



# Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Martyr Myron of Cyzicus (250); within the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos



9:15 – Third Hour; 9:30 – Divine Liturgy      Tone 3      Liturgical Color: **Blue**  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26  
*Add'l Collection for our Community Outreach; Blessing of Flowers & Herbs; 40-day Panachida for +Anna Mae Gogal*

## SERVICES, SAINTS, & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Thursday, September 3 – 9:30 am** Moleben to the Theotokos with holy anointing at St. John's

Our Cathedral offers additional services which can be viewed online: [www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/](http://www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/).

A schedule can be found each week in the Cathedral bulletin: [www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/bulletins/](http://www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/bulletins/)

Monday	Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria (2nd c.)	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 3:6-12
Tuesday	Martyr Andrew Stratelates of Cilicia (3rd c.)	2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5	Mark 3:13-19
* Wednesday	Prophet Samuel (6th c. B.C.)	2 Corinthians 9:12-10:7	Mark 3:20-27
Thursday	Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy (44)	2 Corinthians 10:7-18	Mark 3:28-35
* Friday	Martyr Gorazd of Prague and Bohemia (1942)	2 Corinthians 11:5-21	Mark 4:1-9
Saturday	Martyr Lupus (306)	1 Corinthians 2:6-9	Matthew 22:15-22

*The opportunity for the Holy Mystery of Confession is available following every service AND by appointment.*

*\* Weekly Fasting Days: Let Us Imitate Christ & The Saints & Fast As They Did!*

September 6 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Hieromartyr Maxim Sandovič of Gorlice (1914)

9:15 – Third Hour; 9:30 – Divine Liturgy      Tone 4      Liturgical Color: **Gold**  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24; Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42  
*Panachida for the newly departed*

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## A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors!

**Glory be to Jesus Christ!** (*responded with: Glory be forever!*)  
**Slava Isusu Christu!** (*Slava na viki!*)

**We are happy** that you have joined us today! **Please join us downstairs** for coffee and a bite to eat. It is our pleasure to have you in our presence this morning and we wish God's Blessings to all who visit with us today and hope you stop in again soon! **If you have any questions** in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy, please see Father Dave and he will gladly answer any of your questions to the best of his ability. He looks forward to meeting you!

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### ***This Bulletin Is Offered:***

If you wish to sponsor a bulletin *In Honor of* (anniversary, birthday, etc.) or *In Memory of* someone, please do so by contacting Fr. Dave (*email, text, or call*). An additional stewardship offering to the Church is requested.

## SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

*"Of all the afflictions that burden the human race, there is not one, whether spiritual or bodily, that cannot be healed by the Holy Scriptures."* +Saint John Chrysostom

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

### **The Resurrection of Christ**

**15** Now I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to



me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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**Gospel:** Matthew 19:16-26

### **The Rich Young Man**

<sup>16</sup>And behold, one came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" <sup>17</sup>And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." <sup>18</sup>He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, <sup>19</sup>Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>20</sup>The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow

"The more one collects earthly goods, the more desperate one becomes, because they do not bring spiritual joy. You can collect all the treasures of the earth and put them in front of you, and still be the most miserable person."  
- Metropolitan Onuphry of Kiev and All Ukraine

me.”<sup>22</sup> When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.  
<sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.”<sup>24</sup> Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to

enter the kingdom of God.”<sup>25</sup> When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?”<sup>26</sup> But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please have submissions for this section to Father Dave by Wednesday.)

**A Weekday Service Returns** - At this time, we will return to having a weekday morning service on the North Side. (Research on Covid-19 living on surfaces has been downplayed as long as people are properly washing their hands and not touching their face.) A weekly morning moleben (also called a service of intercession or service of supplication) will at least be offered. This is a devotional service in honor of either our Lord Jesus Christ, the Mother of God, or a particular saint or martyr for healing.



