



ST. GREGORY'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 15 **The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos**

7:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Flowers

Wednesday, August 17 *After-feast of the Dormition/Martyr Myron of Cyzicus*

7:00 P.M. Akathist Hymn in honor of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Saturday, August 20 *Postfeast of the Dormition-The holy prophet Samuel*

5:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 21 **Eleventh Sunday after Pentcost
Postfeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos**

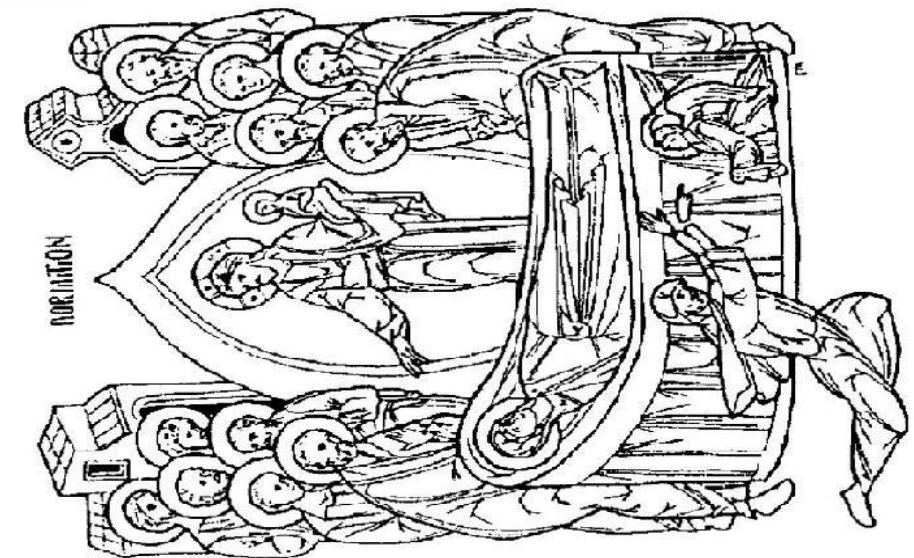
9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

The Epistle Reading will be I Corinthians 9:2-12 and the Gospel will be Matthew 18: 23-35. Supplications will be offered for +Rosemary S. Tomko, given by Michael and Donna Medvec. Following the Divine Liturgy, please join us in the Church hall for refreshments and Christian fellowship.

“The Most Holy Mother of God prays for us ceaselessly. She is always visiting us. Whenever we turn to her in our heart, she is there. After the Lord, she is the greatest protection for mankind. How many churches there are in the world that are dedicated to the Most Holy Mother of God! How many healing springs where people are cured of their ailments have sprung up in places where the Most Holy Theotokos appeared and blessed those springs to heal both the sick and the healthy! She is constantly, by our side, and all too often we forget her.

- Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica



DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

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The Dormition Fast Outreach: School Supplies for the Children

As we prepare to celebrate the Dormition of our Lady, our outreach this year is again to help collect school supplies for local children in need. Donations are needed for all ages from preschool through high school. In the Mother of God Chapel, we have a poster describing this outreach and bins for collecting these items.

We are collecting the following items: new backpacks, colored pencils, 24-pack crayons, erasers, glue sticks, highlighters, markers, notebooks, binders, pen, pencils/mechanical pencils, pencil boxes/sharpeners, rulers, scissors, and calculators. The final day to bring your donations is Sunday, August 28th. As a parish family, let us all be part of this collection and help local kids start school right!

St. Gregory's Prayer List

Kindly remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends who struggle with sickness, pain, hardship, or any special need: Maureen Cerny, Theresa Lokes, John Tomko and Michael Sirochman.

If you would like to add your name or the name of a loved one to this list, please contact the parish office via phone or email. In the Church vestibule, you are invited to add the names of the sick and any other intentions you would like to be remembered in our Prayer Intention book.



Why do we Bless Flowers on the Feast the Dormition?

Holy Tradition tells us that all the Apostles, except Saint Thomas, were transported mystically to Jerusalem in order to be with the Mother of God-Theotokos as she died, and to be present at her burial. When Thomas arrived the next day, they opened the tomb so that he could say his farewell. They found only an empty tomb filled with sweet-smelling flowers. Therefore, as part of our celebration, we bless sweet-smelling flowers in remembrance of this great sign of her holiness. At the conclusion of the Divine Services, flowers and herbs are blessed and the faithful keep them in their homes. During times of family strife or illness, the flower petals are to be placed in the censer with the incense, and the whole house is censured.

Announcements

Feast of the Dormition

At the conclusion of the Sunday Divine Liturgy, as we will begin to celebrate the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady, the Dormition Shroud will be carried in procession and placed in the Tomb. Following the Sunday Divine Liturgy, please come forward to venerate the Dormition Shroud. For the feast day of the Dormition of the Theotokos, Monday, August 15th, Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of Flowers and Herbs will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. On Wednesday evening, August 17th, at 7:00 p.m., the Akathist Hymn in honor of the Dormition will be celebrated at the Tomb of our Lady. Please come!

