

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY
(Pokrov)

August 14, 2022

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Liturgical Schedule

Divine Liturgy

Sunday: 8:30 am
Holyday: 9:00 am

Confessions

One half hour before
the divine liturgy or
by appointment

Served By

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Dea D. Kiselich, 94, of West Newton, died Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022. Born June 24, 1928, in Blythedale, Dea was a member of St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, Herminie. Family and friends are asked to meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 7 Second St., Herminie, where divine liturgy will be celebrated with the Rev. Father Vasyl Yakubych presiding.

Annual Pilgrimage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Mount Saint Macrina in Uniontown, PA will take place on Labor Day Weekend, September 2 to September 5.

This is the largest annual Byzantine Catholic pilgrimage in the USA. Here is the schedule of services (subject to change):

Friday, September 2: 6:30 pm. Compline & Blessing of Water

Saturday, September 3:
Confessions - Mystery of Reconciliation from 7:30a.m. - noon and 1 pm. - 5 pm.
8am Matins,

10th Sunday After Pentecost

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Pre-festive Day of the Dormition.

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15 The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary
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Friday, September 2 Otpust begins.

10am Opening Divine Liturgy,
1 pm Paraklesis,
2 pm Anointing,
4 pm Vespers with Divine Liturgy,
7:15pm Processio, Parastas, Akathist.

Sunday, September 4:
Confessions - Mystery of Reconciliation from 7:30a.m. - noon and 12:30 pm. - 5 pm.
7am Divine Liturgy,
7:30am Matins, 9am Divine Liturgy (Slavonic),
11am Divine Liturgy for Vocations,
4pm Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 7pm Candlelight Procession

Monday, September 5: 9:30am Divine Liturgy

Remember to pick flowers and herbs to be blessed on Monday.

How strong is your hope in the promises of God? Mary is a model of faith and hope for us. And she is among "the fruits" of "all those who belong to Jesus" and who share in his triumph (1 Corinthians 15:20-24). There is a venerable tradition dating back to the early church which marks Mary's "falling asleep" (called the Feast of Dormition in many Eastern churches) and her heavenly birthday when she was received into heaven. Her reception into heaven is seen as a sign to all believing Christians of the promise Jesus made that we too would be received into paradise. At the last supper Jesus told his disciples that he would prepare a place for them in his Father's house. "And when I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself. that where I am you may be also" (John 14:3).

What enabled Mary to grow in faith and to persevere in hope in the face of obstacles and trials? The Gospel of Luke reveals the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in Mary's life. When Elizabeth and Mary greeted one another they were filled with the Holy Spirit and with a joyful anticipation of the fulfillment of God's promise to give a Savior. John the Baptist, even before the birth of the Messiah, pointed to his coming and leapt for Joy in the womb of his mother as the Holy Spirit revealed to him the presence of the King to be born. The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us to enable us to know and experience the indwelling presence of God and the power of his kingdom. The Holy Spirit is the way in which God reigns within each of us. Mary accepted her mission with uncompromising faith and obedience. She acted with unwavering trust and faith because she believed that God would fulfill the word he had spoken. Her great hymn of praise echoes the song of Hannah (see 1 Samuel 2:1-10) and proclaims the favor of the Lord: God exalts the lowly and he fills the hungry. The Holy Spirit is ever ready to renew your faith and hope in God's promises and to make you strong in love for God and your neighbor, Do you live in the joy and confidence of God's indwelling presence with you through his Holy Spirit? "Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and give me Joy in seeking you more closely Increase my faith in all your promises, my hope in the joys of heaven, and my love for You as my All,"

Scripture and Tradition are the pillars of our Faith. Scripture we hear on Sundays, Tradition not so much. Tradition is the sum of the consensus of the Church on what Scripture means and its application to current or past events. The Ecumenical Councils apply Scriptural interpretation to the situations the Church finds herself in throughout history.

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.

FATHER HAS PURCHASED VESTMENTS FROM UKRAINE. THESE VESTMENTS ARE VERY WELL MADE AND LESS EXPENSIVE THAN THOSE THAT ARE PRODUCED HERE.

THE COST OF THE VESTMENTS IS \$400 AND THE MONEY HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE THE VESTMENTS. IF YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE COST OF THESE VESTMENTS PLEASE GIVE THE MONEY TO FATHER VASYL. TO SIMPLIFY THE BOOK-KEEPING PLEASE GIVE CASH OR A CHECK MADE OUT TO CASH.