



*I am the vine
you are the branches.*

John 15:5

The Grapevine

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The Seven Holy Maccabees

August 1/14

CALENDAR

- Aug. 12** 9 a.m. Church Wide Workday
- Aug. 14** Dormition Fast Begins
- Aug. 20** St. Lawrence Feast Day

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The Dormition Fast

Devotion, Vigilance & Triumph

The month of August is a time of transition. The end of summer is in sight, last-chance vacations are squeezed in, and plans are being made for the beginning of school. It is a time of liturgical transition as well, as the annual celebration of Christ's salvific journey on earth is coming to a close. The incarnate Son of God was enclosed physically in the womb of Mary, the Theotokos; therefore, the liturgical celebration of His ministry on earth is also encapsulated within her life. We began the liturgical year with the feast of her birth and end it now with the feast of her repose.

First and foremost, we keep the short but strict Dormition Fast with care and attention because we love the Mother of God. She helps us, she loves us, she attends to our needs, and with the boldness of a mother, she intercedes to her Son on our behalf; not because He doesn't already know our needs, but because that's what a loving mother does! She is the foremost of the saints, the first Christian, the chosen one, the bush that burned but was not consumed, the ark, the tabernacle, the chalice, and the gateway to salvation. She loves us because we are her Son's. She loves what He loves. By honoring her we honor Him, and because of Him we honor her.

Secondly, we keep the Dormition Fast with diligence because Satan and his demons hate her whom we love. They would have her dishonored and—even better—forgotten, for the Incarnation of Christ through her is all mankind's opportunity for salvation and deification—adoption by the Father into spiritual kinship with the Son. We take heed of this reality every year for, after the Resurrection, the powers of darkness despise the Dormition of Mary the most. She believed, she was saved, she suffered and was persecuted for the sake of her Son. His love for her would not endure that she experience decay in the grave, so He took her bodily into heaven after her death.

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FROM THE PARISH



ACADEMY CORNER

Upcoming School Year

The Academy is now accepting new applications for Kindergarten through the 5th grade. There is a waiting list for new students in the 6/7/8th grade class. Please contact the school for more information.



Have a great summer!

HOMILIES ONLINE!

An easy way to prepare for Sundays and feast days throughout the year is to listen to the previous year's homily at www.slocc.com/audio. Take a listen!

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During this fast, let us focus specifically on the Mother of God when in services and at home in our prayers. Let us look upon her icon, listen to the words of the prayers that point to her, and increase the love in our hearts towards her. If you do not know the Theotokos well in your heart, make the next two weeks a time of intentional effort. Read, listen, ask, and pray. Make plans now to attend this great feast, and may the presence of our most blessed Lady fill you in proportion to your faith and attending actions.

Encompassed with you in her protective love,

Fr. Thaddeus



On August 12 we will have a church-wide workday from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. As summer is finishing up, we need to focus on preparing the grounds for our upcoming patronal feast day (Aug. 20) and the upcoming Academy school year. There are many

tasks around the church property that need attention; skills of all sorts are needed. So even if you can only come for an hour, please give of your time and help us tidy up the property. Many hands make light work! Lunch will be provided as well as good fellowship.

New reliquary (from Greece) with the beautiful new icon from Monastery of the Life Giving Spring, Dunlap. The parish has the blessing of having several primary relics which now have a new home.



PERSON TO PERSON

FROM THE PARISH

Welcome New Babies!

Fr. Joshua and Pres. Lucia Resnick welcomed Cassiana Ena, Thursday, August 3, born early at 28 weeks and weighing 2 lb. 9 oz. She will be in the NICU at Stanford for a while, so please continue to keep her and the family in your prayers.

Chad and Mary are the proud parents of Brannock John, who was born Sunday morning July 30 at 7 a.m. Brannock weighed in at 9 lbs. 1 oz., and 23". Brannock and mom are doing fine.

Olive Oil Running Low

Please consider making an offering of olive oil (no mixed oil, please) for use in the oil lamps that are burned during church services. The bottles of olive oil may be set on the holy water table in the narthex. May God bless you for your care of His house of worship.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Baking The Prospora

If you have ever wondered about the process of baking the Prospora (the Altar bread) there will be a hands-on baking class for those interested (you will not be expected, nor drafted, to provide Prospora for the Divine Liturgy. But, if you're interested...). The class will be at David and Sophie Brooks, 1 Brooks Road, on Saturday Aug. 26, at 12:30 p.m. If you are interested please let Pres. Nancy know, nancy@lukedingman.com, or 336-2114.

PHONE UPDATE:

Dan & Susan Shisler are dropping their land line, please call them through Susan's cell: 246-3087.

