

**Holy Assumption Orthodox Church**  
*Celebrating 125 years witnessing to the Apostolic Faith*

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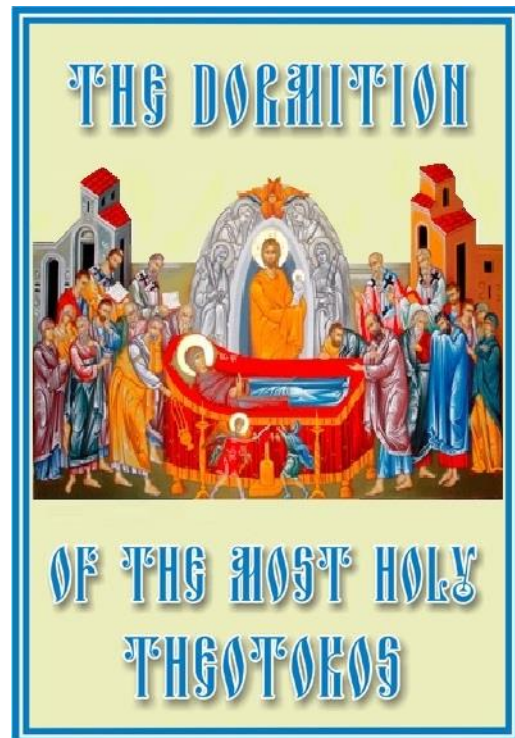
**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**EPISTLE: 1 Cor 3:9-17**

Brethren: We are God's fellow workers; you are God's field; you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

**GOSPEL: Mt 14:22-34**

At that time, Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by



**Feast Day – August 15<sup>th</sup>**

Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So, He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.



### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Earl Rindfleisch**, Ohio Veteran's Home, Sandusky; **Bobbie Royhab**, 148 Cottage Cove Drive, Marblehead, OH 43440; **Patti Owens**, 311 Woodbridge Road Vermilion, OH 44089; **Basil Glovinsky**, 1007 Glendale Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452; **Irene Vangeloff**, 3580 Shaw Ave., Apt. 305, Cincinnati, OH 45208

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

<b>MON. Aug 11</b>	Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus of Catania; 1 Cor 15:12-19, Mt 21:18-22
<b>TUE. Aug 12</b>	Martyrs Anicletus and Photius of Nicomedia; 1 Cor 15:29-38, Mt 21:23-27
<b>WED. Aug 13</b>	Leavetaking of the Transfiguration of our Lord; Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk; 1 Cor 16:4-12, Mt 21:28-32
<b>THU. Aug 14</b>	Prophet Micah; 2 Cor 1:1-7, Mt 21:43-46
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>VESPERS</b>
<b>FRI. Aug 15</b>	<b>DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS</b> ; Phil. 2:5-11, Lk 10:38-42, 11:27-28
<b>7:10 AM</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>DIVINE LITURGY followed by Breakfast in the hall</b>
<b>SAT. Aug 16</b>	Image of our Christ "Not-Made-By-Hands"; Col 1:12-18, Lk 9:51-56, 10:22-24
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>VESPERS</b>
<b>SUN. Aug 17</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, <i>Afterfeast of the Dormition, Tone 1</i></b>
<b>9:40 AM</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>DIVINE LITURGY</b> Followed by 68 <sup>th</sup> Halupki Festival

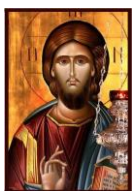
### PRAYER LIST

**Parishioners & Family:** Alex and her newborn baby Cameron / Rachel and her unborn baby / Kristen Cassell / Laura DeKemper / Tom Hileman / Cliff & Kathy Ruggles / Sandra / Renee Haynal / Sharon Shaheen (Patti Owen's sister) / Norb / Heidi Golob / Ron & Bobbie Royhab / Rodney Clevenger

