

# 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

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8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MARTYRS FLORUS AND  
LAURUS OF ILLYRIA



The Martyrs Florus and Laurus were brothers by birth not only in flesh but in spirit. They lived in the second century at Byzantium, and afterwards they settled in Illyria [now Yugoslavia]. By occupation they were stone-masons (their teachers in this craft were the Christians Proclus and Maximus, from whom also the brothers learned about life pleasing to God).

The prefect of Illyria, Likaion, sent the brothers to a nearby district for work on the construction of a pagan temple. The saints toiled at the structure, distributing to the poor the money they earned, while they kept strict fast and prayed without ceasing.

Once, the son of the local pagan-priest Mamertin carelessly approached the structure, and a chip of stone hit him in the eye, severely injuring him. Saints Florus and Laurus assured the upset father, that his son would be healed.

They brought the youth to consciousness and told him to have faith in

Christ. After this, as the youth confessed Jesus Christ as the true God, the brothers prayed for him, and the eye was healed. In view of such a miracle, even the father of the youth believed in Christ.

When the construction of the temple was completed, the brothers gathered the Christians together, and going through the temple, they smashed the idols. In the eastern part of the temple they set up the holy Cross. They spent all night in prayer, illumined with heavenly light. Having learned of this, the head of the district

**The Prophet Samuel** (Aug 20) 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 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:



condemned to burning the former pagan priest Mamertin and his son and 300 Christians.

The martyrs Florus and Laurus, having been sent back to the prefect Likaion, were thrown down an empty well and covered over with earth. After many years, the relics of the holy martyrs were uncovered incorrupt, and transferred to Constantinople. In the year 1200 the Novgorod pilgrim Anthony saw them. Stephen of Novgorod saw the heads of the martyrs in the Pantokrator monastery around the year 1350.

"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.

The Saints Constantine & Helen Cathedral in Cleveland Heights, Ohio  
St. Makrina Bible Study presents

## Fall Retreat

**Saturday, November 9, 2024 10 am to 3 pm**

Liturgy of St. Nektarios on Saturday at 8:30am with breakfast and retreat to follow

*“Finding Gratitude”*

**Father Stavros Akrotirianakis**



Checks to: Sts. Constantine & Helen Cathedral / “Retreat” in the memo

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 8/18/2024



## *Deceased*

**Diane** Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

**William** Stevans

## *Special Intentions:*

**Subdeacon Theodore** Lentz

**Subdeacon Roger** Pinta

**Subdeacon Leon** Felon

**Reader Frank** Tkacz

**Reader Daniel** Morris

**Stephan** Chwalyk

**Horia** Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

**Janice** Tkacz

**Eleanor** Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

**Rachel** Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

**Erin** Zawolowycz

**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*)

**Lonnie** Ellis (*Husband to Debra Ellis*)

**Robert** Martin Prock

**Valentina** Zawolowycz (*mother of Paul Z*)

**Paul** Epepe (*Father-in-law of Lauren*)

**Michael** Kalinich (*Uncle of Linda Kovach*)

**Child McKenna** Kranek

**Linda** Smotzer

**Donna** Fabris (*Jerry Czajkowski's friend*)

**Karen** Slowey (*sister of Nancy Prock*)

**Elizabeth** and **Michael** Prendergast and their **unborn child**

**Child Vincent**

**Ivan** Lavrasiuk

**Elisabeth** Lavrasiuk



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Questions/Concerns: Cathy Weber (412-215-1928)

July 7	Joyce & Judy (sponsors Igors and Natalia Pricinovskis)	Aug 18	Tammy & Cathy
July 14	Mary (anonymous sponsor)	Aug 25	Shawna & Wayne (sponsors John and Patricia Sankovic)
July 21	Cathy (sponsors John and Patricia Sankovic)	Sept 1	Cathy
July 28	Chanda Czaruk (anonymous sponsor)	Sept 8	Matushka Jana (sponsors John and Patricia Sankovic)
Aug 4	Matushka Jana (sponsor Lisa Theodore)	Sept 15	Shawna
Aug 11	Joyce (sponsors Dan & Lavinia)	Sept 22	Joyce & Judy
		Sept 29	Sarah & Mike B (sponsor William)

**The Afterfeast and Leavetaking of the Dormition:** In Friday's hymns at Vespers, the Mother of God is praised as "only created being to pass from earth to heaven in the flesh."

In some places, the Burial Service of the Theotokos is celebrated on August 17 using a special epitaphios with an icon depicting the Mother of God.

On the third day of the Afterfeast of the Dormition, the hymns at Vespers call upon us to "sing the praises of the pure and most holy Virgin." She did not ascend to heaven in a chariot of fire, as did the Prophet Elias, but "He Who is truly the Sun of Righteousness" received her pure soul.

On the fourth day of the Afterfeast of the Dormition, the

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The Leavetaking of the Feast of the Dormition falls on August 23. The office of the Feast is repeated, except for the entrance, readings, and Litya at Vespers; and the polyeleos and Gospel of the Feast at Matins.

### Sunday, August 18

8th Sunday after Pentecost  
Afterfeast of the Dormition  
Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria (2nd c.)  
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour

### Monday, August 19

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

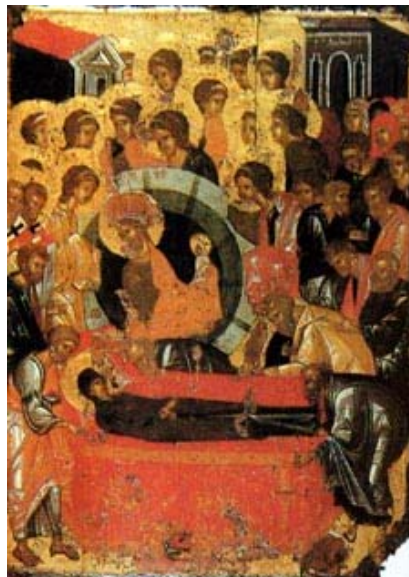
### Tuesday, August 20

Afterfeast of the Dormition  
Prophet Samuel (11th c. B.C.)  
6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

### Wednesday, August 21

Afterfeast of the Dormition  
Apostle Thaddæus of the Seventy (ca. 44)  
6:00 PM Akathist to St. Theodosius

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2024



### Thursday, August 22

Afterfeast of the Dormition  
Martyr Agathonikus of Nicomedia and his companions: Martyrs Zoticus, Theoprepus, Acindynus, Severian, Zeno, and others who suffered under Maximian (4th c.)

### Friday, August 23

Leavetaking of the Dormition  
Prousiotissa Icon of the Mother of God. Martyr Lupus, slave of St. Demetrius of Thessalonica (4th c.)

### Saturday, August 24

Hieromartyr Eutychius, disciple of St. John the Theologian (1st c.)  
6:00 PM Great Vespers

### Sunday, August 25

9th Sunday after Pentecost  
Return of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew from Anastasiopolis to Lipari (6th c.)  
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour