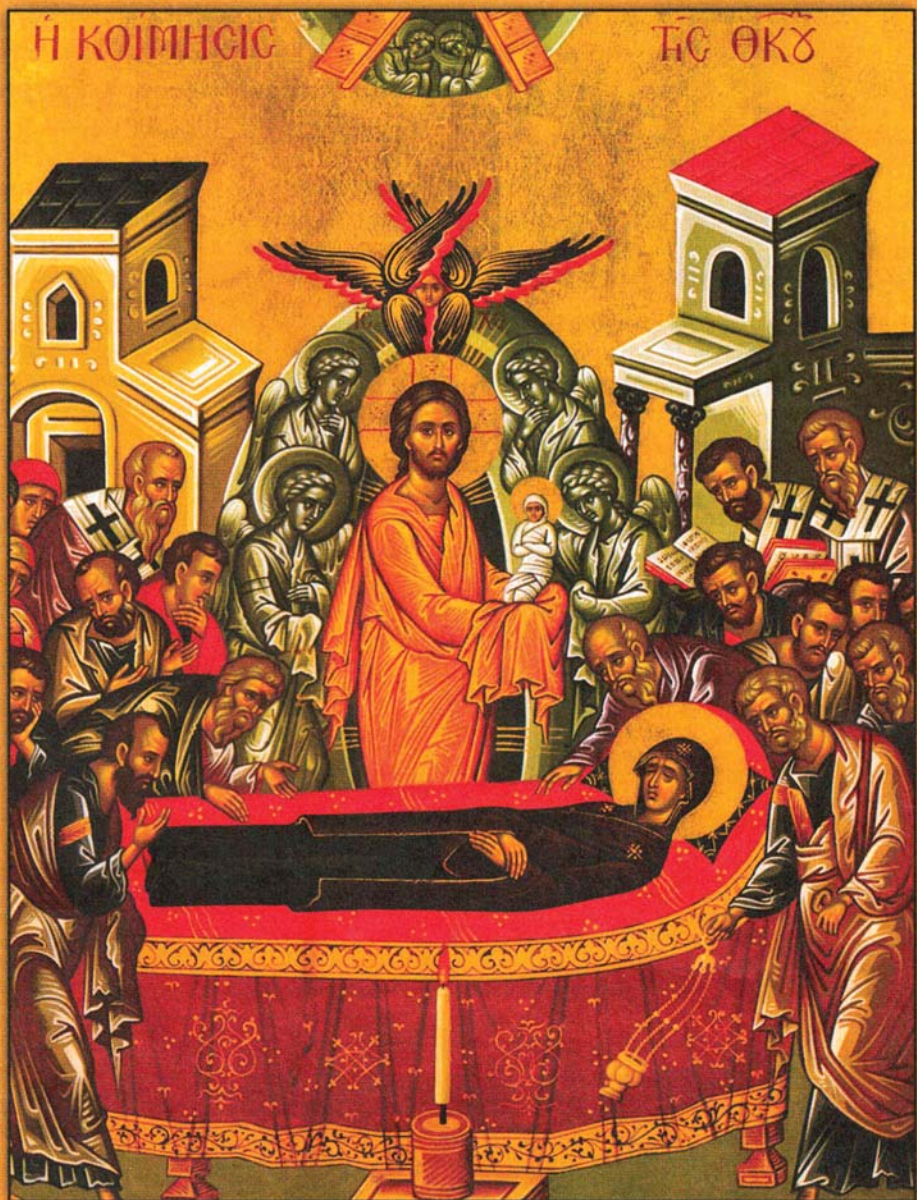


TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS



*Icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos*

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***Explanation to the Emperor***

There is nothing in the holy, inspired Scripture about the death of Mary, the holy Mother of God. But we know from ancient and wholly reliable tradition that at the time she so gloriously fell asleep, all the holy Apostles, who were traveling the world for the salvation of the peoples, were lifted up in a single instant of time and were gathered at Jerusalem; and as they stood by her, they saw a vision of angels, and heard the divine chanting of the higher powers ... Her body, which had been God's dwelling place, was brought for burial amidst the singing of the angels and the Apostles, and laid to rest in a coffin in Gethsemane; and the angelic dancing and singing continued without pause in that place for three days. But after three days, the song of the angels ceased; the Apostles were there, and since one of them, Thomas, had not been present (for her burial and came at the end of three days) and