**Moleben to the Theotokos** – On Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am, we will have the same Moleben (devotional service of supplication) to the Theotokos that Fr Mark does with the weeping Icon of the Tender Heart in Taylor, PA. There will also be an anointing with the myrrh from the icon. All are welcome to come and pray with us! (The front door will remain locked so please come in through the side door by the alley.)



**COAT DRIVE** Do you have a clean coat or two that you have not worn since before our last coat drive but it is still in good condition? We are now collecting clean coats and jackets to donate to the Neighborhood Resilience Project (NRP) [Formerly FOCUS Pittsburgh (who provide Food, Occupation, Clothing, Understanding, and Shelter to those who are in need)]. We will collect the clean coats on the coat rack in the hall through August.

**Pittsburgh Forefunners** – Thank-you to our local OCMC Trek 4 Missions team members: Gina Fall, Larry Martin, Tim Martin, Renee Mirilovich, Rich Mirilovich, Cindy Pavidonis, Liz Radomsky, Melanie Shuster, and Fr. Dave Urban (More information about Trek-4-Missions is in the section below.) If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Fr. Dave.

**St. John the Baptist Executive Parish Council Meeting Highlights** - Recently our Parish Council discussed and debated over many topics and here are a few highlights:

**Annual Meeting is canceled** – As our attendance trend is low along with health safety concerns, the 2020 Annual Meeting for St. John the Baptist will not happen as it normally would. The reports that would have been presented at the meeting will be put together and made available to everyone. Please continue to pray for our parish community and our future as we continue to look to grow Orthodoxy!

**“the floor is now open for questions, concerns, or comments...”** – (\*This idea was discussed outside of the last council meeting.) Though we will not have the annual meeting, dialogue can still happen! Please

prepare any questions, concerns, or comments and submit them to Matt Peifer or Larry Martin over the next couple weeks so that they can be addressed in the appropriate yearly reports.

**2020 Garage Sale & Turkey Bingo are cancelled** – Our end of summer Garage Sale and Turkey Bingo have also been cancelled due to the current safety concerns in Allegheny County.

**2020 Church School** – We want your feedback. A survey will be put together for the students, the parents, and the teachers to see what route we want to take this fall for our Church School Program.

**Difficult Decisions** – The above decisions were difficult to make. Everyone’s safety and best interests were of most importance. As we gather in the Nave of the Church for the Divine Liturgy, we are able to spread out. For the above activities in the hall, there would not be enough room to properly have “safe-distancing”.

Our Stewardship Gifts To God

Stewardship:	\$ 275
Candles/Eternal Lamp:	\$ 95
Envelopes/Stewardship:	\$ 327
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$ 697</b>
<b>Relocation Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 40</b>

We must give in trust that God will use it to produce fruit: “He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your sowing (resources) and increase the harvest of your righteousness (benevolence).”  
2 Corinthians 9:10

**Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials** were offered last week by Joanne Nelson; Shuster Family; Tim Martin; Olga Radick; Lawrence Martin; Mary Jane Hudak; Eleanor Sanger; Patty Watson; Cindy Pavidonis; Andrea and David Urban

**“I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”**  
- John 8:12

**Weekly Offerings to God** – During this time, if you are not coming to the church, we request that all weekly donations be mailed to: Tim Martin (2225 McAleer Rd., Sewickley, PA 15143) For our parish to continue it’s ministries, outreach, and general bill paying, we need your generosity to continue.

LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY

✧ **Friday, September 11** – Feast of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist; a day of strict-fasting  
✧ **Monday, September 14** – Ecclesiastical (Church) New Year

“The Theotokos is so much closer to God than others who draw near to Him, that she is able to intercede more powerfully than any of them; and by this I mean not just human beings, but even all the ranks of angels.”  
+St. Gregory Palamas



## ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH & OUR DIOCESE



**2020 Virtual Trek-4-Missions!** The Orthodox Christian Mission Center invites you to take up your cross for our virtual fundraiser which runs through **September 14.**

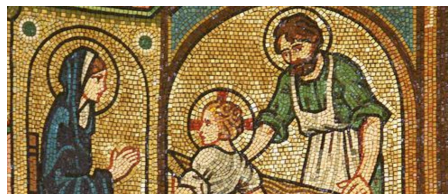
Did you know that the Apostles were the first Christian missionaries? The Holy Apostle St. Andrew, the First-Called, traveled to where the city of Kiev now stands in Ukraine. That's 2,262 miles from Jerusalem, where he began his ministry!

To support our team, please visit [http://secure.ocmc.org/goto/Pittsburgh\\_Forerunners](http://secure.ocmc.org/goto/Pittsburgh_Forerunners). If you would like to join (*it is not too late*), use the team password **"SJBPh2020"**.

**Help us share the faith!**

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Twitter: [twitter.com/acrodnews](https://twitter.com/acrodnews)  
You Tube: [youtube.com/acroddiocese](https://youtube.com/acroddiocese)



## Orthodox Parenting Online Conference

**Saturday, September 19** from Noon to 4pm

**THEME:** Difficult Conversations

12:00 – “Is God Real?” by Fr. Patrick Cardine

12:30 – “Sexuality”, Fr. Raphael Barbero

1:00 – “When Parents Disagree”, Kh. Kerry Pappas

1:30 – “The influence of Friends”, Fr. Michael Nasser

2:00 – “Sibling Rivalry”, Kh. Giqi Shadid

2:30 – “Discipline vs. Anger”, Fr. John Finley

3:00 – “Difficult Conversations”, Dr. Philip Mamalakis

Register for this FREE conference at:

<https://mailchi.mp/a60dd8312645/2020-fall-parenting-conference>

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# LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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
**The "Falling-Asleep" or "Repose"**  
**("Dormition", "Uspenie", "Koimesis") of our**  
**Most-Holy Lady Theotokos (Mother of**  
**God) and Ever-Virgin Mary**

*Commemorated August 28/15*

The feast of the Dormition is the last great feast in the Church calendar year. It is preceded by a two-week fast.

The glorious lot of the ever-blessed Virgin in the work of God's salvation of the world made all Her life wonderful and exemplary. After the Crucifixion of Christ, the Mother of God was taken to live in the house of Her adopted son, the Apostle John. Tradition notes that even after the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, the Mother of God remained in Jerusalem, visiting those places where the Saviour of the world preached, suffered and died. She did not want to leave the country that was dear and holy to Her. When king Herod Agrippa began to persecute the Church, both the pagans and the Jews, indignant of the respect that the Mother of God was receiving from the Christians, wanted to kill Her. It was during this time that She traveled with Apostle John to Ephesus. Church tradition has this also as the time of Her visit to Cyprus to Bishop Lazarus, who had been raised from the dead after four days, and to Mount Athos. When the persecution ended, the Mother of God returned to Apostle John's house at Zion in Jerusalem.

Once, when She went to the Mount of Olives to pray, Archangel Gabriel appeared and spoke of Her approaching departure from this world. Upon returning home, She told Apostle John all that the Archangel had said to Her and started preparing Herself for Her final day on earth. Friends and relatives gathered, and eleven of the apostles were miraculously transported from various parts of the world to Her deathbed. They were all amazed to see each other there. When Apostle John explained that the Mother of God would soon be departing this world, they understood why God had brought them together and became sad. But She comforted them, saying: "Do not cry and darken My happiness with your sadness. I am going to My Son and your God, and you will bury My body and return each to your work." As the time of Her death



neared, the room shone with a divine light, the roof disappeared, and a wondrous sight appeared before all: the Lord Jesus Christ descended from heaven surrounded by many angels. All looked upon this wondrous sight with awe and reverence, and when they approached Her bed, the holy body of the Mother of God shone radiantly, and a fragrance of incense pervaded the room.

## Dormition of the Theotokos

The apostles carried the body of the Mother of God through the city to Gethsemane, to be buried at Her request in the tomb of Her family and Joseph. They buried Her body, closed the tomb with a stone and remained there at the site in prayer for three days. On the third day Apostle Thomas arrived and was very saddened that he did not find the Mother of God alive. To make him feel better, the other apostles rolled away the stone to let him pay his respects to the body. But on entering the tomb, they found that the body was not there – only the winding sheet. They returned home to partake of a communal meal at which they always left a place for the Resurrected Lord. After the meal, they raised the bread left for Christ aloft and exclaimed: “Lord, Jesus Christ, help us.” And they heard a choir of angels, and when they looked up they saw the Holy Virgin surrounded by angels. She greeted them, saying: “Rejoice, for I am with you through all the days.” Then the apostles were filled with joy, and instead of using the usual words, they exclaimed: “Most holy Mother of God, help us.” And now they understood and believed that upon the third day after Her dormition, the Mother of God had been resurrected.

Thus, the dormition of the Mother of God is not a sad event, but a joyous one. Her death is but a short sleep, after which follows Her resurrection and ascension to heaven. From the very beginning, the Church saw in the Mother of God the One who would pray for all of mankind. She is the haven of all the mothers in the world. She teaches us how to live in total faithfulness to the will of God. She, who kept in Her heart the divine words, is an example of faithfulness, love and service.

The Holy Martyr Myron

Commemorated on August 30/17

The Holy Martyr Myron was a presbyter in Achaea (Greece), and lived during the III Century. He suffered in the year 250 under the emperor Decius (249-251). The presbyter was gentle and kind to people, but he was also courageous in the defense of his spiritual children. One time, on the feast of the Nativity of Christ, he was celebrating Divine-services. The local governor Antipater came into the church with soldiers so as to arrest those praying there and to subject them to torture. Seeing this, Saint Myron began heatedly to plead for his flock, denouncing the governor for his cruelty. The saint was delivered over to torture, – they took him and struck at his body with iron rods. They then threw the presbyter into a red-hot

oven, but the Lord preserved the martyr – at the very moment when about 150 men at a nearby pagan temple were scorched by the oven fire. The governor then began to demand the martyr to worship idols. Having received from Saint Myron a firm refusal, Antipater ordered the leather thongs to be cut from his skin. Saint Myron took one of the leather thongs and threw it in the face of his tormentor. Falling into a rage, Antipater gave orders to strike Saint Myron all over his stripped body, and then to deliver the martyr over to wild beasts for devouring. But the beasts would not touch him. Perceiving himself defeated, Antipater in his blind rage committed suicide. They then took Saint Myron to the city of Kizika, where he was beheaded by the sword (+ 250).

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LIVING ORTHODOXY

Ascent to the Celestial Realm of the Most Pure One

“The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.”  
“It is the Day of Resurrection, let us be radiant, O ye people; for Christ is risen, O gladness eternal.”  
We exclaim so joyfully on the days of the Feast of the Feasts, on the days of the Pascha of Christ. And now, on this day of Our Lady’s Pascha, the day of the Dormition of the Most Pure One, we sing a triumphant song: “O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?”

These two bright holidays have one theme and one essence. The theme is **the victory over death, the calling of man to eternity**.

Thus, in the Pascha of Christ, the Master of Life, Jesus Christ, conquers death on the Cross, when He rises on the third day; here, in the Assumption, in the Pascha of the Mother of God, Jesus Christ, who lifted up our flesh to the Abode of the Father on the fortieth day, prevented the corruption of the body of the Most Pure Virgin, resurrected it from the tomb on the third day. **Once again, death is conquered**. The One of our kind is not subject to judgment or decay, but is taken with the flesh to the same Abode.

Isn’t that why the Dormition Fast is so similar to Great Lent? The same essence of holidays, the same preparation is required from believers: *abstinence, prayer, and purification*. Remember: “*our struggle is against spiritual wickedness in high places,*” and “*this kind goes not out but by prayer and fasting.*”

Whereas the Pascha of the Lord is preceded by Holy Week, the Pascha of the Theotokos (Mother of God) – the feast of Dormition – is preceded by the Day of the Cross: the Life-Giving Cross marks the beginning of the Dormition Fast, blessing us for the feats of fasting, abstinence, and cleansing of sins, before we can



finally bow to the Dormition of the Pure One and Her ascent to the celestial realm. “*The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.*”

The Cross of the Lord is erected in the middle of Great Lent to maintain spiritual strength, and is placed in the middle of the temple so that believers can draw strength and joy in the contemplation of the Light of Love in the Lord’s feat of the Cross.

The Radiant Feast of Transfiguration is a beacon standing in the middle of the Dormition Fast. It calls the believers to the feat of climbing the rocky and thorny path in the fight against evil, sin, and corruption.

Who is a madman to ask now: why should we abstain from our passions? What kind of madman, in the light of Transfiguration, would dare to stop halfway through his ascent to the Light of Christ, to the Goal of our life – to His abode, seeing Christ on Mount Tabor, hearing His conversation with Elijah and Moses, confirming the reality of eternal life, and hearing the voice of the Father: “*This is My beloved Son: listen to Him*”.

O Man who is called to royal eternity, you are now a traveler who has lost his way. Raise your eyes upward. Bow to the Cross, on which the Love of God is crucified; climb the mountain of transformation of your flesh, embrace the voice of angels praising the bodily ascent of the Most Pure One to heaven. With all power of persuasion, you will exclaim: “*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*”

The gates of the Jerusalem on High, the gates of the House of the Heavenly Father, are now open to all who have been baptized in Christ and who have put on Christ. Amen.

[https://blog.obitel-minsk.com/2020/08/ascent-to-the-celestial-realm-of-the-most-pure-one.html?fbclid=IwAR0fuuv6TAPZy3MPXLZ0604fMNFPrJ\\_ex9nJ20HLLI8\\_1Tw2st-3v7MHuqY](https://blog.obitel-minsk.com/2020/08/ascent-to-the-celestial-realm-of-the-most-pure-one.html?fbclid=IwAR0fuuv6TAPZy3MPXLZ0604fMNFPrJ_ex9nJ20HLLI8_1Tw2st-3v7MHuqY)

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Blessing of Flowers and Fragrant Herbs on Dormition

Holy Tradition tells us that all the Apostles, with the exception of St. Thomas, were transported mystically to Jerusalem in order to be with the Mother of God – the Theotokos – as she reposed, and to be present at her burial. When the Apostle Thomas arrived the next day, the Apostles opened the tomb so that he could kiss her farewell. As the tomb was opened, the body of the Most Pure Virgin was missing, and the cave was filled with flowers and the sweet fragrance of Paradise. This was a sure sign of her great purity and holiness to the faithful.

Therefore as part of our celebration of Dormition we bless flowers and fragrant herbs – and the faithful traditionally keep them in their homes. The herbs, used as natural medicine, are blessed in commemoration of the numerous healings and the extraordinary grace bestowed on the pilgrims at the blessed tomb of the Mother of God. During times of family strife or illness, it is a pious custom to place the flower petals in the house censer, together with the incense, and cense the whole house with it.

<https://www.stgabrielashland.org/blessing-of-flowers-and-fragrant-herbs-on-dormition/>

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"But, above all, the name of the Lord Himself, that of His most pure Mother, and those of the holy angels and saints, must always be pronounced from a pure heart with burning faith and love; in general, *the words of the prayer must not be merely run over with the tongue as if we were turning over the pages of a book or counting money...*"  
+St. John of Kronstadt




## PRAYER CORNER

Our Parish Prayer List for Special Intentions & Other Needs

### A Prayer For The Sick:

O Christ, You alone are prompt to defend us; quickly visit Your suffering servant *name(s)*. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, deliver *him/her/them* from sickness and bitter pain. Heal *him/her/them* so that *he/she/they* may sing to You and always praise You for You alone love us. Amen.

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 **For the Health of...** Thomas, James, Sean, Michael, Wendy, Anthony, Julia, Theresa, Lexi, John, Susan, John, Alexandra D., Pañi Marie, Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Lino, June, for all those battling viruses ...through the prayers of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker; St. Luke, the Surgeon; and St. Panteleimon, the Healer.

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**For the Special Intentions of...** Metropolitan Gregory, Susan, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Amee, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin *our seminarians*: Thomas, John, Daniel and Dylan *and our Church Council, Curators, and Relocation Committee*: Matthew, Lawrence, Timothy, Theresa, Rich, Gina, Robert, Jane, Anthony, Mary Jane, Steven, Kenneth, Jillian, John, Wendy, John, Margaret, John, John, Todd *and for those who labor towards our Community Outreaches* ...through the prayers of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker; St. John the Baptist; the Archangels Michael & Gabriel; and the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.

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### Patronal Feast Days (Name's Day):

Pañi Alexandra Urban - Saint Alexander (8/30 NC)  
Timothy Martin, Reader - Martyr Timothy (9/1)  
*(please contact Fr. Dave with your Patron Saint)*

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**Birthday Prayers for...** Samuel Mainolfi (9/1), Timothy Martin, Reader (9/2), Ruth Herbert (9/2),

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Ashley Wertz (9/2), Danielle Yakemawiz (9/5) ...May God allow them to grow in peace and love all the days of their lives and may He grant them many and blessed years! Na Mnohaya I Blahaya L'ita!

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### For our Catechumens & Inquirers...

Dustin, Stephen, Daniel, Susan ...through the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. John Maximovitch.

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**For those preparing for Marriage...** Lauren & Corey, Ashley & Derek ...through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.

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**Anniversary Prayers for...** Melanie & Michael Shuster (9/5) ...May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!

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**For Pregnant Mothers...** Brittany (due in October) ...through the prayers of St Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, & St Irene Chrysovalantou.

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**For those serving in the Armed Forces & Civil Authorities...** Thomas R. Dzadovsky and Trevor Meegan ...through the prayers of St George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.

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### For the souls of the newly departed...

+Dolores Smoley (8/22), +Ruth Metil (8/5), +Anna Mae Gogal (7/22), and those who have passed from the coronavirus ...May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. May their Memory in God be Eternal!

Vičnaya Pamyat!

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\* This is to be used for the special intentions of our brothers and sisters in Christ and can be inserted as a prayer itself into our daily prayers. Please let Fr. Dave know if you wish to make additions or subtractions (*in the case of answered prayers*) to our Parish List. The words of the Gospel are true: **it is good to pray for one another**. Let this be a place where we lay out our concerns and beg the help of our brothers & sisters in Christ. This prayer list is NOT limited to only Orthodox Christians.

"Healing is acknowledging the image of God within myself, accepting His great love for me, and being moved by that love to become a better steward of my body, mind, and soul." – Molly Sabourin ([www.filledwithless.com](http://www.filledwithless.com))



## DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:



### FEAST OF THE DORMITION TROPAR (TONE 1)

O Birthgiver of God, in giving birth you retained virginity;  
and in your falling asleep you did not forsake the world. You are the Mother of Life and have passed into life, and by your prayers have delivered our souls from death.

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### A PRAYER FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Heavenly Father, please be with these students as they go where they do not know. As they seek to grow in knowledge, we ask that they grow in faith. As they start to conquer the world, we hope that they conquer their fears. As they strive to find their place, we pray that they find You. Please go where we cannot, protect when we cannot, give strength that we cannot, and bring them safely home. Amen.