

AUGUST 25, 2019

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Dormition of the Theotokos



The feast of the Dormition or Falling-asleep of the Theotokos is celebrated on the 15/28 of August, preceded by a two-week fast. This feast, which is also sometimes called the Assumption, commemorates the death, resurrection and glorification of Christ's mother. It proclaims that Mary has been "assumed" by God into the heavenly kingdom of Christ in the fullness of her spiritual and bodily existence.

As with the nativity of the Virgin and the feast of her entrance to the temple, there are no biblical or historical sources for this feast. The Tradition of the Church is that Mary died as all people die, not "voluntarily" as her Son, but by the necessity of her mortal human nature which is indivisibly bound up with the corruption of this world.

The Orthodox Church teaches that Mary is without personal sins. In the Gospel of the feast, however, in the liturgical services and in the Dormition icon, the Church proclaims as well that Mary truly needed to be saved by Christ as all human persons are saved from the trials, sufferings and death of this world; and that having truly died, she was raised up by her Son as the Mother of Life and participates already in the eternal life of paradise which is prepared and promised to all who "hear the word of God and keep it" (Lk11.27-28).

In giving birth, you preserved your virginity. In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, and by your prayers, you deliver our souls from death (Troparion).

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 (Kontakion).

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 (Epistle) Matthew 17:14-23 (Gospel)

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VISITS: Alma Peich, Michelle Ursutti - Beaver Medical Center/ Mike Vignovich, Bessie Bratic - At home/Dayna Milich - Health South – Sewickley

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 The 1st Annual Purse Bash is less than a month away...Saturday, September 14th! We need your help to make this a successful event. Please share the Facebook Event, posts, and comments on our posts to get the word out! Tickets are still available! Tickets will be sold on Sundays following divine liturgy on 8/25, 9/1, and 9/8. Can't attend but still want a chance to win? We have a committee that will keep track of your tickets and let you know if you're a winner! Sponsorships are also available! - Gold: \$1000- Silver: \$500- Bronze: \$250- Purse: \$150- Accessory: \$50

Please contact Samantha Baldwin at 724-462-1402 or smilosh14@gmail.com for tickets OR any committee member for additional info...*Kristen Milanovich, Milana Milosh, Karen Suder, Joanne Ridjaneck, Eileen Mrkal, Marie Ralich, Natalie Jovonovich, or Melissa Hennessy.* Thank you for your continued support of the St. Elijah Church School Congregation!

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Sunday, September 15th Fellowship Potluck / Sunday School Kick-off Picnic-Immediately following Divine Liturgy Food sign-up sheet in vestibule**RSVP by Sunday, September 8th Email: saintelijahfellowship@gmail.com

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ALSO on Sunday, September 15th, Aliquippa Lodge 23, Kraljevich Aleksander, will be hosting an informative session about our Serb National Federation and the value of becoming a member after the Divine Liturgy. The SNF is 119 years strong in the USA! We will have SNF staff and executive board members, as well as our local lodge officers in attendance. We are looking forward to our Serbian Fellowship!

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ST. ELIJAH CHOIR NEWS: Please join us on Saturday, September 21st for our **89th ANNUAL CHOIR CONCERT**, featuring our guests Petar Krstich Choir of Steubenville, OH and Dr. Laza Kostich of Midland, PA. Doors open at 4:30 pm, dinner at 5 pm concert at 6:30 pm. Entertainment will be provided by Drustvo immediately following the concert.



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Update from the Cupola Committee:
Replacement of the chapel roofing shingles and installation of the cupola starts this week! We can't wait to see the cupola. There will also be lights added to interior of cupola that will reflect upward that will illuminate the cupola from dusk until dawn...! Here are a couple more pics!



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! The committee is still working on the planning, so more info will be forthcoming! The committee thanks you for your support in making this happen!

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It's that time of year again! FOOD FESTIVAL PREPARATION OF FOOD- Starting this Thursday, August 29th and every Thursday in September from 4pm-8 pm we will be making NOODLES. Please join this committee! Never made noodles before, we are here to mentor you. Call Kathy at the Center office or see her after church to let her know if you are available to assist. Thanking you in advance and hoping you are able to help us!