



Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church
8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Dormition
(“Falling Asleep”)
of our
Most Holy Lady,
Theotokos and
Ever-Virgin
Mary.

Lord’s Day – 08-15-2021

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Tone 7 Troparion (Resurrection)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.
 To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.
 For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,
 and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,
 to proclaim that Thou art risen,//
 granting the world great mercy.

Tone 1 Troparion (Feast)

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity.
 In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
 Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life,//
 and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

Tone 7 Kontakion (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,
 for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.
 Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:
 “The Savior has come to those in faith;//
 enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Tone 2 Kontakion (Feast)

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.

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall
 bless His people with peace. (Ps. 28:11)
 V. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the
 Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Song of the Theotokos)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in
 God my Savior. (Lk. 1:46-47)

Tone 7
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy
 Name, O Most High. (Ps. 91:1)

V. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by
 night. (Ps. 91:2a)

Tone 8

V. Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest, Thou and the Ark of Thy
 sanctification! (Ps. 131:8)

Holy Scripture:

Phil 2.5-11 (Epistle—Dormition)

Brethren, let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1 Cor 1.10-18 (Epistle)

Brethren, I plead with you, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe’s household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, “I am of Paul,” or “I am of Apollos,” or “I am of Cephas,” or “I am of Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Luke 10.38-42, 11.27-28 (Gospel—Dormition)

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.” And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her. . . . And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!” But He said, “More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

Matt 14.14-22 (Gospel)

At that time, Jesus saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food.” But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” And they said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.” He said, “Bring them here to Me.” Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

Holy Words

“Our life depends on the kind of thoughts we nurture. If our thoughts are peaceful, calm, meek, and kind, then that is what our life is like. If our attention is turned to the circumstances in which we live, we are drawn into a whirlpool of thoughts and can have neither peace nor tranquility.”

— Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica, Our Thoughts Determine

Our Lives: The Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

However, high a spiritual and moral state one might achieve, a gradual or even headlong and deep fall into the abyss of sin is always possible. Therefore, communion of the holy Body and Blood of Christ, which strengthens our contact with Him and refreshes us with the living streams of the grace of the Holy Spirit flowing through the Body of the Church, is necessary for everyone."

For a man's complete sanctification, the body of the servant of the Lord must be united with the Body of Christ, and this is accomplished in the Mystery of Holy Communion. The true Body and the true Blood of Christ which we receive become part of the great Body of Christ.

Of course, for union with Christ, the mere conjoining of our body with the Body of Christ does not suffice. The consumption of the Body of Christ becomes beneficial when in spirit we strive towards Him and unite ourselves with Him. Receiving the Body of Christ, while turning away from Him in spirit, is like the contact with Christ which they had who struck Him and mocked and crucified Him. Their contact with Him served not for their salvation and healing, but for their condemnation.

But those who partake with piety, love and readiness to serve Him, closely unite themselves with Him and become instruments of His Divine will.

+ St. John the Wonderworker of Shanghai and San Francisco, "The Church as the Body of Christ," *Man of God: Saint John of*

Shanghai & San Francisco

"When you are about to pray to our Lady the Holy Virgin, be firmly assured, before praying, that you will not depart from her without having received mercy. To think thus and to have confidence in her is meet and right. She is, the All-Merciful Mother of the All-Merciful God, the Word, and her mercies, incalculably great and innumerable, have been declared from all ages by all Christian Churches; she is, indeed, an abyss of mercies and bounties, as is said of Her in the canon of Odigrity."

+ St. John of Kronstadt, *My Life in Christ*

PRAYER TO THE THEOTOKOS...