/ Jennifer Heffernan / Tom Hileman / Pam / Jim Twarek / Ed Garrity / Patti Owens / Barbara Wroblewski / Michal Tomáš / Helena Tomášová / Ruth Sheller / Basil Glovinsky / Dale / Sophie / Carol / David Martin / Fred Soski / Irene Vangeloff / Sonja Rose / James Bargdill / Carole Conaway/ Gary Conaway / Sharon Dietrich / Michael Glovinsky / Shirley Gresh / Joseph Habegger / Betty Kovach / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Earl Rindfleisch / Helen Jean Rofkar / George Royhab / Marianne Royhab / Kathy Jacob / the child Bodhi Cassell / Gleice, Sophie & Chloe / Carol / Nora.

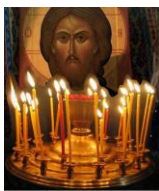
**Other Requests:** Laura Engler / Robin (Niece of Kathy Ruggles) / Matushka Marsha Mitchell / Valerie Schutt / Catechumen Sessely / Catechumen Daniel / Catechumen Adam / Ron Ossivicki / Kristy Ackley / Steve Rohweder / Nicole Williams / John Couture / Don / Ann Turinsky / Marcia / Sarah King / Catechumen Blake Shoemaker / Catechumen Nickolas Dawenport / Weston Dawenport / Gunner Dawenport / Jensen Dawenport / Adalyn Dawenport / Catechumen Joshua Paull / Catechumen Danielle Paull / Catechumen Wrenley Paull / Arimus Paull / Linkoln Paull / Catechumen Ryan Stamp / Matushka Melania / Sharyn Osborne / Christine Zahm / Amy / Bill Byrnes / Susanne / Charles Schlett / Kathy Debevits / Maxwell Chaney / Anthony / Archpriest Ján Čižmár / Archpriest David Lis / Archpriest Emilian & Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Robert Piznar / Mark Masica / Valerie Ritzenthaler / William / Rick Rowe / Chris.

**Military:** Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military



### AUGUST REPOSED

Michael Onyock (1931) No date provided; Michael Hritsko (1934) No date provided; 7- Dorothy Romig (2017); **12-** Jim Mazur (2021); **13-** Andrew Millie (1958); **21-** Sophia Monak (2004); **23-** Martha Brooks (2010); **24-** Damien (cousin of Valerie S (2019)); **28-** Rev. Dr. William Walter Worstall (2011); **31-** Larry Noon (2014)



### VIGILS FOR AUG 3

**Susan Guzy 1** Special Intentions

**Laura Kovach 3** For health and/or healing of Earl Rindfleisch, Joe H., Bobbie R., Kristi A., Peggy S., Ann T., Alex M., Nick S., Mike T., Matushka Melania, Ron R., Betty K., Margaret M., Hannah S., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Irene V, and Heidi & Wayne G.  
Prayers for safe travel  
Special Intentions

**Sandy Martin 1** Special Intentions

**Natalie Twarek 8** For the health Ron & Bobbie, For the health & recovery of Matushka Melania, For the health and recovery of Marilyn, Tom, Kathy & Cliff, Basil, Irene, Rodney, Betty, Carol, Kayla, Pam, Jim, Heidi, Wayne, Nicole, Peggy, Ann, Laura, Mike, Marcia, Health and healing for Father's parents Michal & Helena and Matushka's mom Barbara, and Walter, For the health of Nick, Jen, Tony, Father David, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Tina's dad, Earl, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat, Special Intentions



### READERS LIST

Sunday Aug 10 – Tim  
Sunday Aug 17 – Jake  
Sunday Aug 24 – Joe



### CHARITY OF THE MONTH

“St. Herman's Seminary” is the charity we donate to for the month of August.

**RAFFLE  
TICKETS****68<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HALUPKI FESTIVAL**

Festival raffle tickets are still available. If you need more raffle tickets, please see Natalie.

