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The **Dormition Fast** was established as preceding the great feasts of the Transfiguration of the Lord and of the Dormition of the Mother of God. It lasts two weeks—from August 1/14–August 14/27 (old style/new style). The Dormition fast comes down to us from the early days of Christianity.

We find a clear reference to the Dormition fast in a conversation of Leo the Great from around the year 450 A.D. “The Church fasts are situated in the year in such a way that special abstinence is prescribed for each time. Thus, for spring there is the spring fast]—the Forty Days[Great Lent; for summer there is the summer fast... [the Apostles’ fast]; for autumn there is the autumn fast, in the seventh month [Dormition fast]; for winter there is the winter fast [Nativity fast].”

St. Symeon of Thessalonica writes that “The fast in August [Dormition fast] was established in honor of the Mother of God the Word; Who, foreknowing Her repose, ascetically labored and fasted for us as always, although She was holy and immaculate, and had no need for fasting. Thus, She especially prayed for us in preparation for being transported from this life to the future life, when Her blessed soul would be united through the Divine spirit with Her Son. Therefore, we also should fast and praise Her, emulating Her life, urging Her thereby to pray for us. Some, by the way, say that this fast was instituted on the occasion of two feasts—the Transfiguration and the Dormition. I also consider it necessary to remember these two feasts—one which gives us light, and the other which is merciful to us and intercedes for us.”

The Dormition Fast is not as strict as the Great Fast, but it is stricter than the Apostle’s and Nativity fasts.

Scripture Readings: Epistle- 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Gospel- Matthew 14:14-22

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Visits: Mary Cookie Loverich, Mary Ulinski, Bob Sparcie - Beaver Meadows
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Cupola Committee is excited to report that the construction of the chapel cupola is scheduled to start shortly! We will provide updates as things are progressing.

We as a parish should be very proud of our chapel and the new cupola, so please consider giving a donation to the cupola fund in memory of a loved one! The fundraising for the cupola has been very successful this year and we thank you for your generosity!

Also, please save the date: the cupola dedication and banquet will be held on Sunday, November 17th. His Grace, Bishop IRINEJ will also be here to join us for this special occasion!



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PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE IN THE MEN’S CLUB PICNIC!!! The Men’s Club Picnic has been changed to **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 2019** from NOON TO 7:00 pm RADOSt will be playing your favorite songs starting at 2:00 pm while you enjoy your hot BBQ Lamb and Pig fresh off the roasting spit. Many other items will be available for purchase as well. So please share this information with your family and friends and let them know the change in date!
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PURSE BASH TICKETS: PLEASE SEE SAMANTHA MILOSH-BALDWIN TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS!

OR EMAIL HER AT: smilosh14@gmail.com or call 724-462-1402

If anyone would like to sponsor a Purse for \$150 your logo/name will be displayed next to the sponsored purse and you will get recognized at the event or for \$50 you may sponsor an Accessory with the same information on display.

Please see Samantha Baldwin to receive a form.
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Christmas Nativity Ornament

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*an ancient technique for decorating metal work objects



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