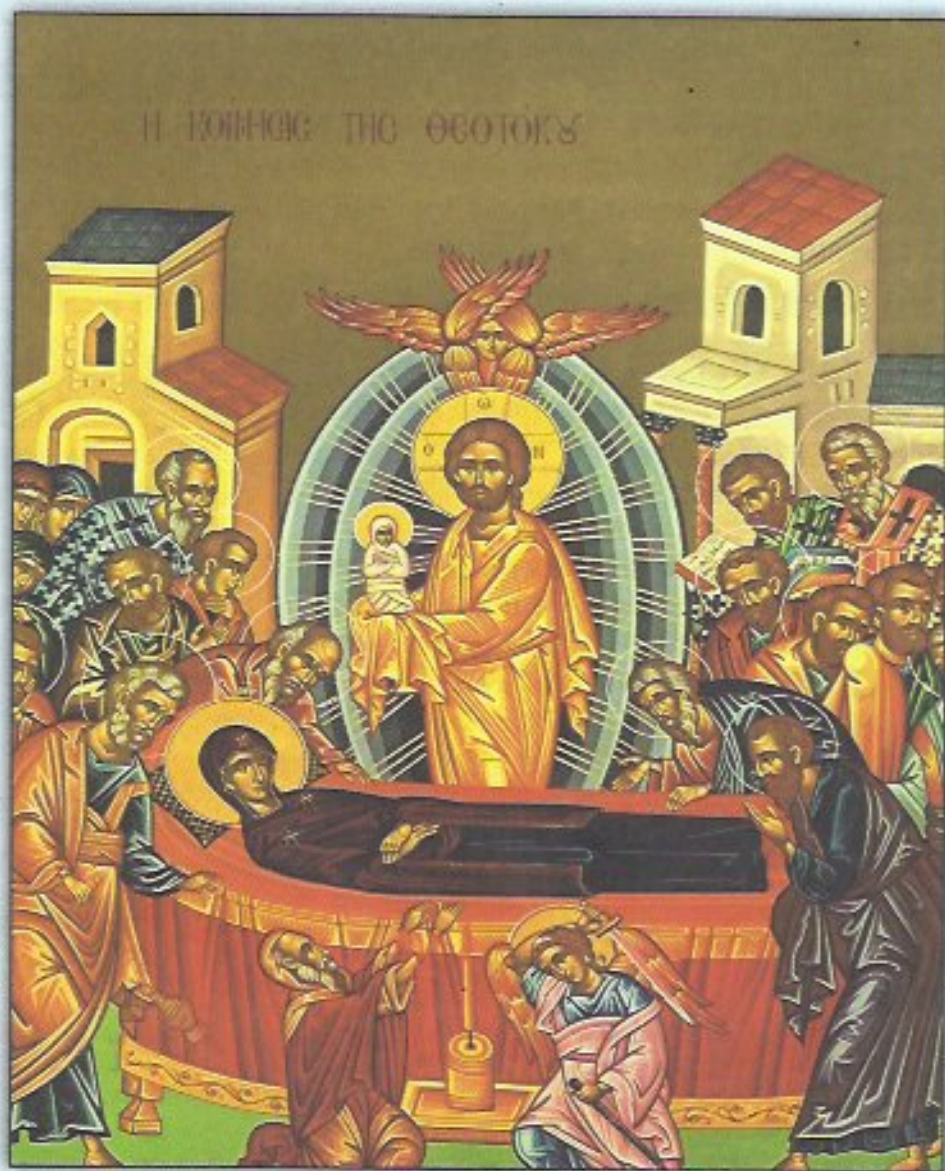


THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Dormition -- August 15th*

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**Archpriest Fr. Daniel Troyan – Pastor**

**August 14-21, 2016**

**13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24**

**Gospel: Matthew 19: 16-26**

**SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) +Karen Bakros- Pyrohy Workers**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: August 14, 2016**

**9:00AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners**

**11:00AM (English) +John Vedomsky- Robert & Roberta Leiby**

**MONDAY FEAST OF THE FALLING ASLEEP OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**

**5:30PM +Deceased in Potak Family- Potak and Drozd Family**

**TUESDAY +Basili Zuk – Jaroslawa Zuk**

**WEDNESDAY +Joanna Pail – Greg & Dorothy Neff**

**THURSDAY No Divine Liturgy**

**FRIDAY +Fr Joseph Szupa – Family (40<sup>th</sup> Day)**

**SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) +Josephine & John Romanic – Joann & Judy**

**14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 21, 2016**

**9:00AM(Ukrainian) For the Parishioners**

**11:00AM (English) +Josephine Ileczo – Vargas Family**

**COLLECTION – \$1161.10, Thank you for your generosity and support**

**Special thanks to Robert and Roberta Leiby for the donation of the flowers for the feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God.**

