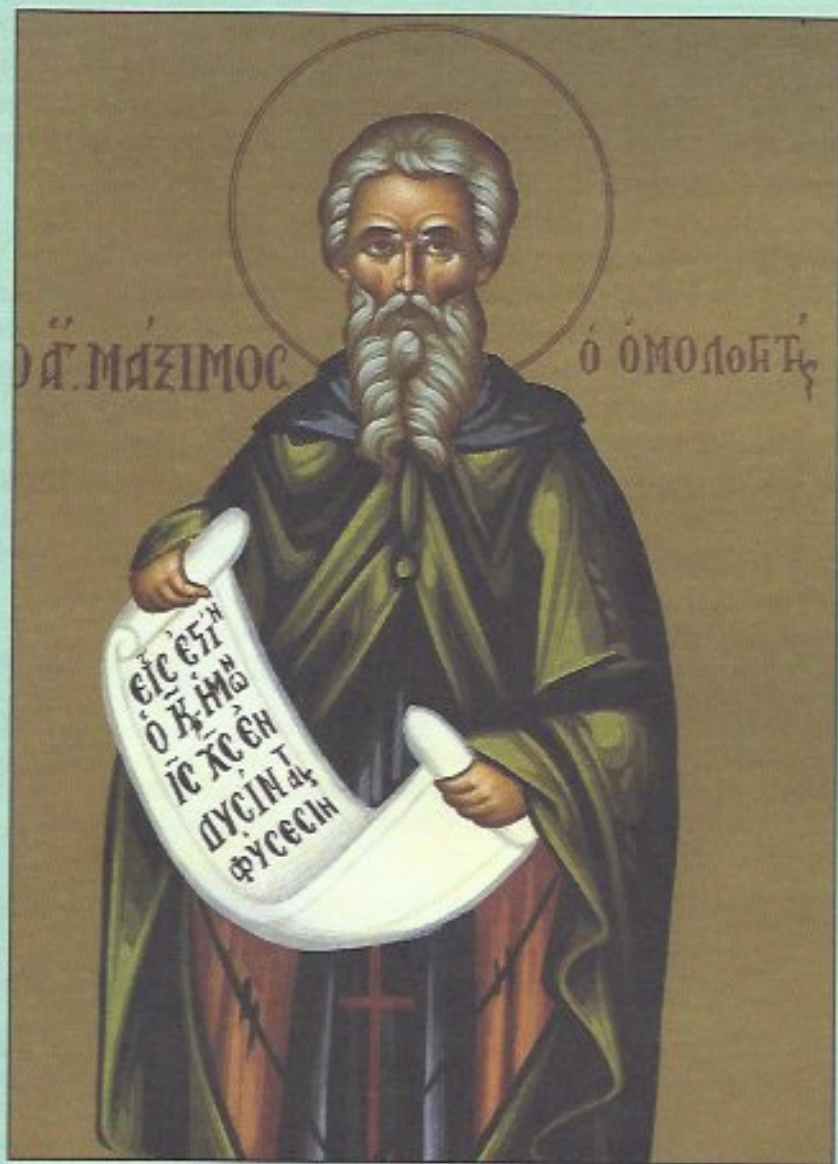


TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Icon of Saint Maximos the Confessor — August 13th

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August 13-20, 2017

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor 4: 9-16

Gospel: Matthew 17:14-21

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) 50th Wedding Anniversary Intention: Barry & Joann Fulmer : Children and grandchildren

10th Sunday After Pentecost : August 13, 2017

9:00AM(Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM (English) +Michael Horon- Julia Kreisher

All Daily Divine Liturgies celebrated at 9:00AM unless otherwise scheduled.

MONDAY Health of Olga Trusz- Stefania Trusz

TUESDAY 5:30PM FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

Sacraments of Initiation: Caitlin Ava Maloney

And Liam Sean Maloney

*Blessing of Flowers for the feast of the Falling Asleep of the Mother of God
After the Divine Liturgy*

WEDNESDAY No Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY No Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY Health of Paul Ridilla – Dan & Loretta Bodnar

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) +Margaret Hutnik – Judy Palinkas

11th Sunday after Pentecost: August 20, 2017

9:00AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM (English) +Edward & Catherine Herman – Children

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Donation of Fruit for Transfiguration: Ted Veresink

