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“Christ is in our midst!”
---“He is and ever shall be.”

Schedule

Sunday August 1:

10:00 am Divine Liturgy Baptism of Rus
Begin the Dormition Fast Blessing of Waters Procession of the Life-Giving Cross

Friday, August 6 10am

Liturgy Transfiguration

Sunday August 8: 10:00 am

Divine Liturgy St Emilian the Confessor Ven. Zosima and Savvaty Of Solovetsy Monastery Bring in fruit to be blessed for Transfiguration. You may also bring in wine for the church, such as Manicheviz or Kedem

Sunday, August 15

10:00 am Divine Liturgy Dormition of the Theotokos. You may bring in flowers and herbs to be blessed.

Sunday August 22:

10:00 am Divine Liturgy Martyr Agathonicus And his companions Virgin-Martyr Eulalia

Sunday August 29:

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Strict Fast

Beheading of

St. John the Baptist

Sunday September 5:

Prophet Zacharia and Righteous Elizabeth:

Counters:

August 1 – Svetlana, Pani Carrie
August 8 – Nancy, Pani Carrie
August 15 – Jacob, Pani Carrie
August 22 – Tracy, Pani Carrie
August 29 – Cynthia, Pani Carrie
September 5 – Mike, Ellen

Readers Schedule:

August 1 – SubDcn Joseph / Ellen
August 8 – Arlene / Brian
August 15 – Brian / SubDcn Peter
August 23 – SubDcn Peter / Arlene
August 30 – Ellen / SubDcn Joseph

Glory to God:

Alexis and Keegan Federoff will be having Matthais Baptized during Liturgy on August 8th.

Church Council:

President: Brian Delp, (813) 763-5226
Vice President: Paula Karagounis, (813) 838-4554
Secretary: Rebecca Delp, (813) 763-5225
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Council News:

Please remember while you are on vacation that the church has bills to pay! Do not forget to send in your monthly contributions and stewardship donations.

Coffee Hour is going great! There will be a Potluck Luncheon the first Sunday of every month. ...A friendly reminder to please clean the table where you were before going home.

The blue pew books are now staying in the pews. If you have your own from last year you may continue to bring it every week.

Christian Education will start up after Labor Day along with 5 minutes of fun with Father Harry. If you would like to help out with Christian Ed for the children, please see Tracy or a council member.

Prayer Corner:

Contact Cynthia Brown to add or delete names from the Prayer Corner lists. Cynthiaann36@live.com or (863) 223-6775.

Living: Please pray for the ailing: Pearl, (grandmother) Mike, Stella, Egerton, Amanda, Mike, Michael, Samuel, Vilma, Dan, Stacy, Arlene, Bruce, Laura, Christopher, Virginia, Anton, John, Sherrie, Chuck, Rick, Graham, Darla, Trevor, and Cynthia, Rebecca

Reposed : Please pray for the departed: Virginia, Harry, Millie, Harry, Richard, Albert, Mary, John, Doris, Mary, Subdeacon John, Vera Beverly James Dessie, Ernest, Elbert, Bill, Viva, Ina, Cynthia, Bernard, Finn, Marie, Kathy, Cassia, Ashton, Camillo, Lexi, Francesca, Tina, Joan, Lennie, Walter, Wally, Bertha, Karl, and Nancy.

Traveller Alert:

Archbishop Daniel is planning a trip to the Holy Land. If you are interested, the information is in the narthex.

Church School

Contact Tracy Galla for church school information: Tracygalla12@gmail.com or (412) 996-3462

Christian Education is starting back up after Labor Day. If you are interested in helping, please see Tracy Galla or a council member.

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Saint John of Kronstadt

Sermon on the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos August 15

“Magnify O my soul, the honourable Translation of the Mother of God from earth to heaven.” (Refrain for the 9th Ode of the Canon)

Let us be happy, beloved brothers and sisters that we belong to the Holy Orthodox Church, worthily and rightly glorifying the Most Holy Sovereign Theotokos on this eminent day out of all the days of the year with special solemnity. There exists on earth many societies and entire governments that do not consider the need nor the obligation to call upon and glorify the Queen of heaven and earth, the Mother of Our Divine Lord Jesus Christ, and other saints and angels; to submissively serve Her

lovingly, as the true Mother of God. Sadly in Russia nowadays we have heretics (among us) who actively dishonor the Mother of God, the saints, their icons, their relics and their festivals. O, if only they also unanimously with us glorified the worthy Queen of heaven and earth!

Today the Holy Church solemnly glorifies the honorable Dormition or translation of the Mother of God from earth to heaven. A wonderful translation - she died without serious illness, peacefully. Her soul is taken up in the divine hands of Her Son and carried up into the heavenly abode, accompanied by the sweet singing of angels. And then, her most pure body is transferred by the apostles to Gethsemane where it is honorably buried, and on the third day it is resurrected and taken up to heaven. You see this on the icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos. On it is represented the life-bearing body of the Theotokos laying on a bier, surrounded by the apostles and hierarchs, and in the center of the icon the Lord holding in His hands the most pure soul of the Theotokos. The translation of the Mother of God is a paradigm of the translation in general of the souls of Christians to the other world.