**Eternal Light & Altar Candles In memory of +Michael Horon- Peter and Marjorie Brinko**

***Please remember to pray for the sick and all those who have requested our prayers***

Helen Terleski

Teodozia Sroka

Catherine Kutzler

Olga Turczyn

Mae Kulczykcki

Sophie Troyan

Jean Lakomski

Michael Trusz

Michael Horon

Peg Hutnik

Richard Suter

Martha Charon

Olga Bryksa

Julian Trusz

Michael Sidlar

Walter Kiniuk

Joseph Bodnar

Lillian Opp

Frank & Betty Maitski

Sarah Shanks

Kim Lightcap

Gregory Neff

Stephen Terleski

Sr Judith OSBM

Margaret Dashe

Helen Potak

Anna Drozd

Olga Trusz

Mary Heverling

Frieda Lubosky

Robin Mease

Sr Marina OSBM

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
PREFEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**

**Troparion (4):**

When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy.

**Troparion (4):**

O peoples, dance with joy and clap your hands with fervor. Gather today in eagerness and jubilation and sing with glee; for the Mother of God is about to rise in glory, going up from the earth into heaven. It is to her we always sing hymns of praise, for she is the Mother of God.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

**.Kontakion (4):**

My Savior and Deliverer from the grave, as God, has raised out of bondage the children of earth and shattered the gates of Hades; and as Master, He rose on the third day.

**Now and for ever and ever: Amen.**

**Kontakion (4):**

Today the whole universe dances with joy at your glorious memory, O Mother of God, and it cries out to you: Rejoice, O Virgin, pride of all Christians.

**Prokimenon (4):**

How great are Your works, O Lord; You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great.

**Epistle: Reading of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1Cor 16,13-24)**

Brethren: Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. Your every act should be done with love. I urge you, brothers -you know that the household of Stephanas is the firstfruits of Achaia and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the holy ones -be subordinate to such people and to everyone who works and toils with them. I rejoice in the arrival of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, because they made up for your absence, for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. So give recognition to such people. The churches of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Prisca together with the church at their house send you many greetings in the Lord. All the brothers greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write you this greeting in my own hand. If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be accursed.. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love to all of you in Christ Jesus.

**Alleluia Verses:**

Verse (4): Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse (4): You have loved justice and hated iniquity.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Gospel: (Mt 21, 33-42)**

The Lord told this parable: "There was a land-owner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes'?"

**Communion Verse:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest.

The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance. An evil report he will not fear.

Alleluia

## **Dormition of the Mother of God**

The feast of the Dormition or Falling-asleep of the Theotokos is celebrated on the fifteenth of August, preceded by a two-week fast. This feast, which is also sometimes called the Assumption, commemorates the death, resurrection and glorification of Christ's mother. It proclaims that Mary has been "assumed" by God into the heavenly kingdom of Christ in the fullness of her spiritual and bodily existence.

As with the nativity of the Virgin and the feast of her entrance to the temple, there are no biblical or historical sources for this feast. The Tradition of the Church is that Mary died as all people die, not "voluntarily" as her Son, but by the necessity of her mortal human nature which is indivisibly bound up with the corruption of this world.

The 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” (Lk 11.27–28).

*In giving birth, you preserved your virginity. In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, and by your prayers, you deliver our souls from death* (Troparion). (Theotokos: Greek: Mother Of God)

*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* (Kontakion).

The services of the feast repeat the main theme, that the Mother of Life has “passed over into the heavenly joy, into the divine gladness and unending delight” of the Kingdom of her Son (Vesperral hymn). At the Divine Liturgy we hear the letter to the Philippians where Saint Paul speaks of the self-emptying of Christ who condescends to human servitude and ignoble death in order to be “highly exalted by God his Father” (Phil 2.5–11). And once again we hear in the Gospel that Mary’s blessedness belongs to all who “hear the word of God and keep it” (Lk 11.27–28).

Thus, the feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos is the celebration of the fact that all people 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 all people 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, we celebrate facts of our 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.

### **CALL TO PRAYER: CENTRALIA PA**

On Sunday August 28, Assumption of the BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church in Centralia is sponsoring a day of pilgrimage and prayer from 12:00PM – 4:00PM. A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 12:00 noon with Archbishop Soroka with Fr Wasyl Kharuk as the homilist. The Assumption Church has been designated as a “Door of Mercy” during this jubilee year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis. There will be a Living Rosary at 2:30PM, and a Moleben to the Mother of God at 4:00PM. There will be a food service from 1-4:00PM and handicap parking with shuttle service available. All are invited.

### **TRANSFER ASSIGNMENT CHANGES**

Effective August 16:

Fr Roman Pitula is assigned to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia PA

Fr Petro Zvarych is assigned to St Michael the Archangel in Frackville PA and St John The Baptist in Maizeville PA.

Fr Walter Pasicznyk is assigned to Transfiguration in Nanticoke PA and SS Peter & Paul in Plymouth PA.

Fr Roman Sverdun is assigned as assistant pastor at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia PA.