Eternal Light & Altar Candles: Health of Paul Ridilla – Dan & Loretta Bodnar

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

Helen & Betty Terleski	Paul Ridilla	Catherine Kutzler	Olga Turczyn
Mae Kulczycki	Sophie Troyan	William Peters	Iryna Stefurak
Melvane Thatcher	Loretta Bodnar	Richard Suter	Harold Osmun
Olga Bryksa	Julian Trusz	Michael Sidlar	Weston Loxley
Joseph Bodnar	Lillian Opp	Frank & Betty Maitski	Sarah Shanks
Kim Lightcap	Gregory & Dot Neff	Stephen Terleski	Fr Mark Fesniak
Margaret Dashe	Helen Potak	Anna Drozd	Olga Trusz
Mary Heverling	Frieda Lubosky	Barbara Hacker	Fr. David Clooney

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
POSTFEAST OF THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

Troparion (1):

Though the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers guarded Your immaculate body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of Mankind!

Troparion (7):

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, revealing as much of Your glory to Your disciples as they could behold. Through the prayers of the Mother of God, let Your everlasting light also shine upon us sinners. O Giver of Light, glory be to You. **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever: Amen.**

Kontakion (1):

You arose in glory from the tomb and with Yourself You raised the world. All humanity acclaim You as God, and death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master, and Eve, redeemed now from bondage, cries out for joy: You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all.

Prokimenon (1):

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

Epistle: Reading of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1 Cor 4,9-16)

Brethren: God has exhibited us apostles as the last of all, like people sentenced to death, since we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and human beings alike. We are fools on Christ's account, but you are wise in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clad and roughly treated; we wander about homeless; and we toil, working with our own hands. When ridiculed, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we respond gently. We have become like the world's rubbish, the scum of all, to this very moment. I am writing you this not to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children. Even if you should have countless guides to Christ, yet you do not have many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through his gospel. Therefore, I urge you, be imitators of me.

Alleluia Verses:

Verse God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples under me. Alleluia, Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to his posterity for ever .Alleluia,

Gospel(Mt 17,14-22)

At that time, a man approached Jesus, knelt down before him, and said, "Lord, have pity on my son, for he is a lunatic and suffers severely; often he falls into fire, and often into water. I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him." Jesus said in reply, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long will I be with you? How long will I endure you? Bring him here to me." Jesus rebuked him and the demon came out of him, and from that hour the boy was cured. Then the disciples approached Jesus in private and said, "Why could we not drive it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."

It is truly right... (Or the Hirmos of the Feast):

O my soul, extol the Lord transfigured on Mount Tabor.

You gave birth without blemish; for it was God Who came forth from your womb, appearing in the flesh upon the earth and dwelling among us. Therefore, O Mother of God, we all extol you.

Communion Verse:

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

Let us walk in the light of Your countenance, O Lord. Let us rejoice in Your name forever.

NEW BISHOP NAMED FOR OUR ARCHEPARCHY: Very Rev. Andriy Rabi

Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia is pleased to announce that our newly nominated Auxiliary Bishop Andriy Rabi will be ordained by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk during the Opening Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for the Synod of Bishops to take place on Sunday, September 3rd, 2017 in St. George Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Lviv, Ukraine at 11 a.m. Co-consecrators will be Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan of Philadelphia and Bishop David Motiuk, Eparch of Edmonton Eparchy. Our Patriarch generously responded to the suggestion to conduct the episcopal ordination in the city and country of the Bishop-Elect's native birth, where his parents, brother and family reside. It highlights his being rooted strongly in the cultures and traditions of both Ukraine and USA., a special gift for our Ukrainian Catholic Church. The newly ordained Bishop Andriy will then participate in his first meeting of the Synod of Bishops. The newly ordained Bishop Andriy Rabi will be formally welcomed in the Ukrainian Catholic Metropolia of Philadelphia with his celebrating a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia on Sunday, September 24th, 2017 at 3 p.m., followed by a Formal Reception in the Cathedral Hall.

Please pray for our Bishop-Elect Andriy as God's Grace enables him to fulfill his episcopal ministry.