We say that our dead have “fallen asleep” or “passed away.” What does this mean? This means that for the true Christian there is no death. Death was conquered by Christ on the cross. But there is a translation, i.e, a rearrangement of his condition, i.e. his soul is in another place, in another age, in another world beyond the grave, eternal, without end, that is what is meant by “falling asleep”. It is as if it were a temporary dream after which, by the voice of the Lord and the fearful yet wonderful trumpet of the Archangel, all the dead shall live and come forth each to his place: either to the resurrection of life or to the resurrection of

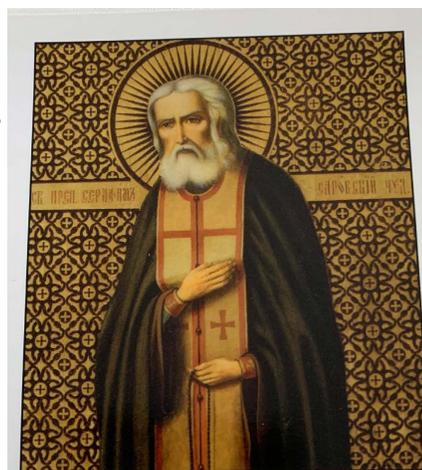
condemnation (John 5:29). This is what the Christian means by translation. We should be ready for this translation, for the day of the general resurrection and judgment, for this indescribable world event, recorded in the Holy Scriptures. This preparation for the meeting of the heavenly King before the dread judgment seat, after death, is essentially the person's preparation throughout the whole of his life. This preparation means a change in all his thoughts, and the moral change of all his being, so that the whole man would be pure and white as snow, washing clean everything that defiles the body and spirit, so that he is adorned with every virtue: repentance, meekness, humility, gentleness, simplicity, chastity, mercifulness, abstention, spiritual contemplation, and burning love for God and neighbor.

Our preparation for meeting the heavenly King, and for the inheritance of eternal life in heaven, should consist of these things. The heavenly King desires souls adorned with immutable virtue, souls prepared so that the Very Lord Himself could abide in them. Do not marvel that the Very Lord wants to live in us. In fact the human soul is more spacious than the heavens and the earth, for it exists in the image of God. And if one removes sins from the soul, the Lord of all will settle in it and will fill it with Himself. "We will come to him and make our dwelling with him" (John 14:23), says the Lord about the souls who love Him.

And so, ye participants in the Christian feasts, and especially the present feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God, ye who are brightly adorned with every virtue and translated to the heavenly kingdom, to Her Son and God, proclaim to each and every one about preparing their souls to be the dwelling place of the Lord, about continual repentance, and about the incorruptible adornment of Christian virtue. Let your death also be unashamed and peaceful, serving as the pledge of a good answer at the dread judgment seat of Christ. Amen.

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The saint for the month of August:



St. Seraphim of Sarov

Dismissal Hymn. Fourth Tone.

Thou didst love Christ from thy youth O blessed one, and ardently desire to work for Him alone, thou didst struggle in the wilderness with constant prayer and labor, and having acquired love for Christ with compunction of heart, thou didst prove to be the beloved favorite of the Mother of God. Wherefore, we cry to thee: Save us by thy prayers, O Seraphim, our holy Father.

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St. Seraphim
Wonderworker of Sarov
January 2/15 - July 19/August 1

Our saint was born in the Russian town of Kursk in 1759. From early childhood he was under the protection of the Holy Theotokos, who healed him of a grave sickness when he was nine. At the age of nineteen he entered the Sarov Monastery and where he amazed all by his strict obedience and humility. In 1780 he was stricken with another illness which he manfully endured for three years. The Mother of God with the Apostle John appeared to him again and healed his malady. In 1794 he took up the solitary life in the Sarov forest and practiced extreme asceticism for fifteen years. During this time he took upon himself one of the greatest spiritual feats of his life. Assailed with despondency and other thoughts raised by the devil, the enemy of our salvation, he spent a thousand nights praying on a rock and defeated the evil one. On another occasion he was attacked by robbers who broke his chest and head. And again the Mother of God with the Apostles Peter and John appeared to him. She pointed to him and said, "This is one of my kind." In 1810 he returned to the monastery and lived as a recluse and spoke to no one. In 1825 the Mother of God revealed to him that it was pleasing to God to end his reclusion and he began to receive visitors who came to him for consolation and spiritual direction. He was able to heal bodily ailments, foretold things to come, brought sinners to repentance, and saw clearly the secrets of the hearts of those who came to him. The Holy Virgin appeared to him twelve times in his life. The last time was on Annunciation when she told him he was to enter into his rest. She came with twelve virgins, martyrs and monastic saints, St. John the Baptist and St. John the Theologian. After this he lived for less than two years and reposed on January 2, 1833. He always greeted people with the same greeting: "Christ is Risen, my joy." Because of his singular holiness of life and the multitude of healings and miracles he performed both during his life and after his death, his veneration spread beyond the Russian Empire to every corner of the earth.

Tell us of 5 things you learned about St. Seraphim.