### **FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**

The feast of the Dormition (Assumption) of the Mother of God will be celebrated on Monday August 15 at 5:30PM. This feast celebrates the anniversary of the death of the Blessed Mother and her assumption into heaven body and soul. It is customary to bless flowers and herbs on this feast day. Please help us honor this time of faith and express our love and thanks to our Blessed Mother.

### **UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY August 24**

Archbishop Stefan invites all to celebrate Ukrainian Independence Day in Philadelphia on August 24 at 12:45PM as the Ukrainian Community gathers at Philadelphia City Hall at Broad and Market Streets. There will be a short program offered for peace in Ukraine and the support of our brothers and sisters. All are invited.

### **UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL August 20-21 Lehighton**

The Ukrainian Homestead in Lehighton PA is celebrating their Annual Festival August 20-21 from 12:00PM-8:00PM. There are stage shows Saturday and Sunday and a Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Soroka at 11:00AM Sunday. All are invited. See the fliers in the vestibule of the church for more information.

### TOWER REPAIR FUND

We are happy to have our tower repaired and new louvers installed. We are still asking for donations to complete payment for the project. Please consider supporting our project through your donation. Thank you.

In memory of +Michael Horon: \$50: Brad & Anne Baum, \$50: Robert & Sarah Moser \$40: Peter & Pam Murphy \$20: Emily Balandovich

### HOLY GHOST T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

Anyone wishing to purchase a Holy Ghost t-shirt there are still small/ large/ and xtra large available in the dark blue. T-shirts are \$10.00 and support our Tower Repair Fund. Thank you

### TRICKY TRAY DONATIONS

We will be holding our Annual Tricky Tray Fundraiser on October 16, 2016. We have sent a letter out to all of our parishioners asking for your support of \$50.00 for each family to help us prepare the prizes. The Tricky Tray is one of our major fundraisers and helps us to meet our goal of maintaining our church here in West Easton. Fliers will be available soon to distribute. If anyone is willing to help us solicit prizes from the local businesses please see Fr. Dan or John Drozd after the Liturgies. Thank you.

\$50.00 : Michael Kucynda,\$50 Donna Hale \$75 Steve Jaremchuk

### UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL:TRYZUB August 28, 2016

The Ukrainian American Sports Center at County Line and Lower State rds in Horsham PA invite you to the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Ukrainian Festival from 12:00-8:00PM. A vibrant outdoor summer Concert of Ukrainian Dance Music and Song celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ukraine's independence. Performer for the day: "Voloshky" and "Iskra" Dance ensembles, "Vox Ethnika" and "Living in Song" Ensemble and Chamber Choir. A Ukrainian "zabava" dance will follow the show. Food, BBQ, refreshments baked goods will be available. For more info: 267-664-3857 or [www.tryzub.org](http://www.tryzub.org)

### VISITATION OF THE SICK

The Sick and homebound will be visited with the sacrament of Holy Communion Monday – Wednesday of this week. Fr Dan will call beforehand to set up a time for visitation. Anyone wishing their family member visited please contact the rectory office.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS< SISTERS <AND SEMINARIANS and FOR VOCATIONS TO THE CONSECRATED LIFE>**

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If you wish to join Holy Ghost Church and become a member of our parish family please contact Fr. Dan at the parish rectory to register with us.

**Sacraments of Initiation:** Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion. Classes are required for parents and godparents prior to sacrament. Please contact the parish office

**Marriages:** Couples wishing to be married must be registered in the parish and attending Pre-Cana classes. One year notification is required.

**Anointing of the Sick/Visitation of the Sick:** Anyone wishing to be visited with Holy Communion and/or anointed for healing, please contact Fr. Dan at the parish office.

**Confession:** Regular confession helps us in our journey of faith.

Confessions will be held

Saturday's from 5:15PM-5:45PM Sunday from 10:15AM-10:45AM

### *On the Dormition*

O how did heaven receive her who is greater than heaven? How did she, who had received God, descend into the grave? This truly happened, and she was held by the tomb. It was not after bodily wise that she surpassed heaven. For how can a body measuring three cubits, and continually losing flesh, be compared with the dimensions of heaven? It was rather by grace that she surpassed all height and depth, for that which is divine is incomparable. O sacred and wonderful, holy and worshipful body, ministered to now by angels, standing by in lowly reverence. Demons tremble: men approach with faith, honoring and worshipping her, greeting her with eyes and lips, and drawing down upon themselves abundant blessings. Just as a rich scent sprinkled upon clothes or places, leaves its fragrance even after it has been withdrawn,

so now that holy, undefiled, and divine body, filled with heavenly fragrance, the rich source of grace, is laid in the tomb that it may be translated to a higher and better place. Nor did she leave the grave empty; her body imparted to it a divine fragrance, a source of healing, and of all good for those who approach it with faith.

Watch over us, O Queen, the dwelling-place of our Lord. Lead and govern all our ways as you will. Save us from our sins. Lead us into the calm harbor of the divine will. Make us worthy of future happiness through the sweet and face-to-face vision of the Word made flesh through you. With Him, glory, praise, power, and majesty be to the Father and to the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*St. John of Damascus*

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