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The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary
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The Holy Scriptures tell us that when our Lord was dying on the Cross, He saw His Mother and His disciple John and said to the Virgin Mary, "Woman, behold your son!" and to John, "Behold your mother!" From that hour, the Apostle took care of the Theotokos in his own home. Along with the biblical reference that confirms that the Virgin Mary was with the Holy Apostles on the day of Pentecost, the tradition of the Church holds that she remained in the home of the Apostle John in Jerusalem, continuing a ministry in word and deed.

At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord who were preaching throughout the world returned to Jerusalem to see the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them including the Apostle Paul were gathered together at her bedside. At the moment of her death, Jesus Christ himself descended and carried her soul into heaven.

Following her repose, the body of the Theotokos was taken in procession and lay in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane. When the Apostle Thomas arrived three days after her repose and desired to see her body, the tomb was found to be empty. The bodily assumption of the Theotokos was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles.

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FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRY-Belated **THANK YOU** to all of our St. Elijah Fellowship & Ministry Volunteers for delivering Slava greetings to our fellow parishioners who are not able to join us for Divine Liturgy each week. Thank you Jen, Val, Melanie, Melissa, Cheryl, Eileen, Cindy and Cissy! Special thanks to Georgette Osman for making a beautiful kolac, and to Georgie Kross for coordinating the beautiful gifts and cards from our Sunday School students. Hvala puno!

Thank you to all who have donated to the St. Elijah Fellowship & Ministry Food Drive, which is an ongoing effort to stock the box near Little Stevie's Market with nonperishable food donations. Please continue your donations of sealed, preferably single-serve nonperishable foods. All donations can be left at the table outside of the ladies room in the church basement. *We are no longer accepting clothing donations. Thank you!*

St. Elijah Fellowship & Ministry continues its partnership with Aliquippa High School and the Darrelle Revis Foundation's Power Pak Program, which provides foods that eligible school-aged children take home on weekends during the school year. Our volunteers pack the Power Paks. It's fun, social, and takes about an hour!

Our first packing date of the school year is **Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 6PM**. *You may directly sign up on the link provided in your E-Bulletin.* More dates will be posted shortly. Thank you

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A HUGE THANK YOU to Georgette Osman and Kristen Milanovich and ALL THE VOLUNTEERS who helped in any way to make our **ST. ELIJAH CHURCH DAY CAMP** a success! A special thank you to all the children who participated, it was a good week with many things learned and fun activities were enjoyed by all in attendance!

See you next year for our 50th !