wished to reverence that body which had housed God, they opened the coffin. And they could not find her body, which had been the object of such praise; all that they found were her burial wrappings. And being overcome by the ineffable fragrance that came out of the wrappings, they closed the coffin again. Amazed by this miraculous discovery, they could only draw a single conclusion: the one Who had deigned to become flesh in her own person, and to take His humanity from her, the one Who willed to be born in human flesh as God the Word, the Lord of glory, and Who had preserved her virginity intact even after childbirth, now chose, after her departure from this world, to honor her immaculate and pure body with the gift of incorruptibility, and with a change of state even before the common, universal resurrection.

*St. Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem*



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## PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Believers!

Caring for the well-being of Patronage Church, and our Mission parishes in Hagerstown and Abingdon, I consider it appropriate to appoint two new trustees and a bookkeeper for Patronage Church, two other trustees and a bookkeeper for Hagerstown, and two trustees and a bookkeeper for Abingdon. We already have separate accounts for both the Hagerstown and Abingdon Missions. More information will be provided in upcoming bulletins.

Fr. Serhii

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## The Patronage of the Mother of God Crab Feast is Back!

**Saturday, September 18, 2021**

Divine Liturgy at 5:00 P.M. Crab Feast Immediately Following

Price: \$30 all you can eat and drink

*Children 12 and under eat free*

**Please bring a side dish or a dessert**

RSVP by September 12th to Dann Karlson at: [ds.karlson@gmail.com](mailto:ds.karlson@gmail.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number Adults & Children over 12 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children under 12 \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to: Patronage Byzantine Catholic Church. You can mail it to the rectory or drop it in the collection basket.*

**NEW EVENT:** We will be having a 50/50 raffle along with **"Baba's Auction!"** We are looking for donations of new items for our auction. Some ideas can be gift cards, a handmade craft, toys, pet items, household items, gardening supplies, plants, crafting supplies, etc. – be creative! **Please bring your donation(s) when you come to the Crab Feast.** Tables will be set up to display your item(s). Tickets, for the 50/50 raffle and auction, will be available at the Crab Feast. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Kotula at: [d.kotula@comcast.net](mailto:d.kotula@comcast.net).

### Patronage Church at Abingdon:

Church of St. Francis (Stone Chapel)  
 1450 Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD 21009  
**Contact:** Deacon Anthony and Theresa Kotlar: 410-734-6973  
**Next Liturgy:** Sunday, August 29th at 3pm

### Patronage Church at Hagerstown:

St. Ann Catholic Church  
 1525 Oak Hill Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742  
**Contact:** Adam and Lauren Myers: 301-791-0930  
**Next Liturgy:** Saturday, August 21st at 10am

### DIVINE LITURGY - PATRONAGE CHURCH

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 8.15.2021	11:00am 11:15am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Keiko Suseck Requested by: The Kotula Family
Tuesday 8.17.2021	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Friday 8.20.2021	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Sunday 8.22.2021	8:45am 9:00am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Dean Helms Requested by: Lisa Guba

This is the **12th Sunday After Pentecost - Dormition of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.**  
 Propers begin on page 181, then 352, Tone 3.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

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## CHILDREN'S CORNER

After we become new creations, we can approach God because our sins are forgiven through Christ. We share this message with others so they also may come to God.

Use the arrow code to find a message.

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\* Reconcile means to be back in favor with someone.

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**EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF) FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM:** We are starting to prepare for the upcoming ECF 2021-2022, academic year and **Fr. Serhii is looking for someone to be the coordinator of the ECF Program.** Please let Fr. Serhii know if you can help. Catechetical Sunday is September 19<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms, for the new school year, can be found on our website under "ECF," or on the book rack in the Narthex. Completed registration forms are due by September 1<sup>st</sup>, and can either be placed in the collection basket, emailed to the church, or mailed to the rectory. ***"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it"* (Proverbs 22:6).**

**PRAYER INTENTIONS – PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Our parishioners, the founders of our parish, our benefactors, those who are sick, those who cannot make it to church, also: Fr. Serhii, and his family, Arlene Duda, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Paul Ruszin, Sr., Georgianna Kostak, Betty Rankin, our first responders, and all service men and women throughout the world.

