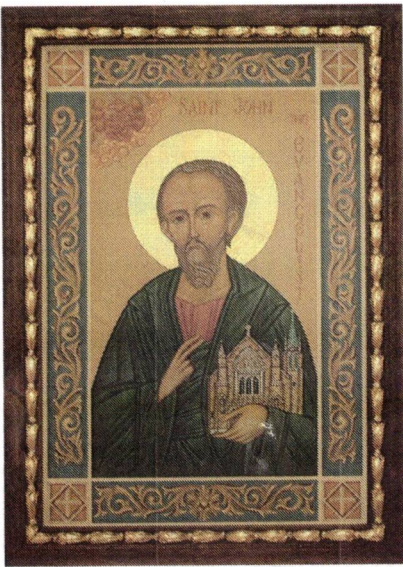


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***Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23)
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where each person voluntarily belongs as one who believes in and belongs to Christ .***

We take this opportunity to welcome those guests worshiping with us.

Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer, please contact Fr. Seraphim

The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshiping community that shares in "one body...one faith". (Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and then to take a piece of the blessed bread.

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DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025

TONE 1 / EOTHINON 10; TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & TENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

AFTER-FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Hieromartyr Myron of Kyzikos; the righteous siblings Eutychios,
Eutychian, and Kassiane of Crete

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Shout with joy to God, all the earth, give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His Name.
Declare His works among the nations.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

In the city of our God, in His holy mountain, His place hath been made in peace, and
His dwelling in Zion. ***(Refrain)***

Glory... Both now... ***(Refrain)***

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling of Jacob. Glorious things
are spoken of thee, O city of God.

***Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee:
Alleluia.***

God hath laid her foundation unto eternity. We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in
the midst of Thy people. ***(Refrain)***

The most-high hath hallowed His tabernacle. ***(Refrain)***

Glory... Both now... ***O, only begotten Son and Word of God...***

THE THIRD ANTIPHON (READ)

Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory. What
shall I render to the Lord for all that He hath given me? I will receive the cup of salva-
tion, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Chant the Apolytikion of the Dormition.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE ONE

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!

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

O beloved Apostle of Christ God, Come quick and save a people with no recourse. He who let you rest your head on his breast. Will not reject your pleas on our behalf. Beseech Him then, O wise and holy Theologian, Dispel from us the dark and ominous clouds of disbelief. Grant us his peace and great mercy.

KONTAKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE TWO

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!

THE EPISTLE

(For the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Tenth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:14-23)

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day."

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THE SYNAXARION

On August 17 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, and we commemorate the holy Hieromartyr Myron the Presbyter of Kyzikos.

Verses

*What care I for the severing of my head, saith Myron,
In compare of the very precious crown soon to crown me?
On the seventeenth, a keen sword cut Myron down.*

Myron was a priest in the town of Achaia of wealthy and prominent origin and by nature was kind and meek, both a lover of God and of man. During the reign of Emperor Decius and, on the Feast of the Nativity of Christ, pagans charged into the church, dragged Myron out from the service and subjected him to torture. While in the fire, an angel appeared to Myron and encouraged him. After that, torturers began to cut his skin in strips. The martyr grabbed one strip of his skin and, with it, struck the torturer—the judge—on the face. The judge Antipater, as though possessed, took a sword and killed himself. Finally, torturers took Myron to the city of Kyzikos and there slew him with the sword in 250, and he entered into the Heavenly Kingdom.

On this day, we also commemorate the righteous siblings Eutychios, Eutychian, and Kassiane of Crete.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER SERVICES

ANNOUNCEMENT: FROM MAY 1ST THROUGH AUGUST 30TH

WE WILL NOT BE HAVING SATURDAY GREAT VESPERS.

(FR. SERAPHIM has too many Saturday's away.)

