

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

9TH Sunday After Pentecost, August 14, 2011

9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
 11:00 AM Lit. Special Intention Irene & Emil Dochych
 r/by Ed & Alice Gregory

Monday, August 15, 2011**Dormition of the Theotokos (Assumption)**

9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
 7:00 PM Lit. + Eudokia Zenchuk r/by Daughter, Helen

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

8:00 AM Lit. + Arthur Kara - Legate

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

8:00 AM Lit. + Helen Weniger - Legate

Thursday, August 18, 2011

8:00 AM Lit. + Peter Patskanick r/by John & Ann Redus

Friday, August 19, 2011

8:00 AM Lit. + Mytro Fedun r/by Daughter, Virginia

Saturday, August 20, 2011

8:00 AM Lit. + Deceased Family Members
 r/by Lyubov Kolotushkina

5:00 PM Lit. + Joseph Zulin r/by Zambrowski Family

10th Sunday After Pentecost, August 21, 2011

Epistle - 1 Cor. 4:9-16, Gospel - Mt 17:14-23

9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
 11:00 AM Lit. + Joseph Kaczmar r/by Wife and 3 Gems

Epistle Readers, 11:00 a.m. Liturgy:

Kenneth Bialkowski	8/14/11
Kathy Lis	8/21/11
Peter Baralecki	8/28/11
Nancy Bialkowski	9/4/11
Joan Zaleski	9/11/11

August Pyrohy Sale

If you wish to place an order please use the order sheets in the church vestibule. Potato pyrohy will be sold on Aug. 18 and 21, sauerkraut pyrohy will be sold on Aug. 25 and 28. Please see the order sheets for details!

Holy Dormition Pilgrimage

The 57th HOLY DORMITION (ASSUMPTION) PILGRIMAGE will be held at St. Mary's Villa, Sloatsburg, NY, sponsored by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, honoring the Mother of God on Saturday and Sunday, August 13-14. For more information please see the flyer in the vestibule and at the side entrance of the Church.

Annual Frackville-Maizeville Picnic

Food and live dance music will be featured at the Annual Picnic which will be held Saturday, August 20, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, August 21, from 12 noon to 8 p.m., at St. John's Picnic Grove on Main Street (Route 54) in Maizeville. Saturday dance music will be provided by *The Pennsylvania Good Times*, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday dance music will be provided by *The Pennsylvania Villagers* from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Admission and parking are free and the picnic is held rain or shine. Ethnic foods, as well as open fire kettle bean soup will be sold. Homemade desserts, hand-dipped ice cream, theme baskets, beverages, games will also be available. St. John's Picnic Grove is located on Main Street in Gilberton approximately one mile west of the Gilberton exit off of Route 924.

Church Organizations

Please submit in writing, or by email, to the rectory, a schedule of meeting dates and any event information for the calendar for the month of September no later than August 23.

Holy Day of Obligation

The Feast of the Dormition (Assumption) of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patron of our parish, falls on Monday, August 15. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Myrovannia will follow each Liturgy.

**Blessing of Flowers**

In keeping with the beautiful Ukrainian tradition, flowers will be blessed on the Feast of the Assumption following each liturgy. Bring your flowers and place them on the side altar under the icon of the Blessed Mother before the Liturgy

Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God

The Feast of the Dormition or Falling Asleep of the Mother of God commemorates the death, resurrection, and glorification of Christ's mother.

By promulgating the Bull *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1 November, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared infallibly that the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was a dogma of the Catholic Faith. Likewise, the Second Vatican Council taught in the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium* that "the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things.

As with the Nativity of the Virgin (September 8) and the feast of her Entrance to the Temple (November 21), the Feast of the Assumption also comes from the Tradition of the Church. There we learn that Mary died as all people die because she had a mortal human nature affected by the corruption of this world. The Church proclaims that Mary needed to be saved by Christ just as all of us are saved from trials, sufferings, and death of this world. Having truly died, she was raised by her Son as the "Mother of Life" and already participates in the eternal life of paradise which is prepared and promised to all who "hear the word of God and keep it." (Luke 11:27-28) Finally, we celebrate the fact that what happens to Mary happens to all who imitate her holy life of humility, obedience and love.

It is important to remember that there are no relics of the Mother of God. Their existence has never been mentioned throughout history. At one time in Constantinople there was a center of pilgrimage where the belt and veil of the Virgin were venerated.

From the Tradition of the Church

Following the day of Pentecost, the Mother of God remained in the city of Jerusalem, comforting the infant Christian community. She was living in the house of the beloved Apostle John, later the Evangelist. At the time of her death (tradition states she was in her early fifties) many of the Apostles were scattered throughout the world preaching the Gospel. All but Thomas were miraculously brought to the Virgin aloft on clouds.

As they stood around her bedside, she commended her spirit to the Lord and Jesus descended from Heaven, taking up her soul in His arms. The Apostles sang the funeral hymns in her honor and carried her body to a tomb in Cedron near Gethsemane. When a Jewish man tried to interrupt their solemn procession, an angel of the Lord came and punished him by cutting off his hands, which were later healed.

The Apostle Thomas arrived on the third day and wished to see the Virgin for the last time. They discovered an empty tomb. Church tradition relates that the Mother of God was resurrected bodily and taken to heaven, the same reward that awaits all the righteous on the Last Day.