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8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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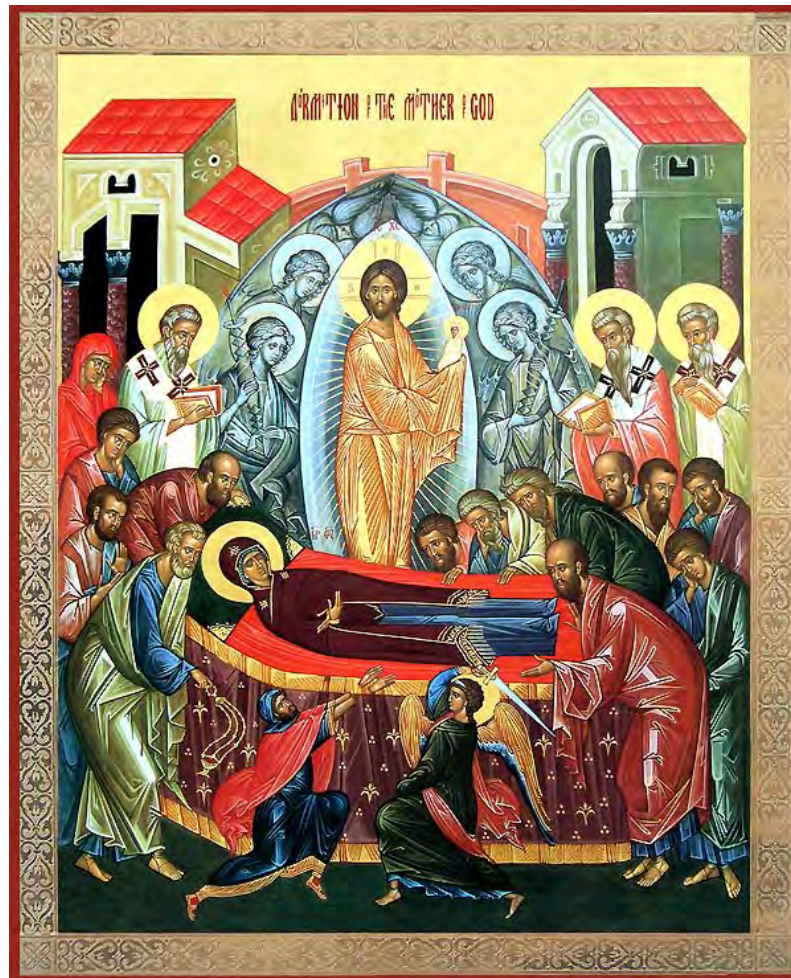
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10TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

ST. TIKHON, BISHOP OF VORÓNEZH,
WONDERWORKER OF ZADÓNSK AND
ALL RUSSIA



The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary: After the Ascension of the Lord, the Mother of God remained in the care of the Apostle John the Theologian, and during his journeys She lived at the home of his parents, near the Mount of Olives. She was a source of consolation and edification both for the Apostles and for all the believers. Conversing with them, She told them about miraculous events: the Annunciation, the seedless

and undefiled Conception of Christ born of Her, about His early childhood, and about His earthly life. Like the Apostles, She helped plant and strengthen the Christian Church by Her presence, Her discourse and Her prayers.

The reverence of the Apostles for the Most Holy Virgin was extraordinary. After the receiving of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the Apostles remained at Jerusalem for about ten years attending to the salvation of the Jews, and wanting moreover to see the Mother of God and hear Her holy dis-

course. Many of the newly-enlightened in the Faith even came from faraway lands to Jerusalem, to see and to hear the All-Pure Mother of God.

During the persecution initiated by King Herod against the young Church of Christ (Acts 12:1-3), the Most Holy Virgin and the Apostle John the Theologian withdrew to Ephesus in the year 43. The preaching of the Gospel there had fallen by lot to the Apostle John the Theologian. The Mother of God was on Cyprus with Saint Lazarus the Four-Days-Dead, where he was bishop. She was also on Holy Mount Athos. Saint Stephen of the Holy Mountain says that the Mother of God prophetically spoke of it: "Let this place be my lot, given to me by my Son and my God. I will be the Patroness of this place and intercede with God for it."

