Given by Lisa Placek in loving memory of John Lipowski.

The **Icon Table Candle of the Transfiguration of Our Lord**
Is given for Blessings for Our Parish.

Blessing of Flowers

Following the Ambon Prayer of the Liturgy, the flowers may be blessed.

The historical origin of this custom seems to have been the blessing of the first fruits of olives by the Patriarch of Constantinople. DeMeester (Benedizionale Bizantino, 504) notes that in its present form it has many borrowings from the Roman tradition. The Slav texts title it a "Blessing of Herbs," and the intention of the prayer seems to be the blessing of herbs that were used for medicinal purposes in the summer heat which was conducive to many infectious diseases. In more recent times, the tradition concerning the death of the Theotokos that flowers were discovered in her tomb after her body was taken into heaven has influenced this office and made it a blessing of flowers.

Recommendation of the Inter-eparchial Liturgy Commission: the flowers are incensed as the Troparion (Kondak optional) is sung, then the prayer for the blessing of plants ("O Almighty, Eternal God, by your word alone..." (Hamtramck Euchologion, p. 301); then the following prayer (proposal of the Intereparchial Liturgy Commission, October 2018): "O God, you commanded the sons of Israel through Moses your servant, that they bring forth the newly-picked fruits to the priest, and bringing the fruits of choice trees, they rejoiced before you, their God. Come, O merciful One, to our assembly and pour out your abundant overflowing blessing on us and on the freshly picked seed, berries, plants, and fruits which we offer you in thanksgiving. On this feast, grant by your blessing that they bring help to people, animals, and beasts, against illnesses, plagues, wounds, evil works, and other harm, as well as against demonic tricks and slander, wherever they will be placed or brought. Together with the good works of our hands, through the prayers of the Theotokos, whose Dormition feast we gloriously celebrate today, may we be welcomed where she has been assumed. Through the mercies, kindness, and love of your only begotten Son, with whom you are blessed, together with your all holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever." Response, "Amen." The plants are then blessed with the sprinkling of the Jordan Water.

The various traditions concerning the death and assumption of Mary are found in two apocryphal works: the "Assumption of Mary" (Transitus Mariae) written at the beginning of the fifth century and the "Dormition of Mary," written by John of Thessalonica (d. about 630 A. D.).