**Important:** We kindly ask all of you to return Festival raffle tickets and money to Natalie at your earliest convenience. The deadline is today, **Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>!**

**AUGUST CANDLE SPONSORS**

**Altar Candles:** Joe & Valerie Schutt, In memory of LaVerne Schutt & Violet Bargdill (**\$50**); **Chandelier:** Joe & Valerie Schutt, In memory of Dorothy Czuha (August 23, 2009); Natalie Twarek, In loving memory of mom and in thanksgiving (**\$50**); **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Joe & Valerie Schutt, In memory of Howard Bailey, Damian Bailey, Sophia Grgich (**\$25**); **Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, Birthday blessings to Matt and birthday memory of my dad Steven (**\$20**); **Candles at St. Tikhon Icon:** Fr. Peter and Mat. Michelle, For Health and God's Blessings for Barbara Wroblewski, and Michal & Helena Tomáš (**\$20**)

**ATTENDANCE**

**08/02** Vespers, **9** attending (3 guests); **08/03** Divine Liturgy, **33** attending (12 guests); **08/05** Vespers, **8** attending; **08/06** Divine Liturgy, **14** attending (1 guest); **08/08** Akathist, **8** attending

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**10** – Irene Vangeloff; **11** – Adam Marks; **14** – Nick Mazurik \*; **28** – Arimus Paull \*; **31** – Danielle Paull

**SUNDAY OFFERING****Sunday, Aug 3, 2025**

Tithe	\$1,587.00
Donations	\$ 50.00
Candles	\$ 63.00
Vigils	\$ 60.00
Holy Day Donation	\$ 225.00
St. Herman's Seminary (August)	\$ 200.00
Candles at the cross	\$ 25.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,210.00</b>

*May the Lord reward you for your financial and spiritual support!*

**UP-COMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH – MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Aug 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>** Festival preparation – see the schedule in the hall (*Monday - Saturday*)

**Aug 15<sup>th</sup>** – Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos – Parish Feast Day 7:30 am (*Friday*)

**Aug 17<sup>th</sup>** – 68<sup>th</sup> Halupki Festival –11:30 am - 6:00 pm (*Sunday*)

**Aug 30<sup>th</sup>** – Market Day 8:00 am (*Saturday*)

**Sept 1<sup>st</sup>** – Church New Year (*Monday*)

**Sept 7<sup>th</sup>** – Baptism and reception to the church of catechumens (*Sunday*)

**Sept 13<sup>th</sup>** – Market Day 8:00 am (*Saturday*)



## COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR LIST

Aug 10 - Sessely & Dan Maciejewski  
 Aug 17 - Halupki Festival  
 Aug 24 - Available  
 Aug 31 - Available

Please sign up to host coffee hour. Signup sheet is located in the Social Hall.



## MARKET DAY

Our next Market Day will take place on Saturday, **Aug 30<sup>th</sup>** starting with set up at **8:00 AM**. We will have perohi, kielbasa and kraut, spanakopita, and a large variety of baked goods. Your help is greatly appreciated!



## BLESSING OF FLOWERS

On **Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate the **Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos** – our Parish' Feast Day.

The usual blessing of flowers will take place after the Divine Liturgy. Please do not forget to bring your flowers for blessing and place them in front of the iconostas.



## CLEANING SCHEDULE

Aug 11, Laura  
 Aug 18, Laura  
 Aug 25, Laura  
 Sept 1, Jean



## Martyr and Archdeacon Laurence, and those with him, of Rome

Commemorated on August 10

The Martyrs Archdeacon Laurence, Pope Sixtus, Deacons Felicissimus and Agapitus, and the soldier Romanus were citizens of Rome, and suffered in the year 258 during the reign of Emperor Valerian (253-260). Saint Sixtus was born in the city of Athens, and at first he was a philosopher, but later he became a follower of Christ. When he arrived in Rome, he showed himself to be a wise and devout member of the Church.