According to Tradition, based on the words of the Hieromartyrs Dionysius the Areopagite (October 3) and Ignatius the God-Bearer (December 20), Saint Ambrose of Milan (December 7) had occasion to write in his work "On Virgins" concerning the Mother of God: "She was a Virgin not only in body, but also in soul, humble of heart, circumspect in word, wise in mind, not overly given to speaking, a lover of reading and of work, and prudent in speech. Her rule of life was to offend no one, to intend good for everyone, to respect the aged, not envy others, avoid bragging, be healthy of mind, and to love virtue.

According to Tradition, that from the compiler of Church history Nikēphoros Callistus (fourteenth century), the Mother of God "was of average stature, or as others suggest, slightly more than average; Her hair golden in appearance; Her eyes bright with pupils like shiny olives; Her eyebrows strong in character and moderately dark, Her nose pronounced and Her mouth vibrant bespeaking sweet speech; Her face was neither round nor angular, but somewhat oblong; the palm of Her hands and fingers were longish...

In conversation with others She preserved decorum,

neither becoming silly nor agitated, and indeed especially never angry; without artifice, and direct, She was not overly concerned about Herself, and far from pampering Herself, She was distinctly full of humility. Regarding the clothing which She wore, She was satisfied to have natural colors, which even now is evidenced by Her holy head-covering. Suffice it to say, a special grace attended all Her actions." [Nikēphoros Callistus borrowed his description from Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus (May 12), from the "Letter to Theophilus Concerning Icons."]

At the time of Her blessed Falling Asleep, the Most Holy Virgin Mary was again at Jerusalem. Her fame as the Mother of God had already spread throughout the land and had aroused many of the envious and the spiteful against Her. They wanted to make attempts on Her life; but God preserved Her from enemies.

Then came the third hour (9 A.M.), when the Dormition of the Mother of God was to occur. A number of candles were burning. The holy Disciples surrounded her beautifully adorned bed, offering praise to God. She prayed in anticipation of Her demise and of the arrival of Her longed-for Son and Lord. Suddenly, the inexpressible Light of Divine Glory shone forth, before which the blazing candles paled in comparison. All who saw it took fright. Descending from Heaven was Christ, the King of Glory, surrounded by hosts of Angels and Archangels and other Heavenly Powers, together with the souls of the Forefathers and the Prophets, who had prophesied in ages past concerning the Most Holy Virgin Mary.

Seeing Her Son, the Mother of God exclaimed: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God My Savior, for He hath regarded the low estate of His Handmaiden" (Luke 1:46-48) and, rising from Her bed to meet the Lord, She bowed down to Him, and the Lord bid Her enter into Life Eternal. Without any bodily suffering, as though in a happy sleep, the Most Holy Virgin Mary gave Her soul into the hands of Her Son and God.

Bewailing their separation from the Mother of God, the Apostles prepared to bury Her all-pure body. The holy Apostles Peter, Paul, James and others of the Twelve Apostles carried the funeral bier upon their shoulders, and upon it lay the body of the Ever-Virgin Mary. Saint John the Theologian went at the head with the resplendent palm-branch from Paradise. The other saints and a multitude of the faithful accompanied the funeral bier with candles and censers, singing sacred songs. This solemn procession went from Sion through Jerusalem to the Garden of Gethsemane.

Unbelieving inhabitants of Jerusalem, taken aback by the extraordinarily grand funeral procession and vexed at the honor accorded the Mother of Jesus, complained of this to the High Priest and scribes. Burning with envy and vengefulness toward everything that reminded them of Christ, they sent out their own servants to disrupt the procession and to set the body of the Mother of God afire.

The Jewish priest Athonios, out of spite and hatred for the Mother of Jesus of Nazareth, wanted to topple the funeral bier on which lay the body of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, but an angel of God invisibly cut off his hands, which had touched the bier. Seeing such a wonder, Athonios repented and with faith confessed the majesty of the Mother of God. He received healing and joined the crowd accompanying the body of the Mother of God, and he became a zealous follower of Christ.

When the procession reached the Garden of Gethsemane, then amidst the weeping and the wailing began the last kiss to the all-pure body. Only towards evening were the Apostles able to place it in the tomb and seal the entrance to the cave with a large stone.

