

**August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 1**  
**Afterfeast of the Dormition**

## Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 4:9-16 (Epistle)

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Matthew 17:14-23 (Gospel)

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

## Many Years! anniversaries

7th - Gary & Georgianna Glover  
10th - Robert & Tatiana Boyd  
13th - Trey & Lauren Nelson  
17th - Ken & Lore Denson  
27th - Logan & Abigail Bourg  
31st - Dave & Carrie Guy  
31st - Rodney & Kelly Glover

## birthdays

4th - Taytam Robinson  
5th - Kelly Glover  
7th - Emmary Britton  
7th - Mat. Lindsey Osburn  
11th - Sheila Mikita  
12th - Fr. George Khristich  
13th - Denise Mikita  
15th - Debbie Molner  
16th - Kade Pyatt  
17th - Daniel Tipton  
17th - Scott Mikita  
18th - Juston Scott  
23rd - Joey Gdovin  
28th - Ernie Mikita

## Calendar

Today — Fr. George would like to meet with the parish youth and parents of youth, following liturgy on August 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss scheduling youth activities for the remainder of the year.

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Vespers  
— Saturday 6:00p

August 24<sup>th</sup> Divine Liturgy  
— Sunday 9:30a

## Reflections on the Dormition Feast

This great Feast of the Church and the icon celebrates a fundamental teaching of our faith—the Resurrection of the body. In the case of the Theotokos, this has been accomplished by the divine will of God. Thus, this Feast is a feast of hope, hope in Resurrection and life eternal. Like those who gathered around the body of the Virgin Mary, we gather around our departed loved ones and commend their souls into the hands of Christ. As we remember those who have reposed in the faith before us and have passed on into the communion of the Saints, we prepare ourselves to one day be received into the new life of the age to come.

[goarch.org/dormition](http://goarch.org/dormition)

“The Orthodox Church teaches that Mary is without personal sins. In the Gospel of the feast, however, in the liturgical services and in the Dormition icon, the Church proclaims as well that Mary truly needed to be saved by Christ as all human persons are saved from the trials, sufferings and death of this world; and that having truly died, she was raised up by her Son as the Mother of Life and participates already in the eternal life of paradise which is prepared and promised to all who “hear the word of God and keep it” (Lk11.27–28).

Thus, the feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos is the celebration of the fact that all men are “highly exalted” in the blessedness of the victorious Christ, and that this high exaltation has already been accomplished in Mary the Theotokos. The feast of the Dormition is the sign, the guarantee, and the celebration that Mary’s fate is, the destiny of all those of “low estate” whose souls magnify the Lord, whose spirits rejoice in God the Saviour, whose lives are totally dedicated to hearing and keeping the Word of God which is given to men in Mary’s child, the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

Finally it must be stressed that, in all of the feasts of the Virgin Mother of God in the Church, the Orthodox Christians celebrate facts of their own lives in Christ and the Holy Spirit. What happens to Mary happens to all who imitate her holy life of humility, obedience, and love. With her all people will be “blessed” to be “more honorable than the cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim” if they follow her example. All will have Christ born in them by the Holy Spirit. All will become temples of the living God. All will share in the eternal life of His Kingdom who live the life that Mary lived.

In this sense everything that is praised and glorified in Mary is a sign of what is offered to all persons in the life of the Church. It is for this reason that Mary, with the divine child Jesus within her, is called in the Orthodox Tradition the Image of the Church. For the assembly of the saved is those in whom Christ dwells.”

[oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith/worship/the-church-year/dormition-of-the-theotokos](http://oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith/worship/the-church-year/dormition-of-the-theotokos)

The Virgin Mary is the fruit of the tree of the blessed and righteous in the Old Testament, the sealed gate of the East, according to the Prophet Ezekiel, the comfort, the harbor, the refuge of every suffering soul. This is why, in the conscience of ordinary Orthodox people, this feast is the second Easter, the summer Pascha. The first fruit of the ‘beginning of the other, eternal life’, which we celebrate at Easter, is the glory of Our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God.

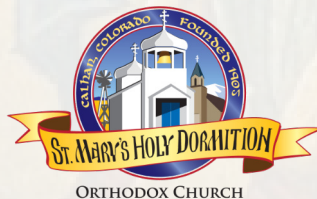
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### Troparion | Tone 1

*In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity. In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life, and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.*

### Kontakion | Tone 2

*Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.*



## Prayer List

### living

Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Archim. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dennis, Meryl, Harold, Tammy, Litsa, Lillian, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Michael, Jill, Beverly, Lily with child, Infant Dominic, Tayla with child, Joseph, Alisha with child, Jackie, Amber with child, Anna with child, Joan, Trisha, Stella, Lee, Carol, Ethan, infant AdaLynn, Nauvlet, Leilah, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, April, Madalyn, McKenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Ashton, infant Sophie, Jeanie, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Taylee with child, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Carolyn, Millie, Earnie, child Charlotte, Cathy, Michael

Those who are confined: Ethen, Casey, Basil, Mark, Hannah, Theodore

### departed

Brian Molner, Avier Cruz, Juliana Cecil, Carl Finney, Fr. Thomas

## Commemorations

Martyr Myron the Presbyter of Cyzicus, Venerable Alypius, Iconographer of the Kiev Near Caves, Martyrs Paul and Juliana of Syria, Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius, Coronatus, and those with them at Caesarea, in Bithynia, Martyr Patroclus of Troyes, Martyrs Straton, Philip, Eutychian, and Cyprian, of Nicomedia, Venerable Theodoritus, Enlightener of the Lapps, Solovki, Saint Leucius of Volokolamsk, Saint Philip of Sukhona, New Martyr Demetrius of Samarina in Epirus, Saint Tbeli Abuseridze

## Parish Annual Mtg.

St. Mary’s annual meeting will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup> following liturgy. You must be a parish member to vote in this meeting, please plan on attending and making your voice heard.

## Coffee Hour

A warm thank you to Jeanie Mikita for sponsoring last weeks coffee hour. Today’s Coffee Hour will be provided by Vickie in honor of Dan’s birthday. Please join us in the hall across the street for a time of fellowship and a light meal. If you would like to sign up to sponsor a coffee hour, please use the form in the parish hall to select a date and sign up.

Coffee Hour Schedule:

August 24<sup>th</sup> — Potluck

August 31<sup>st</sup> — Terrie and Millie

September 7<sup>th</sup> — Available

September 14<sup>th</sup> — Available