Over a period of time, he passed through the various ranks of the clergy, and became the Bishop of Rome following the martyric death of Saint Stephen (August 2). Several Roman Hierarchs preferred to die rather than offer sacrifice to idols. Soon, Saint Sixtus was also arrested and imprisoned together with his deacons Felicissimus and Agapitus.

When Archdeacon Laurence visited Saint Sixtus in prison, he cried out with tears, "Where are you going, Father, without your son? Where do you hasten without your Archdeacon? Never have you offered the Bloodless Sacrifice without me. Take me with you, so that I may join you in shedding our blood for Christ!"

Saint Sixtus replied, "I am not forsaking you, my son. I am old and I accept the lesser battle, but greater suffering awaits you. You must achieve the greater victory and triumph over your tormentors. Three days after my death, you shall follow after me."

Then he entrusted Archdeacon Laurence with the Church's treasures and sacred vessels, telling him to distribute these to the poor. He gathered them up and went around the city on foot, to the clergy and impoverished Christians who were in hiding, helping them according to their needs.

When he heard that Saint Sixtus had been brought to trial with his deacons, Saint Laurence went there in order to witness the outcome. Seeing that the martyrs were obstinate in their refusal to offer sacrifice to the idols, Valerian ordered them to be taken to the temple of Mars outside the city walls, and put to death if they did not offer incense to the idols. When he saw the pagan temple, Saint Sixtus prayed for it to be destroyed. There was an earthquake which caused part of the temple to collapse, and the statue of Mars was shattered to pieces. Saint Laurence cried out, "Father, I have fulfilled your command, and have distributed the treasures of the Church which you entrusted to me."

After hearing about treasure, the soldiers placed him under guard. Saint Sixtus and the other martyrs were beheaded in front of the temple on August 6, 258. Afterward, the soldiers brought Saint Laurence to the Emperor, informing him that they had heard the Archdeacon mention something about the Church's hidden treasures. The Emperor ordered him to reveal where the treasures were, and the Archdeacon asked for three days in order to collect them. Then Saint Laurence gathered all the poor and the needy, and brought them to the Prefect, saying, "Behold the treasures of the Church."

The ruler became very angry at this and ordered Hippolytos (Ἰππόλυτος) who was in charge of the prison, to throw the Archdeacon into the dungeon with other prisoners. There the Saint restored the sight of a man named Lucillus. Hippolytos was amazed at this, and asked to see the Church's treasures. Saint Laurence told him that if he believed in Christ and was baptized, he would find true wealth and everlasting life. Hippolytos said that if this was true, he would do as he asked.

Hippolytos took Saint Laurence to his home, where he instructed and baptized the jailer and all his household, consisting of nineteen persons. Soon afterward, Hippolytos was ordered to bring the Archdeacon to Emperor Valerian. Seeing that the Saint had not agreed to offer sacrifice, he ordered that Saint Laurence be tortured. Still, the Archdeacon refused to sacrifice to the idols. As the Martyr endured these torments, a soldier named Romanus cried, "Laurence, I see a radiant youth standing by you, and wiping your wounds. Entreat Christ, Who has sent His Angel to you, not to abandon me."

Then Valerian commanded Hippolytos to return the Saint to prison. Romanus brought a pitcher of water and asked the Martyr to baptize him. Immediately after the soldier was baptized, he was seized by other soldiers and taken to the Emperor. Before anyone could question him, Romanus shouted, "I am a Christian."

The Emperor ordered him to be taken outside the city and beheaded on August 9.

The next day, Saint Laurence was placed on a rack, scourged with whips with sharp iron points attached to them, and then was stretched out naked on a red-hot iron gridiron with burning coals underneath it. The Holy Martyr glanced at the ruler and said, "You have already roasted one side of my body, now turn me over to the other side so you may taste what you have roasted."

Then he glorified God, saying, "I thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have found me worthy to enter Your gates."