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AUGUST 17TH SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

AUGUST 24TH SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

AUGUST 31ST SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

SEPT. 3RD WEDNESDAY — SMALL COMPLINE @ 6PM followed by

Light meal and Study Session 7-8 PM

SEPT. 6TH SATURDAY — GREAT VESPERS— 5PM

SEPT. 7TH SUNDAY — SUNDAY BEFORE THE CROSS

MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

SEPT. 10TH WEDNESDAY — SMALL COMPLINE @ 6PM followed by

Light meal and Study Session 7-8 PM

SEPT. 13th SATURDAY — GREAT VESPERS — 5PM

SEPT. 14TH SUNDAY — ELEVATION OF THE CROSS

MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

SEPT. 17TH WEDNESDAY — SMALL COMPLINE @ 6PM followed by

Light meal and Study Session 7-8 PM

SEPT. 20TH SATURDAY — Community Breakfast 8:30—10:30 AM

GREAT VESPERS— 5PM

SEPT. 21ST SUNDAY — MATINS 9 AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF:

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Carol, Debbie, Trish, Shannon, Justin,
Perry Sassic & family, Roddy, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Cindi,
Harriet, Joann, Cindy, Ray, Marlene, Julianna, Elias, Margaret, Carrie,
Lori, Oliver, Pauline, Despina, Julius, John, and Bonnie.

Welcome to our newest members: Connor, Mira, Asher, Benjamin

**FOR THOU ARE THE RESSURECTION, THE LIFE, AND THE REPOSE OF THY
SERVANTS WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP ESPECIALLY:**

Prayers are offered in memory of

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“If your desire is that I should be at rest in your knowledge, I shall not re-
fuse. If it is that I should experience temptations so as to learn humility,
again I am with Thee. Without these I could not have come into existence
from non-existence. Without Thee, I cannot live or be saved.”
(St John of Damascus)

FUTURE OF PARISH LIFE CONFERENCES SURVEY

MESSAGE FROM MARY BONNICI—Chair of the Eastern Dioceses Ministry Council: IT is my firm belief that all activities we undertake (from hosting coffee hour to Parish Life Conferences) should be to the Glory of God, the building up of Christ’s Church and the spread of Holy Orthodoxy. For many years, there has been an on-going discussion regarding whether changes could be made to enhance the experience of Parish Life Conferences (or whether they are outdated endeavour of current time and should be retired). We are seeking your input and views on this matter through a 5 minute survey. A flyer has been provided in your bulletin for your responses. **PLEASE RESPOND BY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH.**

Direct Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WZQC2GC>
What’s a PLC? Watch this 2 min.YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/ooqNMZS6kJE>

THE FALLING ASLEEP OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

In the Apostolic Church, the Most Holy Virgin Mary was treated with great reverence and respect. It is said Christians came from all over the world to hear her speak about the wondrous events she experienced in her life and her intimate knowledge of the teachings of her Divine Son. Have you ever wondered what she was like? Drawing on information passed down from other early saints, Ambrose of Milan has this to say about the Theotokos: "She was humble in heart and full of wisdom. Her rule of life was to offend no one, to intend good for everyone and to be virtuous in all she did. Her steps were quiet and her voice straightforward, so that her face was an expression of her soul. She was the personification of purity."

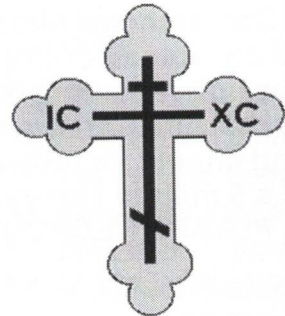
Nicephorus Callistus, a 14th century church historian, describes the physical appearance of the Mother of God in this manner: "She was of average stature, with golden hair. Her eyes were bright and her face was marked with great character. She was not overly concerned with her outward appearance, nor did she pamper herself. A special grace surrounded all of her actions."

Although there are no scriptural details chronicling her death, accounts of her last days on this earth have been handed down to us from the writings of saints such as Dionysius the Areopagite and Meliton of Sardis. At the end, the Holy Spirit gathered together in Jerusalem all the Apostles (except Thomas) so that she could give them one final blessing and so that they could be privileged to witness her burial. Her Dormition occurred at the Third Hour (9 AM). Tradition tells us she had a vision of her Son shining brilliantly in her chamber, after which she uttered her last words - words that had guided her life from the moment the Archangel Gabriel appeared to her and announced that God had special plans for her: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

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