NEEDS & OPPORTUNITIES

For Rent

Dn. Paul Trigg has a room available to rent. If interested please call Dn. Paul for details, 336-8912.

St. Lawrence Feast Day Potluck

Everyone is encouraged to sign up online at signupgenius.com (search for the event created by lshulter@gmail.com), as well as at the table outside after church, to bring food for the potluck, donate cash to help cover any of the listed items, help with set-up in the kitchen, or referee at the bounce house.

Please bring the food to the kitchen either on Saturday, the day before the feast, or BEFORE the service on Sunday (it is very difficult for the helpers if you wait until after the service to deliver food!). Volunteers are also needed for prep. time before, during, and after the feast. Contact Laurie Hulter online at signupgenius.com, by phone, 334-1896, email (lshulter@gmail.com), or Facebook if you are willing to help or if you have any questions.

Cleaning Team Openings

"Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house; glorify them in return by Your Divine Power" (Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom). A special blessing is awaiting someone, for help is needed to keep His house, our Temple, beautiful and tidy; there are a couple of spots open on the cleaning teams. The commitment is just once a month for about an hour, and you can choose a time that fits into your schedule. If interested, or wish to know more, please contact Bethany Young at 706-6306.

Abbot's Hiring

They need a permanent, year-round employee for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for sorting, cleaning, and pricing housewares and household items. Job requires standing, some heavy lifting, focus to detail, and working at a fast pace. If interested stop in at the store and fill out an application.

Needed

Elijah McQueary is looking for shop space to set up a wood shop for making Icons and other items. He is also looking for donations of tools, a truck, and more. Please call him 212-4153 if you have any leads.

Bounce Around

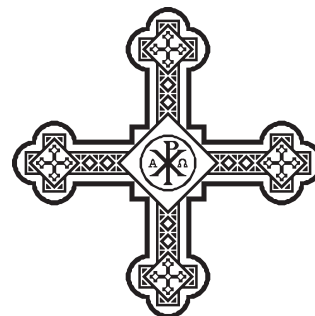
Please consider signing up to supervise one of the bounce houses for half an hour during our celebration of the Feast of St. Lawrence on August 20th. You can sign up after church at the sign up table, or you can sign up at signupgenius.com by searching for the event created by Laurie Hulter. lshulter@gmail.com.

TRICKS OF THE TRADE

Denying Oneself

To deny oneself means to give up one's bad habits; to root out of the heart all that ties us to the world; not to cherish bad thoughts or desires; to suppress every evil thought; not to desire to do anything out of self love, but to do everything out of love for God.

+ St. Innocent of Alaska



SHOP THE ABBOT'S!

New This Week

- ✦ Drum set
- ✦ Pencil boxes
- ✦ Oriental fan
- ✦ Luggage rack
- ✦ Head massager
- ✦ Coasters, varied
- ✦ Wooden rockers
- ✦ Electric knife, in box
- ✦ Water lounge, in box
- ✦ Brain Quest, 3rd Grade
- ✦ Grad. photo frame, metal
- ✦ Bissell-type floor sweeper
- ✦ Glass-topped coffee tables
- ✦ Cake plate, pedestal w/cover
- ✦ Lamps - 50% off Great selection!
- ✦ "Willow Tree - Courage" angel
- ✦ "Instant French" complete course
- ✦ Pets: mesh muzzle, toys, clippers
- ✦ "Little Cowboy" sign, metal/leather



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SERVICE SCHEDULE

Fri. Aug. 11 (July 29)	<i>No Services</i>
Sat. Aug. 12 (July 30)	7 p.m. Great Vespers
Sun. Aug. 13 (July 31)	7:30 a.m. Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Mon. Aug. 14 (1)	<i>No Services</i>
Tues. Aug. 15 (2)	<i>No Services</i>
Wed. Aug. 16 (3)	7 p.m. <i>Paraklesis</i>
Thur. Aug. 17 (4)	<i>No Services</i>

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For Sunday, August 13 (July 31)
1 Corinthians 4:9-16
Matthew 17:14-23

BIRTHDAYS

John Hyde, Jr.	August 11
Scott Dell	August 13
Nadya Zhuninsky	August 13
Alice Hughes	August 14
Ivania Resnick	August 14
Nektarios Burkett	August 15
Helena Dingman	August 16
Joelle Dingman	August 17
Liesl Herlé	August 17

ANNIVERSARIES

Fr. Thaddaeus & Pres. Xenia Hardenbrook
Married 24 years, August 15

CLEANING TEAM

Aug. 12 Susan M., Maria D.,
Pam Xenia T., Presv. Susan, Tia G.

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