The Dormition of the Mother of God is one of the Great Feasts of the Church, celebrated on August 15. The word "Dormition" is a derivative from the Latin word "dormitio", which means "falling asleep." The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos is the commemoration of the falling asleep, burial, resurrection, and the assumption of the Mother of God into heaven in the body. (*Theotokos* : Greek term meaning the Mother of God)

Historical Background of the Feast The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos is one of the oldest Marian feasts in the church. The roots of the feast go back to Jerusalem, where the apostles and the Christians of Jerusalem honored and kept alive the memory of the falling asleep of the Theotokos. Consequently, quickly, her empty tomb, in Gethsemane, became a destination for pilgrims from Jerusalem and the surrounding neighborhoods. After the dogmatization of the doctrine of the Divine Motherhood of the Virgin Mary in the third Ecumenical Council of Ephesus (431), the commemoration of the falling asleep of the Theotokos became more popular amongst Christians in the vast majority of the Christian world. In the late sixth century, in the year 588, the Emperor Maurice officially adopted the commemoration of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos into the liturgical calendar in the entire Byzantine Empire, and commanded that it be celebrated on August 15. The main source of the narrative of the feast of the Dormition is based on the oral and written Tradition of the church, which include: the writings of Saints Dionysios the Areopagite, John the Damascene and Andrew of Crete; the hymnography and iconography of the Church, in addition to an apocryphal narrative of the feast by Saint John the Theologian. According to the Orthodox Tradition, the Virgin Mary lived after Pentecost in the house of the Apostle John in Jerusalem. As the Mother of the Lord, she became the source of encouragement and help for the Apostles and all Christians. On the day of her death, even though the apostles were scattered throughout the world, they were miraculously transported to be at her side. Exceptionally, the Apostle Thomas did not arrive on time to bid his final farewell to the Theotokos. While the Apostles were singing hymns in honor of the Mother of God, they saw a vision showing Christ, accompanied by Angels and Saints, coming to escort the soul of His Most Holy Mother into heaven. With songs of praises, the Apostles carried the body of the most pure Theotokos to the grave in Gethsemane to be buried near her parents. At Gethsemane, the disciples gathered and remained around her tomb and kept a vigil for three days. On the Third day, the Apostle Thomas arrived and asked to view for the last time the Most Holy Mother of God. When the Apostles opened the grave of the Theotokos, her body was not there. The Apostles realized then that she was taken into heaven in the body to be reunited with her soul. **Conclusion** The Dormition of the Theotokos is a confirmation of the resurrection of Christ and a source of hope for the faithful in the promise of their personal resurrection, their personal Pascha. The death of the Theotokos and her translation into heaven confirms the divine promise of Christ to His faithful children that they will enjoy life eternal in everlasting communion with God. What a paradox! While this Feast is called the "Falling Asleep of the Theotokos," it is in reality a

celebration of her life and victory over death. It is a celebration of her "Passover" from this life into life eternal. It is a celebration of the confirmation of the promise of our own resurrection in Christ. Amen!

Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

August 15

+ Above Christ, the gates of heaven stand open, ready to receive the Theotokos.



+ Christ holds the soul of the Theotokos, shown as a small, swaddled child.



+ He cradles her child-like soul in a way that reminds us of the Panagia holding Him as a child.

+ To be a "God-bearer," to carry the Word of God within us in this life, is the calling of all Christians.

+ The "reward" for this in this life is suffering at the hands of God's enemies, but our hope is that in the next life, God will bear our soul into His own hands and carry us into eternity.

+ The icon shows the Theotokos on her deathbed surrounded by the Apostles.

+ On the left side, the Apostle Paul bows low in honor of her.

+ On the right side, the Apostle Peter caresses the body of the Theotokos.

+ The posture of the Apostles direct attention towards her.



+ Holy Tradition tells us that at the time of the falling asleep of the Theotokos, the Apostles were abroad, preaching the Gospel throughout the world.

+ All but Thomas were mystically transported to her bedside.

+ Thomas did arrive on the third day, after her burial, but when he was brought to her tomb to venerate her body, the tomb was empty.

+ Church Tradition states that she was bodily resurrected and taken to heaven, as will all the righteous on Judgment Day.

+ The Panagia died as all people do because all of humanity is effected by this world's corruption.

+ Having truly died, she was raised by her Son as the "Mother of Life" and already participates in the eternal life of paradise.

+ The icon and the feast of the Dormition remind us that this same paradise is promised to all who "hear the word of God and keep it" (Luke 11:27-28).

+ We celebrate the fact that what happens to the "Mother of God" will happen to all who imitate her holy life of humility, obedience and love.



Panagia Greek title referring to the Mother of God : The All holy One (Female)

FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD: August 15, 2017 The Feast will be celebrated with the Divine Liturgy on Tuesday August 15 at 5:30PM. There will be the blessing of flowers after the service in commemoration of the falling asleep of the Mother of God .