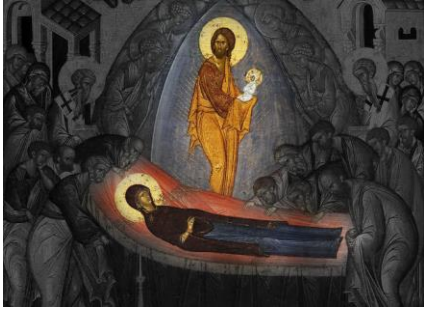
Saint Laurence received the unfading crown of martyrdom on August 10, 258.

That night, Saint Hippolytos took the Saint's body he wrapped it in a shroud with spices. Then he and the priest Justin brought the relics to the home of a widow named Kyriake, where it remained until evening. Later, many Christians escorted the Saint's body to a cave on the widow's property. After praying all night, they buried the Martyr there with honor. Then Father Justin served the Divine Liturgy, and everyone partook of the Holy Mysteries.

Saint Hippolytos and the other Christians suffered martyrdom three days after the death of Saint Laurence, on August 13.

A large part of Saint Laurence's relics are located in the church of Saint Laurence "outside the walls" in Rome. Other pieces of the holy relics are to be found in the Monasteries of Saint Panteleimon on Mount Athos, and at Kykkos, Cyprus.

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### **The Dormition of the Mother of God: the End of the Path to the Holy of Holies**

The Mother of God reached the end of her earthly life. For quite a long time (and even today), the life of the Mother of God remained in the shadow: the gaze of ancient Christians was focused only on Christ, although since the apostolic times, the Church honored the memory of holy martyrs, who testified about their faith in the Resurrected Messiah with their own blood. Only when some people began to talk ill about

Virgin Mary, diminishing Her dignity and hence diminishing the dignity of Christ, the Christians set their sights on the Blessed Virgin.

The credible ancient story about the last days of the earthly life of the Most Holy Theotokos was carefully preserved by the Church of Jerusalem. Later that very story became the general tradition for all the other Churches.

According to the tradition, the Mother of God spent the last days of Her life in Jerusalem. She often visited the holy for every Christian's heart places, which reminded Her of Her Divine Son. Archangel Gabriel announced Her about the day of Her great decease, and the whole Christian community of Jerusalem was waiting for that day to come. By the Divine Will, all the holy apostles were miraculously gathered in Jerusalem on the day of Mary's death so that they could accompany Her to the place of Her burial. As the tradition states, when the apostles stood near the bed of the Mother of God, Lord Jesus Christ Himself appeared to them surrounded by His holy angels, and the Mother of God gave Her soul to the hands of Her Son.

What lesson can we take from the great Dormition of the Mother of God? Indeed, Christ took the soul His Mother in His hands and, as many Orthodox Christians believe and many holy fathers state, thus He revived Her and took to His Kingdom. But what about us? What is coming for us? Ordeals, the meeting with bright and dark angels? No, if only we live a pious life, preserving God's commandments in our hearts. No, if only we become the salt of the earth, the good leaven of Christ and the sons of light who walk in the true light of Christ. No, if only we preserve untarnished robe of truth, in which we got covered after the Sacrament of Baptism – the robe that proves we all are forgiven by Christ, and that our former royal and priestly image is restored now: "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27).

No, we will not die and neither we will be given in the enemy's hands, if only it is possible to say about us that we "washed our robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:14). If we often partake of Christ's Supper, with humility partake of the Holy Eucharist, if we bring God the sacrifice of our praise and partake of His Blood and Body, then we will not be trampled by the evil one because Christ will accept us and comfort us all.

Let us be brave in our Christian life. Let us hope in Living God, asking the Mother of God for Her prayers and help, for She never leaves us without Her protection and never stops praying for Christians. Let us be filled with faith, hope and love, and thus praise the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – the Coessential and Inseparable Trinity.

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