For three days they did not depart from the place of burial, praying and chanting Psalms. Through the wise providence of God, the Apostle Thomas was not to be present at the burial of the Mother of God. Arriving late on the third day at Gethsemane, he lay

down at the tomb and with bitter tears asked that he might be permitted to look once more upon the Mother of God and bid her farewell. The Apostles out of heartfelt pity for him decided to open the grave and permit him the comfort of venerating the holy relics of the Ever-Virgin Mary. Having opened the grave, they found in it only the grave wrappings and were thus convinced of the bodily ascent of the Most Holy Virgin Mary to Heaven.

On the evening of the same day, when the Apostles had gathered at a house to strengthen themselves with food, the Mother of God appeared to them and said: "Rejoice! I am with you all the days of your lives." This so gladdened the Apostles and everyone with them, that they took a portion of the bread, set aside at the meal in memory of the Savior ("the Lord's Portion"), and they exclaimed: "Most Holy Theotokos, save us". (This marks the beginning of the rite of offering up the "Panagia" ("All-Holy"), a portion of bread in honor of the Mother of God, which is done at monasteries to the present day).

The Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos is celebrated with special solemnity at Gethsemane, the place of Her burial. Nowhere else is there such sorrow of heart at the separation from the Mother of God, and nowhere else such joy, because of Her intercession for the world.

"O marvelous wonder! The Fount of Life is placed in the grave, and the grave doth become the ladder to Heaven..." Here at the grave of the All-Pure Virgin, these words strike deep with their original sense and grief is dispelled by joy: "Hail, Full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee, granting the world, through Thee, great mercy!"

Today flowers are blessed in church, and people keep them in their homes. During times of family strife or illness, the flower petals are placed in the censer with the incense, and the whole house is censured. See the Prayer at the Sanctification of any Fragrant Herbage.

VISITATIONS

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest's ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here:

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MOST IMPORTANT PARISH VOTE ON AUGUST 27TH, 2023

On August 27th after Divine Liturgy we will be voting on two issues that require parish approval.

First Issue:

The company hired to replace the fence at the cemetery has not been able to do so due to internal issues and the city is threatening fines. Another company has been contacted and can do the job for \$94,000.00 (we have the funds). The vote will be to approve expenditure. Full details will be provided by the deadline of 8 days prior to the vote.

Second Issue:

The raising of the council's spending limit from \$10,000.00 to a new limit of \$35,000.00 for reasons discussed previously. As per the first issue above, full details will be provided by the deadline.

This is a very important vote! Please be present!

Our previous vote failed to achieve a quorum and so nothing could be decided. In that case there was no time pressure but in this case the City of Brooklyn will fine our cemetery if the work is not done.

Please vote!

Your parish needs you. Please make arrangements to be present on August 27th to vote in person or vote electronically (*email voting will be available*).

Reminder: Holy Feast of the Dormition

Tuesday, August 15th is the Holy Feast of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Every-Virgin Mary. Bring flowers and herbs to be blessed on this blessed day!

Consider Sponsoring Coffee Hour!

For those who would like to HELP with Coffee Hour but don't cook, you can now *sponsor* a Coffee Hour! By donating \$65 you can sponsor a Coffee Hour, just put it in a white envelope marked "coffee hour" and place it in the collection basket or coffee hour basket in the Hall.

Visiting the Elderly

Jill Morinec is looking for someone who could stay with an 92 year old friend during the day when she is at work. He is still cognitively intact and loves to read and talk. She could pay a little bit. Jill works 12h shifts and doesn't want him to be alone for almost 14 hours. He is able bodied (with a walker) and can heat up his own meals, but needs human connection. You could just come for a visit or stay part of the day. He will be up here from North Carolina on the 27th of July. Contact Jill Morinec at 216-633-0751. Thank you.



St. Matthew the Evangelist
Orthodox Church

August 18 & 19, 2023

Father Sergius Bowyer
Abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery

Friday, August 18

6:00 - Prayer service with icon of St Anna

7:00-8:30 - First Session

Saturday, August 19

9:30 - Registration, Continental Breakfast

10:30-12:00 - Second Session

12:00 - 1:00 - Lunch Provided

1:00-2:00 - Personal prayer

2:00-3:30 - Third Session

4:30 - Vespers

The miraculous icon of St. Anna,
the Mother of the Holy Virgin Mary
will be at St. Matthew's for
veneration.

***Fr. Bowyer will speak on his book
Acquiring the Mind of Christ:
Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church***

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HOLY ASSUMPTION ORTHODOX CHURCH HALUPKI FESTIVAL

EVENT – HALUPKI FESTIVAL (pronounced hah-LOOP-key; they're cabbage rolls)

WHEN – Sunday, August 20, 2023; 11:30 am to 6 pm

WHERE – Holy Assumption Orthodox Church parish grounds
114 East Main Street (Route 163); Marblehead, Ohio

CONTACTS - Rectory (419) 798-4591
Publicity Chairman Wayne Golob (419) 625-1040

It's Summertime, and in Marblehead, Ohio, folks will soon smell the cabbage rolls a-cookin' and hear the lively sounds of polka music at the big 66th Annual **HALUPKI FESTIVAL**. The **HALUPKI FESTIVAL**, a celebration of Carpatho-Russian foods and culture, is presented each year on the third Sunday of August by Holy Assumption Orthodox Church, 114 East Main Street (Route 163), in picturesque Marblehead on Lake Erie. 2023 marks the 125th Anniversary of Holy Assumption as a parish, in 1898. This year's event takes place on Sunday, August 20th.

The day's activities begin with worship at Divine Liturgy in the beautiful, historic church at 10:00 am. The choir of SS. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Lorain will sing at Liturgy. All are welcome to join us in worship.

The festival begins at 11:30 am with the serving of their *Carpatho-Russian Dinner* of 2 halupki, 2 perohi, kolbasi, and baklava for dessert. At 2 pm, the *Eastern European Ala Carte* will open, featuring halupki (cabbage rolls), perohi (pierogies), halushki (cabbage and noodles), kolbasi (smoked sausage), spanakopita (spinach pie). and much more.

Delicious Old World-Style baked goods, including nut and poppy seed rolls (kolach, or koh-LAHCH), as well as baklava, will be sold.

Live entertainment gets underway at 11:30 am as the local acapella chorus North Coast Tempo makes their festival debut singing your favorite Do-Wop tunes. Dance music takes over at 12 Noon with polka music by the Frank Moravcik Orchestra and another new-to-the-festival group, the Culkar-Golob Band, both of Cleveland, alternating every hour throughout the afternoon.

The parish church, the oldest Orthodox church in Ohio and a historic landmark, will be open with tours for visitors. Orthodox religious items will be for sale. A demonstration of the Rusyn art of Pysanky (pih-SAHN-key), or Easter egg decorating, will be given by local artist Helen Jean Cooley. Herman Halupki's Craft Fest, with 25+ vendors, will be on the lawn during the Festival. Fun for the kids includes a bounce/slide, a rock wall for climbing, and "Face Painting by Summer". Refreshments and raffles complete the offerings. It all adds up to a day of fun on the Marblehead Peninsula.

The **HALUPKI FESTIVAL** is held on the parish grounds of Holy Assumption Orthodox Church; look for "the little stone church with the golden domes". Admission to the festival is absolutely free of charge. There is ample free parking in easy walking distance, and a shuttle bus running between parking areas and the festival grounds.

For more info, visit us on Facebook at "Halupki Festival", or check out our parish website at www.holyassumptionmarblehead.org.

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church



Halupki Festival

SUNDAY AUGUST 20, 2023

110 E. MAIN STREET (SR 163) MARBLEHEAD, OHIO 43440

66th Annual

Parish 125 Anniversary

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

FOOD

Carpatho-Russian Dinner

Starting at 11:30am

2 Halupki

2 Perohi

Kielbasa

Baklava

Roll & Butter

Eastern European Ala Cart

Starting at 2:00 pm

Halupki

Perohi

Kielbasa & Kraut

Bratwurst

Halushki & Cabbage

And more!



ACTIVITIES

Historic Church Tours

Live Polka Music

Frank Moravcik Orchestra

Culkar-Golob Band

Herman Halupki's Craft Fest

25+ vendors

Rusyn (Pysanky) Easter Egg Art

Bounce House

Face Painting

by Summer

VIOC Rock Climbing Wall

Main Raffle

Hourly 50/50

Admission is FREE!

