Sunday, August 18th - Feast Day Celebration
Sunday – 12noon until 9pm

Sunday, August 18th: Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Feast Day:
9:00am: Matins
10:00am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy with His Grace Bishop JOHN

Tuesday, August 20th: 7:00 P.M. – Bazaar Meeting

Sunday, August 25th: Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ & ‘Food Bag Donations’ 11:30-12pm

Sunday, September 1st: Indiction: Ecclesiastical New Year

Saturday, September 7th: 9:00am – Roll Grape Leaves at the Parish Center
6:00pm – Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, September 8th: Sunday Before Elevation of the Cross
Start of Church School & Welcome Back Luncheon

Tuesday, September 10th: 7:00 Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, September 15th: Sunday After Elevation of the Cross
Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 11:30-12pm

Sunday, September 22nd: Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Outreach Committee ‘Food Bag Donations’ 11:30-12pm

Sunday, September 29th: Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, October 5th: 6:00pm – Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, October 6th: Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October is Youth Month

Sunday, October 13th: Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
Bazaar Kick-Off Luncheon

Saturday, October 19th: Harvest Hafleh – more info to follow

Sunday, October 20th: Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 11:30-12pm

Saturday, October 26th: Sunday School & Teens Halloween Party

Sunday, October 27th: Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Outreach Committee ‘Food Bag Donations’ 11:30-12pm

Friday, November 1st-Sunday, November 3rd: St. Mary Annual Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 2nd: 6:00pm Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, November 3rd: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
We welcome our Visitors & Guests: Please take a moment to fill out a Visitor Card.

We invite you to join us for coffee hour at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

Receiving Communion: Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves may approach the chalice for Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after the Liturgy.

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On August 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the feast of the Holy Dormition of our Lady the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary; and we commemorate the Holy Martyrs Floros and Lauros of Illyria.

Verses

In their thirst for a death unto God the Word’s glory,
Flores and Lauros unto the well have departed.
On the eighteenth Lauros with Flores went down into a well.

Florus and Laurus were brothers and stonecutters. A pagan prince hired them to build a temple to the idols. During their work, a piece of stone flew and struck the eye of the pagan priest’s son. Seeing his son blind and bloody, the pagan priest shouted at Flores and Lauros and wanted to beat them. Then, the holy brothers said to him that if he would believe in the true God his son would be healed. The pagan priest promised. Flores and Laurus prayed with tears and traced the sign of the Cross over the child’s injured eye, which was healed and made whole. Then the pagan priest Merentius and his son were baptized and, shortly after that, both suffered for Christ by fire. Flores and Lauros placed a cross on the completed temple, summoned all Christians and consecrated it in the name of the Lord Jesus with an all-night vigil. Hearing of this, the Illyrian deputy burned many of those Christians and threw Flores and Lauros alive into a well and then filled it with dirt. Later, their relics were revealed and translated to Constantinople. These two wonderful brothers were glorified by Christ in the second century.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Sophronios of St. Anne Skete on Athos.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.
TYPES OF MARY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Types of both Christ and Mary, His Mother, fill the Old Testament. Indeed, most of Old Testament types of Mary—natural consequences of her essential role in the Incarnation of her Son, Jesus Christ—reveal the awesome marvel of her womb which contained the almighty God. Referring to Genesis 2:9, the hymnography of the Church sees the garden of Eden as a type of Mary: “Rejoice, O living Paradise, having the Lord, the Tree of Life, in your midst” (Akathist Hymn). The burning bush beheld by in the wilderness (Ex 3:1-6) is one of the most often mentioned types of Mary. For example “She is the Bush springing from barren ground [her mother, St. Anna, had been barren] burning with the immaterial fire that cleanses and enlightens our souls” (Small Vespers, Nativity of the Theotokos). St. John of Damascus observes, “The burning bush is an image of God’s Mother. . . If, therefore, the ground where the image of the Theotokos was seen by Moses is holy ground [Ex 3:5], how much more holy is the image itself?” The tabernacle in the wilderness, where God dwelt among the wandering Israelites (Ex 25:1-27:19), also prefigures Mary: “The tabernacle that is to hold God, the sanctuary of the glory, has chosen to dwell in the holy temple” (Matins, Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple). Other Old Testament types of Mary relating to the Lord dwelling in her womb include the jar of manna (Ex 16:33, 34); Aaron’s rod that budded (Nm 17:16-23); the tablet of the Law “written with the finger of God” (Ex 31:18); the ladder reaching from earth to heaven (Gn 28:10-17); the fleece besting the live coal (Is 6:6); and the fiery furnace in Babylon (Dan 3:19-50). Concerning this last image, the hymnographer St. Cosmas of Maiuma writes, “The furnace moist with dew was the image and figure of a wonder past nature. For it burned not the Children whom it had received, even as the fire of the Godhead consumed not the Virgin’s womb into which it had descended” (Matins, Nativity of Christ). Mary is the culmination of the whole history of the ancient Hebrews. She is the perfection to which all of faithful Israel aspired through the long centuries of preparation for the coming of the Messiah, beginning with the promise given to Abraham: “God promised to our forefather Abraham that in his seed the Gentiles would be blessed [Gn 22:18], O pure Lady; and through thee today, the promise receives its fulfillment” (Matins, Annunciation).

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: 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 DORMITION: Tone 1

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

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KONTAKION OF THE DORMITION: Tone 2

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, and whose prayers are never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But since she is the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb did translate her to life.
THE EPISTLE

Make vows to the Lord thy God and perform them.
In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (3:9-17)

Brethren, we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, each man’s work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him; for God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:22-34)

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples’ boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, “Take heart, it is I; have no fear.” And Peter answered Him, “Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, “O man of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, “Truly, Thou art the Son of God.” And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
John & Patricia Massiwer
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Elizabeth Votruba
Joseph Aghia & Family
George Aghia & Family
Joey Aghia & Family
Rania Aghia
Rania Aghia
Joseph Aghia
Ray Trabulsi
Mary & John Massiwer
Fred & Adele Shwaery
Bobby Laffey
Steve Kilsey
Jim Schillawski
Fr. Isaac & Kh. Dolly Crow
Andrea & Stephanie Swistak
Elaine Agaty
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
Offered by: Mary Massiwer
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family
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Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra
Offered by: Lorice Hallal
Offered by: Rania Aghia
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
Offered by: Mark Hashway
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Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family
Offered by: Sandra Matook

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Adnan Karkour (6 Months)
Charles Agaty
Mary Samra
Fred Hallal
John Swistak
Charlie Agaty
Mary Agaty
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
Offered by: Najat Karkour
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Arabic Liturgy

Arabic Liturgy is being offered the first Saturday of each month at 6:00 P.M. All are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

There are still many open dates to sponsor a coffee hour. See Jiana Diakh or Sousan Karwashan on Sunday after Liturgy. Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour.