

The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary (August 15)

“According to Tradition, based on the words of the Hieromartyrs Dionysius the Areopagite (October 3) and Ignatius the God-Bearer (December 20), Saint Ambrose of Milan (December 7) had occasion to write in his work “On Virgins” concerning the Mother of God: “She was a Virgin not only in body, but also in soul, humble of heart, circumspect in word, wise in mind, not overly given to speaking, a lover of reading and of work, and prudent in speech. Her rule of life was to offend no one, to intend good for everyone, to respect the aged, not envy others, avoid bragging, be healthy of mind, and to love virtue.



“When did She ever hurl the least insult in the face of Her parents? When was She at discord with Her kin? When did She ever puff up with pride before a modest person, or laugh at the weak, or shun the destitute? With Her there was nothing of glaring eyes, nothing of unseemly words, nor of improper conduct. She was modest in the movement of Her body, Her step was quiet, and Her voice straightforward; so that Her face was an expression of soul. She was the personification of purity.

“All Her days She was concerned with fasting: She slept only when necessary, and even then, when Her body was at rest, She was still alert in spirit, repeating in Her dreams what She had read, or the implementation of proposed intentions, or those planned yet anew. She was out of Her house only for church, and then only in the company of relatives. Otherwise, She seldom appeared outside Her house in the company of others, and She was Her own best overseer. Others could protect Her only in body, but She Herself guarded Her character. ...

The circumstances of the Dormition of the Mother of God were known in the Orthodox Church from apostolic times. Already in the first century, the Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite wrote about Her “Falling-Asleep.” In the second century, the account of the bodily ascent of the Most Holy Virgin Mary to Heaven is found in the works of Meliton, Bishop of Sardis. In the fourth century, Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus refers to the tradition about the “Falling Asleep” of the Mother of God. In the fifth century, Saint Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem, told the holy Byzantine Empress Pulcheria: “Although there is no account of the circumstances of Her death in Holy Scripture, we know about them from the most ancient and credible Tradition.” This tradition was gathered and expounded in the Church History of Nicephorus Callistus during the fourteenth century.”

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August 9, 2020

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

COMMEMORATIONS:

AFTERFEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
THE HOLY APOSTLE MATTHIAS
ANTHONY THE MARTYR OF ALEXANDRIA
CONSTANTINE, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE
EUTHYMOS THE HIEROMARTYR, METROPOLITAN OF
RHODES
TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF VENERABLE HERMAN
OF ALASKA, WONDERWORKER OF AMERICA

Tone 8 - Eothinon 9

Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:19-31

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 14:22-34

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 8 - From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to Thee!

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION - Tone 7 - When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.
Baptismal LITURGY 10 a.m.
(Chavchanidze – Many blessed years!)
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

This Week:	Next Week (Aug 16):
PROSPHORA BREAD: Carolyn Kaminsky	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala
USHERS: Rdr. Jordan & Dan M.	Steve K. Sdn. John N.
ALTAR CANDLES: ----	----
ALTAR BOYS: "Archangel Michael"	"Archangel Gabriel"
CLEANING TEAM: Serge, Alex & Sarah Kaminsky	Nathan & Rebecca w/ Teens

Mark Your Calendar:

Saturday Liturgies in August

Masks required

Young Saints Club

Fridays, 10am-12:30pm
Starting July 10

Dormition Fast - August 1-14

Daily Paraklesis
Holy Unction, Aug 12, 4 pm

Feast of the Dormition

Friday, August 14
Vespers & Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 15
Orthros 9 am, Baptismal Liturgy 10 am
Blessing of Herbs & Flowers

Behheading of the Forerunner

Friday, August 28
Vespers 7 pm
Saturday, August 29 - STRICT FAST DAY
Orthros 9 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am

Vigil for Zacharias & Elizabeth

Friday, September 4, starting with
Paraklesis at 6:30 pm

Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Tuesday, September 8

Elevation of the Cross

Monday, September 14

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Newly Illumined Eva Veronica	+Archpriest Joseph +Lida
N.I. Ryan Augustine	+Mat. Linda (D)
N.I. Conor Constantine	+Robert Joseph +Timothy (B)
N.I. Evan John	+Tatiana
N.I. Evelyn Marie	+Michael
Priest Thomas	+Nielus
Priest Ernesto	+Kathy Anne
Hirut	+Nicholas
Kaitlyn & Child in womb	+Irene (D)
Denise (A)	+Emily (H)
Helen (P-N)	+John
Doris & John	
Apr. Gregory & Family	
Larissa & Family	
Kh. Beverly & Family (W)	<u>Catechumens</u> Matthew, Michael, Ryan, Shaun, Tina
Marina & Family	
Sophrony & Family	
Rachel	
James	
Lasha B	
Otari B	Thomas, Elizabeth, Elaine & all Missionaries
Daniel H	
John	
Zerfenesh	
Maximos	New & Expectant
Luke	Mothers & children
Apostoli	
Peter	
Peter	For the repentance, healing & unity of our country

All who are suffering,
serving and rebuilding
from the pandemic

For the
repentance,
healing &
unity of our
country

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$159. Collections, \$329. Youth, \$3. Naomi's retirement, \$60. Camera Project, \$120. Olive oil, \$100. Stewardship, \$3,010. Total received: \$3,781.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a special offering **Classic Olive Oil** to be left under the icon of St. Thekla. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

This Week:

DORMITION FAST CONTINUES ...

Paraklesis (or Vespers) daily, 6:30 p.m.

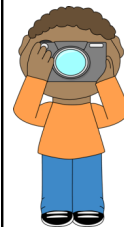
- Monday, Aug 10:** 6th Hour, 12 noon
- Tuesday, Aug 11:** 6th Hour, 12 noon
- Wednesday, Aug 12:** 6th Hour, 12 noon
Holy Unction, 4 pm (Fast & Confession)
- Thursday, Aug 13:** 6th Hour, 12 noon
- Friday, Aug 14:** 6th Hour, 12 noon
Vespers, Artoklasia, Lamentations, and
Blessing of Herbs & Flowers for
Dormition, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug 15:** FEAST OF THE DORMITION
Orthros 9 a.m. & Baptismal Liturgy
(Daniel) (Mask Required), 10 a.m.
Blessing of Herbs & Flowers
VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug 16:** ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY, 10 a.m.
Parish Council, 12:45 p.m.

Ministry Highlights

"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." (1 Peter 4:10)

UPDATING THE Photo Directory

to encourage unity, fellowship, and ministry at St. Philip



Please submit your updated family photo, address, emails, and telephone numbers to: stphilipphotos20@gmail.com.

You may also submit a printed photo for the directory. We will have a section for Stewards, and another for Friends. Have questions?

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