THE CHAPEL SCHEDULE

- Alcoholics Anonymous Every Monday at 7:00AM there is a meeting of AA .
- Ukrainian American Veterans Post 42 meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00PM for their business & Post meeting.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

.We offer our love and congratulations to Barry & Joann Fulmer as they celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary with their children and grandchildren and church family this weekend. Their love and devotion to family unites them all in celebration of life and faith. May God grant them many more healthy happy years! MNOHAYA LITA!

TRICKY TRAY

Our Annual Tricky Tray Fundraiser will be held on October 15, 2017 in the parish hall. Preparations are made all year to make this one of the best Tricky Trays in the area. We are again asking for your support for the Tricky Tray through your donation of \$50 per family. . Please help us achieve our goal again.

We need some volunteers to go to some local businesses seeking donations. There are letters of introduction and a list of local businesses to solicit. If you would be able to take 5 letters and 5 businesses, it would be a great help to us. Please see Joann Fulmer, John Drozd or Ruth Hutnik in the vestibule of the church. Thank you.

CENTRALIA PILGRIMAGE: ASSUMPTION CHURCH

There will be a Pilgrimage Sunday August 27 at Assumption Church in Centralia PA from 12:00-6:00PM. There will be a Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Stefan at 12:00noon. The Living Rosary will be held at 2:00PM in the presence of the 18th Century copy of Our Lady of Pochaiv. 3:00PM there will be the Akafist to the Mother of God. 4:30PM there will be a candlelight procession to the church with a Moleben to the Mother of God. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

WELCOME

We will be welcoming into the faith, Caitlin and Liam Maloney, the children of Sean & Barbara (Suter) Maloney, through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist this Tuesday on the feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God at 5:30PM. We ask God's blessings upon them and their family and wish them many healthy happy years in the fullness of faith in the Catholic Church. May God grant them many healthy happy blessed years! MNOHAYA LITA!

The Archeparchial Wedding Anniversary Celebration has been postponed in order to celebrate the Divine Liturgy with the newly consecrated Auxiliary Bishop on September 24, 2017 at our Cathedral.

On Tuesday, August 8th, 2017, His Holiness, Pope Francis appointed **Very Rev. Andriy Rabyi as Auxiliary Bishop for the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.**

Very Rev. Andriy Rabyi currently serves as Vicar General and as Vice-Chancellor for the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy, and as a Dean of the Lehigh-Schuylkill Deanery, PA. He is also a member of the College of Consultors, the Archieparchial Finance Advisory Council, the Presbyteral Council, the Archieparchial Administrative Council and Administrative Board at the Pennsylvania Conference of Bishops. He was born in the Zymna Voda region of Lviv Ukraine on October 1, 1975. He entered the Ivano Frankivsk Seminary. In 1994 he moved to the United States and completed his Seminary Studies earned a Master of Divinity Cum Laude in 2002. He was Ordained a priest in December 2001 by Archbishop Stefan Soroka. In 2008 he completed studies for a Licentiate in Canon Law. He is presently pastor of Nativity of the BVM Church in Reading PA. May God grant him Many healthy happy years!



MNOHAYA LITA VLADYKO!

The Lord's Love of Sinners

God's will is to save us, and nothing pleases Him more than our coming back to Him with true repentance. ... It was precisely in order to show that there is nothing closer to God's heart than the divine Word of God...lived among us in the flesh, and did, suffered, and said all that was necessary to reconcile us to God the Father, when we were at enmity with Him. ... He also taught us in many different ways that we should wish to imitate Him by our own kindness and genuine love for one another.

So it was that Christ proclaimed that He had come to call sinners to repentance, not the righteous, and that it was not the healthy who required a doctor, but the sick. ... To give the same lesson He revived the man who, having fallen into the hands of the brigands, had been left stripped and half-dead from his wounds; he poured wine and oil on the wounds, bandaged them, placed the man on his own mule and brought him to an inn, where he left sufficient money to have him cared for, and promised to repay any further expense on his return.

Again, He told of how that Father, who is goodness itself, was moved with pity for his profligate son who returned and made amends by repentance; how he embraced him, dressed him once more in the fine garments that befitted his own dignity, and did not reproach him for any of his sins.

So too, when He found wandering in the mountains and hills the one sheep that had strayed from God's flock of a hundred, He brought it back to the fold, but He did not exhaust it by driving it ahead of Him. Instead, He placed it on His own shoulders and so, compassionately, He restored it safely to the flock.

Accept my yoke, He said, by which He meant His commands, or rather, the whole way of life that He taught us in the Gospel. He then speaks of a burden, but that is only because repentance seems difficult. In fact, however, my yoke is easy, He assures us, and my burden is light.

St. Maximos the Confessor

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