*May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies,  
grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!*

**CONTRIBUTIONS:** Patronage: 8.8.2021 - \$1,173.00 Hagerstown Mission: 8.7.2021 - \$175.00 While you are traveling over the summer, please do not forget to donate to our church. We continue to serve Liturgies, pray for each and every one of you, and maintain our church. We wish you safe and happy travels! Thank you to those who continue to support our church and for your dedication to our parish. If you would like to make a donation, using our online giving account, please visit our church's website for the Tithely link. **"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work"** (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

**BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST:** We welcome to our parish community Arthur Vilho Miller. He will be Baptized, Confirmed, and receive First Holy Communion after Divine Liturgy today. May God grant Arthur, and his family, peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** We congratulate Loui Villanueva and Addie Lee Gortayo on their marriage engagement. The wedding will be at Patronage Church in January, 2022. God grant Loui and Addie many Blessed years!

**PARISH MEETING/POT-LUCK LUNCHEON:** Please mark your calendar, we will be having a parish meeting, along with a pot-luck luncheon, after Liturgy on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please join us!

**KIELBASI FREEZER SALE:** We have a limited supply of frozen **"smoked kielbasi"** for sale and available to take home after Liturgy this morning. If you are interested in purchasing kielbasi, please see Mary Demyan or Sharon Kotula. Price and size vary. This kielbasi was just recently purchased for our "Summer Festival" in June.

**UNIONTOWN PILGRIMAGE:** The Sisters of St. Basil the Great have announced that the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Mt. St. Macrina, Uniontown, PA, will be held Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. After consulting with the CDC, the Sisters will have the in-person pilgrimage with certain limitations. They request those with compromised immune systems and those unvaccinated to participate by live-stream. Since some people with illness and needs go to the Lady of Perpetual Help asking for a cure, possibly these petitions could have someone go in their place to pray before her icon.

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:** We welcome all new visitors, to our parish family, and are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and hope you will become an active part of our parish community. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at [patronage.church@gmail.com](mailto:patronage.church@gmail.com).

*"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples"* (Isaiah 56:7).

# 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Dormition of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The summer sun continues to warm us, and today's majestic Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos warms our souls with its spiritual warmth. In this holiday, the whole life of the Mother of God opens before us as an unceasing act of faith and glorification of God. On this day, Mary was glorified in heaven, and as we solemnly celebrate her Dormition, we thank God and glorify her for becoming the Mother of the Son of God.

The words of today's Gospel, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it," reveal to us the profound meaning of this holiday. Mary's life personified this proclamation. The Virgin Mary accepted God's Word in her heart with firm faith and faithfully fulfilled it all her life. The Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God reminds us of the true reason for the greatness of Mary and her bliss, "Blessed is she who believed, for what the Lord has said to her will be fulfilled," said Elizabeth, greeting a relative in her home.

"The center of Mary's whole history is faith. She is a great believer that history is burdened by the violence of the powerful, the pride of the rich, and the arrogance of the proud. However, Pope Francis emphasized, "Mary believes and proclaims that God does not leave His poor and humble children alone, but helps them with mercy and meekness, overthrowing the mighty."

In his reflections on the glorious Dormition of the Mother of God, Pope Francis remarked that the Lord God sent to his people, during His pilgrimage to earth, a "sign of consolation and a certain hope," which is the shining face of the Mother of God, the blessed name of Mary, full of grace. She believed in the word of the Lord." Pope Francis urge us, "we all ask her together that during this earthly journey we may turn our merciful gaze upon us, that it may enlighten us and show us the way, and that after this exile, we may show Jesus, the Blessed One, "the fruit of His womb."

From a young age, Mary sought to do God's will, so she became "blessed and blessed among women." After the commandment in paradise was broken, the Lord said to the serpent, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed" (Gen. 3:15). So, she defeated the evil spirit just as fire defeats insects approaching it, explains St. Bernard. And the final victory over the enemy-devil was completed by Jesus Christ - on the cross. Therefore, since the beginning of Christian times, the Feast of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary has found support among the Church Fathers and other church writers who wrote about her death as a dream. And to this day, not only our people, but all the faithful of the Holy Church, gather around the Mother of God for the Feast of the Dormition, as the apostles once gathered during the departure of her soul to the heavenly world. Let us gather around her and glorify her with our lips, as St. John Chrysostom did, and call her, "Mother - because she gave birth to the One who wanted to be born, by the cloud, because from the Holy Spirit she conceived the One whom she gave birth to dispassionately; the wedding room - because God the Word was in it, as in the wedding room; with an ark - because it did not carry the law, but contained the Legislator." Therefore, let us say to her, "Blessed are you among women," you alone healed Eve's sorrow, you alone paid the price for the salvation of the world, and you alone were entrusted with a precious pearl; "On the Holy Virgin".