O undefiled, untainted, uncorrupted, most pure, chaste Virgin, Thou Bride of God and Sovereign Lady, who didst unite the Word of God to mankind through thy most glorious birth giving, and hast linked the apostate nature of our race with the heavenly; who art the only hope of the hopeless, and the helper of the struggling, the ever-ready protection of them that hasten unto thee, and the refuge of all Christians: Do not shrink with loathing from me a sinner, defiled, who with polluted thoughts, words, and deeds have made myself utterly unprofitable, and through slothfulness of mind have become a slave to the pleasures of life. But as the Mother of God Who loveth mankind, show thy love for mankind and mercifully have compassion upon me a sinner and prodigal, and accept my supplication, which is offered to thee out of my defiled mouth; and making use of thy motherly boldness, entreat thy Son and our Master and Lord that He may be pleased to open for me the bowels of His lovingkindness and graciousness to mankind, and, disregarding my numberless offenses, will turn me back to repentance, and show me to be a tried worker of His precepts. And be thou ever present unto me as merciful, compassionate and well disposed; in the present life be thou a fervent intercessor and helper, repelling the assaults of adversaries and guiding me to salvation, and at the time of my departure taking care of my miserable soul, and driving far away from it the dark countenances of the evil demons; lastly, at the dreadful day of judgment delivering me from torment eternal and showing me to be an heir of the ineffable glory of thy Son and our God; all of which may I attain, O my Sovereign Lady, most holy Theotokos, in virtue of thine intercession and protection, through the grace and love to mankind of thine only begotten Son, our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ, to Whom is due all glory, honor and worship, together with His unoriginate

Father, and His Most Holy and good and life creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

— Small Compline: The Supplicatory Prayer to the Most Holy Theotokos
Services and Activities (Calendar changes see website)

www.orthodoxcrossingville.org

Sun. Aug. 15th – the Dormition of the Theotokos – 9:30am
This Week

Sat. Aug. 21st – Great Vespers 4pm Missions Team Meeting and Potluck to follow

Sun. Aug. 22nd – Divine Liturgy – 9:30am

This Month:

Mon. Aug 23rd Vespers 6pm

Tues. Aug. 24th – Divine Liturgy – 9:30am

Sat. Aug. 28th – Men's Fellowship – 9am
-- Great Vespers – 4pm

Sun. Aug. 29th – Divine Liturgy – 9:30am

Wed. Sept. 1st – Opening Prayers of the Church year and Adult Education Class 1 – introduction to the Creed

Sept. 7-8 Nativity of the Theotokos

Sat. Sept. 11th – Trek 4 Missions – Presque Isle 2pm with Vespers and Service for 9/11 victims.

Sun. Sept. 12th -- Church School Program resumes –
3 age levels

Sept. 13-14 Elevation of the Holy Cross

Our mission project this fall:

As you are probably already aware, OCMC is hosting its 2nd annual virtual **Trek4missions event** from August 9-September 17th. If not, you can find more info on OCMC.org or our website.

Our parish, **Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Crossingville**, has formed a team, but we also plan to do a **group walk** on **Saturday, September 11, 2021** at 2pm at Presque Isle, with Vespers and a special prayer for 9/11 victims, and a potluck dinner to follow at a pavilion. We would love for your parish to join us to make this a Pan-Orthodox event to help bring more awareness! Would you be able to form a team and join us? Please let us know!

Blessed Fast and Feast, Anna Rachoeki

Pray with out ceasing...

PLEASE INCLUDE

THESE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN YOUR DAILY

PRAYERS: Those in need – Fr. Andrew, Fr. Isaac, Fr. David, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Zachariah, Iguman Patrick, Hieromonk Herman, Prez. Alexandria, Mat. Gail, Mat. Donna, Mat. Pirsilla, Tamara, Olga, Susan, Karen, Mary B. Margret, Bill S., Lexi, John, Nickolas, Timothy, Amanda, Damian, Preston, Olivia, Delani, Jeremiah, Christine, Rick, Samuel, Megan, Valentina, Sandy, William...
The Homebound Tanya, Mary G

Catechumen- Christian... **Military servers...**Greg

Special requests... Paul, Gilbert, Joanne, Phyllis, Anthony, Ian, Paul, James, Sean, Liam, Bill, Wesley, Kim, Margaret, Loren, Julia, Shelby, Janet, Lynn, Margret. Helen, Dan, Jonathan, Donna, Nicholas, Maya, Mia, Charles, Gregory, Don...

Departed : Metro. Theodosius, Archbishop David, Metropolitan Maximos Marie Guidus, Vincent, Richard, George, Ruth, Pearl, Jim(Grace's Dad), Ann, Lillian, Alice, William, Claudia, Theona, Helen, Ann, Katherine, Vernon, Paul, James, Nickolai, Andrew, Peter, Paul, Margaret, Michael Mary Ann, Timothy...

(IF you would like a name added to the list above give it to Fr. Daniel in writing.)