Wednesday: Children's Story Time

St. Gregory's Library Ministry invites all the children for Story Time in the Church hall on Wednesday, August 17th at 10:00 a.m. The Storytime is for pre-K – 1st grade, and will consist of stories, a craft, and snack. Siblings are welcome. Please bring your children and their friends for this fun event. To help in planning, please call the parish office (412-835-7800) or let Trisha Krofcheck (585-749-3270) know if your child will attend.

Wednesday; Single Seniors Luncheon

The Single Senior's Luncheon for August is scheduled at 11:30 am on Wednesday, August 17th, at Mitchell's Fish Market (1500 Washington Rd). Please make your reservation by calling Sylvia Bender at 724-743-4675. Our Single Seniors Ministry of St. Gregory's is for men and women who have never married or have lost a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. As a group, it is our goal to provide spiritual, emotional, and mental support for one another. Please come and join us for this luncheon.

ECF Teachers Meeting

Following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 21st, an important meeting of our ECF Teachers will take place. As part of this meeting important decisions will be made as we finalize the curriculum for the upcoming new school year. We ask our ECF parents to please get in touch with the parish office or your ECF teacher with any questions/concerns related to our program. As we prepare for this important meeting, please offer a prayer for our dedicated ECF teachers.

Chant Group Rehearsal

According to St. Augustine: "He Who Sings, Prays Twice". On Tuesday evening, August 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. the Chant Group rehearsal will take place in the Church hall. Join us as we practice together and learn new liturgical chant.

Sixth Hour and Soup

On Thursday, August 25th, at 12:00 noon we will have the Prayer of the Sixth Hour followed by soup and bread in the Church hall. If you are at home, come and join us for this time of prayer and fellowship.

Haven't Seen Someone in a While?

Visit them or give them a call or an email. It is nice to hear from a friend from Church. Let them know that you miss seeing them and hope that everything is okay.

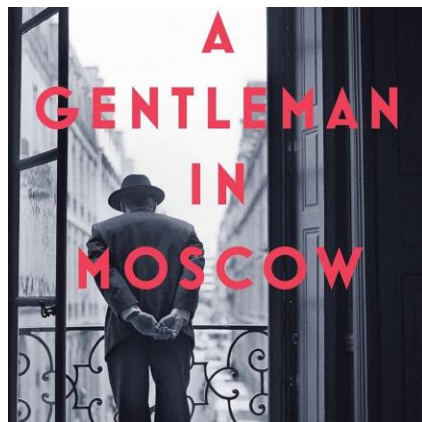


Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, August 7th, 2022, was \$7,856.15 (Envelopes: \$3,120.00; Online: \$343.15; Loose: \$39.00; Candle: \$32.00; Debt: \$80.00; Flowers: \$232.00; Dormition: \$10.00; Insurance Reimbursement: \$1,000.00; Iconography Sponsorship: \$3,000.00). *The QR code will take you to our donation portal. Your engagement, support and prayers are very much appreciated.*

Library Ministry Book Club

Please join us on Tuesday evening, September 20th at 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing the novel *A Gentleman in Moscow* by New York Times bestselling author, Amor Towles.



A Gentleman in Moscow immerses us in another elegantly drawn era with the story of Count Alexander Rostov. When, in 1922, he is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, the count is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him a doorway into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

The books are available this weekend, August 13th and 14th. Please sign your name to the sign-up sheet and sign the index card which is inside each book and leave it in the basket. There are a few large print books available. We are looking forward to another great discussion!

Heartfelt Appreciation and Thanks

The Women of Faith express sincere appreciation to each and every one of the volunteers who supported our Flea Market fundraiser last weekend. It is a daunting undertaking and involves many hours of preparation in addition to the time demands on the day of the sale and the subsequent clean-up of the church hall. We are blessed to have so many cheerful parishioners giving their time and talents to this event. We also have many donors to thank for parting with some treasures that made the sale possible.

The final tally is not yet available as we are anticipating additional funds from the sale of a few items and some matching funds from the GCU. To date, we have deposited a little over \$3,500. While this total is less than the proceeds from the Flea Market in past years, it is outstanding for our first one since the pandemic. Finally, we were able to donate some of our unsold items to Casa San Jose (<https://casasjblog.wpcomstaging.com>) to use in their mission to assist immigrants settling in the Pittsburgh area. All in all, the Flea Market was a resounding success and brought our parish community together for a common goal!

On the Dormition of the Theotokos

“Today the Holy Church solemnly glorifies the honorable Dormition or translation of the Mother of God from earth to heaven. A wonderful translation – she died without serious illness, peacefully. Her soul is taken up in the divine hands of Her Son and carried up into the heavenly abode, accompanied by the sweet singing of angels.

And then, her most pure body is transferred by the apostles to Gethsemane where it is honorably buried, and on the third day it is resurrected and taken up to heaven. You see this on the icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos. On it is represented the life-bearing body of the Theotokos laying on a bier, surrounded by the apostles and hierarchs, and in the center of the icon the Lord holding in His hands the most pure soul of the Theotokos. The translation of the Mother of God is a paradigm of the translation in general of the souls of Christians to the other world.”

Thank
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much



- St. John of Kronstadt