

# Ambo

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## Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Please check weekly schedule  
for specific days (last page).

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AUGUST 20, 2023

11TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

PROPHET SAMUEL

AFTERFEAST OF THE DORMITION



**The Prophet Samuel** was the fifteenth and last of the Judges of Israel, living more than 1146 years before the Birth of Christ. He was descended from the Tribe of Levi, and was the son of Elkanah from Ramathaim-Zophim of Mount Ephraim. He was born, having been besought from the Lord through the prayers of his mother Hannah (therefore he received

the name Samuel, which means "besought from God"). Even before birth, he was dedicated to God. Her song, "My heart exults in the Lord," is the third Old Testament ode of the Canon (1 Sam/1 Kings 2:1-10).

When the boy reached the age of three, his mother went with him to Shiloh and in accord with her vow dedicated him to the worship of God. She gave him into the care of the High Priest Eli, who at this time was a judge over Israel. The prophet grew in the fear of God, and at twelve years of age he had a revelation that God would punish the house of the High Priest Eli, because he did not restrain the impiety of his sons. Eli's whole family was wiped out in a single day.

The prophecy was fulfilled when the Philistines, having slain in battle  
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30,000 Israelites (among them Hophni and Phinees, the sons of Eli the High Priest), gained victory and captured the Ark of the Covenant. Hearing this, the High Priest Eli fell backwards from his seat at the gate, and breaking his back, he died. The wife of Phinees, upon hearing what had happened in this very hour, gave birth to a son (Ichabod) and died with the words: "The glory has departed from Israel, for the Ark of God is taken away" (1 Sam/1 Kgs 4: 22).

Upon the death of Eli, Samuel became the judge of the nation of Israel. The Ark of God was returned by the Philistines on their own initiative. After returning to God, the Israelites returned to all the cities that the Philistines had taken. In his old age, the Prophet Samuel made his sons Joel and Abiah judges over Israel, but they did not follow the integrity and righteous judgment of their father, since they were motivated by greed.

Then the elders of Israel, wanting the nation of

God to be "like other nations" (1 Sam/1 Kgs 8: 20), demanded of the Prophet Samuel that they have a king. The Prophet Samuel anointed Saul as king, but saw in this a downfall of the people, whom God Himself had governed until this time, announcing His will through "judges," His chosen saints. Resigning the position of judge, the Prophet Samuel asked the people if they consented to his continued governance, but no one stepped forward for him.

After denouncing the first king, Saul, for his disobedience to God, the Prophet Samuel anointed David as king. He had offered David asylum, saving him from the pursuit of King Saul. The Prophet Samuel died in extreme old age. His life is recorded in the Bible (1 Sam/1 Kgs; Sirach 46:13-20).

In the year 406 A.D. the relics of the Prophet Samuel were transferred from Judea to Constantinople.

## **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*).

## 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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## Event Committee Meeting!

The next Event Committee meeting will be on Sunday, September 3rd, during coffee hour.

## 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.

## A Letter from St. Herman House

Greetings from the men of St. Herman House and all those we serve. Thank you for praying for our community.

I'm writing to seek your assistance. Traditionally, we see a downturn in food donations during the summer months. This year has been really challenging for us as our coolers and freezer are at an all-time low in regards to having prepared meals that we pull out, cook and serve. As we've stated many times, Miracles happen at St. Herman House and we have always been able to provide three meals per day to the community and the men who stay with us. We are in desperate need of a miracle right now.

If you could kindly reach out to those in your parish that might be willing to prepare entrees or a side dish, we would greatly appreciate it. We have been serving around 60 at lunch and over 80 at dinner. As the end of the month draws near those numbers typically become even higher. These can be cooked or uncooked... ready to go in the oven or be frozen for on upcoming meal.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this. As always, we ask that you pray for our community.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Most Holy Theotokos, Pray for us!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 8/20/2023

### *Deceased*

**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*)

**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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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

- 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 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

#### Monday, August 21

Afterfeast of the Dormition.  
Apostle Thaddæus of the Seventy  
(ca. 44)

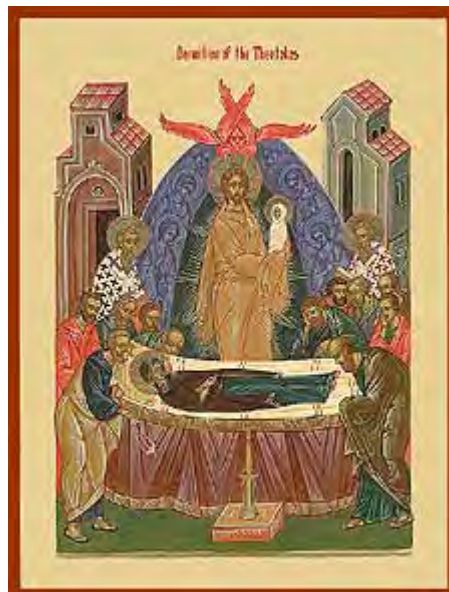
#### Tuesday, August 22

Afterfeast of the Dormition.  
Martyr Agathonicus of Nicomedia  
and his companions

#### Wednesday, August 23

Leavetaking of the Dormition.  
Prousiotissa Icon of the Mother of  
God. Martyr Lupus, slave of St.  
Demetrius of Thessalonica (4th c.)  
6:00 PM Akathist to the Holy  
Theotokos

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2023



#### Thursday, August 24

Hieromartyr Eutychius, disciple of  
St. John the Theologian (1st c.)

#### Friday, August 25

Return of the Relics of the Apostle  
Bartholomew from Anastasiopolis  
to Lipari (6th c.)

#### Saturday, August 26

Martyrs Adrian and Natalia and 23  
companions, of Nicomedia (4th)  
6:00 PM Great Vespers

#### Sunday, August 27

12th Sunday after Pentecost  
Ven. Poemen the Great (ca. 450)  
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour