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Sunday	Aug 15	<i>8th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 8 / Dormition of the Mother of God</i>
		9:30 am Divine Liturgy Welcome Home Dinner
Wednesday	Aug 18	<i>Eve of Martyr Andrew Stratelates</i>
		4:30 pm Confession
		6:30 pm Vespers Liturgy
Saturday	Aug 21	<i>Afterfeast of Dormition</i>
		4:00 pm Confession
		5:30 pm Great Vespers
Sunday	Aug 22	<i>9th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 1 / Afterfeast of Dormition</i>
		Readings: 1 Cor 3:9-17, Rom 6:3-11 Matt 14:22-34, Matt 28:16-20
		9:30 am Divine Liturgy Kucmanic Baptism Reception

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / Aug 8

Attendance	93
Operating	\$1,792.00
OCA Assessments	73.00
Maintenance	25.00
Icons	25.00
Uganda	100.00
Charities	80.00
Wi Fi	75.00

COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, Aug 19 at 6:30 pm.

UGANDA FUNDRAISER

On Behalf of Peter & Sharon and those of us who planned "A Good Night for a Good Cause," we would like to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts! Thank you to: The 32 people who donated items for the 84 baskets that were auctioned off. Those who brought in food. Those who came & those who invited others! We had a record 75 people in attendance this year and many new faces from both our parish and outside! This was our best year yet, raising \$3,958!

To put that into perspective, \$3900 can pay for school fees, school uniforms, lunches, shoes & socks, School supplies, books, & medical care for: 13 primary students -or- 5 secondary students + 1 primary student -or- 1 Vocational student, 1 University student, and 2 primary students for a year.

Thank you so very much!

SUMMER CONFESSION NOTE

Afternoon hours and the time before Vespers will end at the end of August. Please approach if you have not done so already.

ST JAMES SOUP KITCHEN

Saturday, Aug 28 beginning at 10:00 am. Please let Kurt Hardman know if you can help.

PRAYER CORNER + + + + +

Perry (Capitan), Sbdcn Leonard, Ted Geletka, Julian, John Clements, Sarah Crivella, Joella (LuAnn D's dghtr), Dr Mike Soroka, our Parish Faithful, the Furman family, Marie Gaydos (Maryann S' csn), Tim Price, Francis James (Anna D's frnd), Kim H (Maryann S's friend), Paris Santone (Debbie C's nephew), Bob Joss, suffering Christians in the Middle East.

Anniversaries: Peter & Sharon Georges (8/16), Greg & Diane Kochan (8/18).

Birthdays: Cindy Banjoff (8/16), Adam Chongris (8/17), Galina Povozahev (8/20).

Expecting: Brad & Katie (Clements frnds), Ryan & Jessica, Bobby & Juliana, Brian & Katya, Greg & Grace.

Newborns: Jackson (John & Michelle), Alina (David & Maria).

Newly Departed: John (Adam C's uncle 8/14), Valentine (Fr A's frnd. 8/5), Fr Leonid (Longtime OCA Church Ambassador 8/3), Sotire (Adam C's uncle, 8/5), Gerry 7/12, Alda 7/25, (Maureen M's frnds).

The Dormition of the Mother of God

The Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God is celebrated on August 15. Through her womb, heaven and earth were joined together. Through her, all mankind has been reborn. Her death and burial show us the completion of God's plan for all mankind. The Feast celebrates the Mother of God as the Mother of Life.

In powerful imagery and poetic verse, the Matin Hymns of the Feast relate this mystery:

At the all-powerful command, the assembly of the Apostles from the ends of the earth, and the multitude of Angels from on high made haste to Zion, there to minister in fitting manner at your burial, O Lady.

The gates of heaven were opened wide and the Angels sang as Christ received the virgin-treasure of His own Mother. Cherubim withdrew before you in your exultation while Seraphim glorified you in your joy.

We remember the death and burial of the Mother of God, and we celebrate her resurrection and ascension.

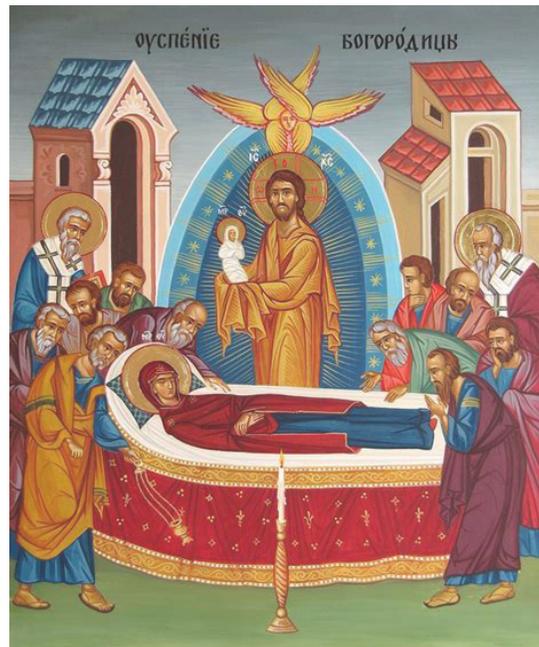
The Icon of the Dormition represents the Virgin lying on her deathbed, surrounded by the Apostles, with Christ in glory receiving her soul. Into His arms. All hints of black sorrow are over-

come by a certain colorful sobriety. This mood is explained in the words of the Kontakion of the Feast:

The grave and death did not detain the Mother of God who prays perpetually, and is our unfailing hope in her intercession; for He Who dwelt in the womb of the Ever-virgin transferred to life the Mother of Life.

We behold in this Icon the "Mother of Life" being transferred to life by her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Since she is the Mother of God, it was right that He Who dwelt in the womb of the Ever-virgin should take her to Himself in her falling asleep.

The Apostles are painted surrounding the Mother of God. Behind them is the figure of Christ. He holds in His left arm a small child clothed in white garments and crowned with a halo. This is the luminous soul of Mary which He receives at the moment of death. The multitude of Angels present at the Dormition forms an outer border around Christ. Also present are the six-winged Seraphim. The Icon of the Dormition gives us a picture of Christian death. We find our salvation in Jesus Christ Who raises to life all who believe in Him.



TROPARION

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!