Let us sing of her Dormition with the words of the Vespers, "Your majestic Dormition, the Blessed Virgin is pure, glorifies the many angels in heaven and the human race on earth. For you are the Mother of the Creator of all, Christ God. Therefore, we beg, do not stop begging Him for us, who have put their hope in you through God, Mother of God, all-glorious and pure" (Verses on verse).

One day, a young soldier was wounded on the battlefield and taken to the hospital. When his mother learned of this, she came from afar to see him off. She was told that he was asleep and that his condition was critical. "Let me at least look at him asleep," his mother asked. The doctor objected for a long time, but then agreed and allowed her to stand by the bed of her wounded son. When the mother saw her son's pale, weary face, her mother's feelings spoke so loudly that, despite the doctor's warning, she reached out to gently wipe the cold sweat from her son's forehead. The wounded son felt this tender touch and whispered, "This is my mother's hand."

If this badly wounded son felt the touch of his earthly mother's hand, how much greater and more tender is our Heavenly Mother's touch to her grief-stricken and miserable children.

From the biography of St. Dominic Savio, we learn about such an event. Several years after his death, Savio appeared to his tutor, Father Don Bosco. "My dear!" Don Bosco asked him, "Tell me, what gave you the most peace and hope at death?" "Please guess," the young man replied. "Maybe you loved holy purity so much?" "No." "Or maybe you had a clear conscience?" "Also, not." "Is it perhaps the hope that you are going to heaven?" "And not this." "So what?" "The greatest peace and joy in the hour of death was added to me by the fact that all my life I loved the Blessed Virgin Mary very much, revered her, tried to imitate her and therefore, was sure that I was under her protection. Therefore, I ask you to repeat often to all your students that they love and honor Mary as much as possible and be happy in life and at the hour of death."

Dear believers! Today, we especially honor and glorify our Immaculate Conception, because she, as we hear from the troparion of the feast, "did not leave the world in the Dormition," motherly caring for all the children of the church, wiping the tears of mourners, protecting the weak, guiding the lost to the true path against the attacks of adversaries, and zealously interceding for repentant sinners. As in her earthly life, the Mother of God imitated her Son, so after the Dormition, she is like Him. For as He, by His own promise, is with us all the days until the end of the age, so the Blessed Virgin is close to all the faithful and the first after God to whom we turn in prayer, knowing the words of Scripture that "...The prayer of the righteous man has great power in its effects" (James 5:16).

So, dear ones, let us say with all our hearts again and again, "We run to Your Grace, Virgin Mary, do not reject our prayers in times of sorrow, but deliver us from troubles, the Pure and Blessed One!"

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Just a reminder, that Fr. Serhii is available 15 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy to hear confession.

**WE MISS YOU!** For those who are reading this bulletin either online or a copy you received in the mail, and if you have not been attending Liturgy here since the onset of COVID, we hope you will join us once again. Bishop Kurt revoked the dispensation on June 6<sup>th</sup>, regarding the Sunday precept or obligation to assist at Divine Liturgy. Watching the live-stream no longer fulfills the obligation to assist at Divine Liturgy. However, the Bishop reminds everyone that "just as before the pandemic, anyone is relieved of the obligation for serious reason such as sickness, immobility, fear, caring for someone else, to protect your own health, or the health of others."

**PANACHIDA SERVICE:** Just a reminder that Fr. Serhii will be having a Panachida service for those, from our parish, who are buried at Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Cemetery, Elkridge, MD, after Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**. The cemetery is only a few miles from our church. We hope you can join us! **There will be no Liturgy at the Abingdon Mission on this date.**

**E-BULLETIN:** Some parishioners have told us that they would prefer not to receive a bulletin in the mail because they can just visit the church's website to view it. We now have another option, if you would like us to email you a bulletin, called e-Bulletin, please let us know by sending the church an email where you would like it sent. Our on-line bulletin and eBulletin will now include the front and back covers, as well.