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HalupkiFestival



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PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 8/13/2023

Deceased

Annette Lapso (*nee Ressetar, family of Linda Kovach*)

Marianne Kormos

Marie Borland

Adele Matalycki

Special Intentions:

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Subdeacon Roger Pinta

Reader Paul Pangrace

Reader Frank Tkacz

Reader Dan Morris

Stephan Chwalyk

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

Diane Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

Janice Tkacz

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Rachel Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Carol Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

Virginia Medvec

Jeffrey Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

Margaret Parhamovich (*sister-in-law of Karen Felon*)

Margaret Peyton (*Cathy's aunt*)

Jean Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

Anna Marie Luvison (*daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison*)

Debra Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

Grace Mary Parhamovich (*mother of Karen Felon*)

Gayle Vidovich

Elizabeth Balasz

Christina Hile (*Nisi & Cindy's sister*)

Lonnie Ellis (*Husband to Debra Ellis*)

Robert Martin Prock

Valentina Zawolowycz (*mother of Paul Z*)

Michael and **Nichole** Zolikoff and **child Declan**

Mark

Michael Kapeluck (*friend of Cathy*)

Edward Aleerty

Jack Zimmerman – (*Uncle to Cindy Zdinak, Nisi Pozdarec and Father John Zdinak*)

Robert McKay (*friend of Andrew Myrtrohovic*)

Matej, Anrea, Julia, Jana and family

Gwyneth Seddon (*daughter of Eric and Elisa*)

Emerson Joy Seddon (*granddaughter of Eric and Elisa*)

Paul Eppelle (*father-in-law of Lauren Eppelle*)

Lavinia Cozmin-Morris

Elena Richv (*Jerry Czajkowski's daughter*)

Aaron and Nadine Drummond (Ellis) & unborn child

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to Fr. Jan Cizmar
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Or calling at 1(440) 732-8182

Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

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Daily Scripture Readings

Scripture readings are listed in the calendar. They are also available on the OCA website at <https://www.oca.org/readings> (clicking on a reading expands it for reading—very convenient)



UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS



- August 15th—Altar Society Dinner
- September 10th—Patron Saints Day Banquet
(His Eminence Archbishop Daniel to attend)
- October 5th—Wine Tasting Event
- November 5th—Chili Cook Off
- December 17th—Annual Christmas Choir Concert

Sunday, August 13

10th Sunday after Pentecost
Leavetaking of the Transfiguration
St. Tikhon, Bishop of Vorónezh,
Wonderworker of Zadónsk and
All Russia (1783)
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

Monday, August 14

Translation of the Relics of Ven.
Theodosius of the Kiev Caves (1091)
6:00 PM Vespers

Tuesday, August 15

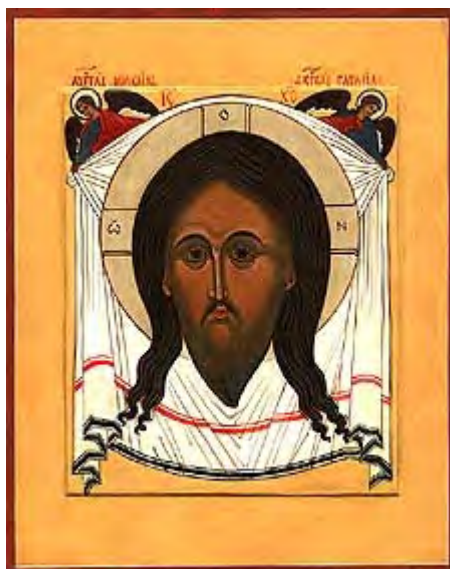
**The Dormition (“Falling Asleep”) of
our Most Holy Lady, Theotokos and
Ever-Virgin Mary**

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Altar Society Brunch to follow

Wednesday, August 16

Afterfeast of the Dormition.
Translation of the Image “Not-made-by-
hands” of our Lord Jesus Christ from
Edessa to Constantinople (944)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2023



Thursday, August 17

Afterfeast of the Dormition
Martyr Myron, Presbyter, of Cyzicus
(254)

Friday, August 18

Afterfeast of the Dormition. Martyrs
Florus and Laurus of Illyria (2nd c.)

Saturday, August 19

Afterfeast of the Dormition. Martyr
Andrew Stratelates and those with him
(2,593 soldiers) in Cilicia (4th c.)
6:00 PM Vespers

Sunday, August 20

11th Sunday after Pentecost
Afterfeast of the Dormition
Prophet Samuel (11th c. B.C.)
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour