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DIAKONIA

JULY & AUGUST 2017



“Holy Mothers, pray to God for us!”

By: Fr. Timothy Cook

Here in the Orthodox Faith, we are surrounded by the great “cloud of witnesses,” who show to us by the witness of their lives that it is possible to live not only a virtuous life, but a life of communion with Christ. This cloud of witnesses, moreover, is not restricted only to the great men and fathers of the Church, but includes and, indeed, exalts the great women and mothers of the Church alongside of them.

In the coming month of August, we are preparing to celebrate the yearly feast of the Dormition, or Falling-asleep, of the Virgin Mary. The first twenty-three days of August are set aside for the celebration of this feast – the first fourteen in fasting and preparation for the feast with the daily celebration of the Small Supplication Service to the Virgin Mary, and the remainder to the celebration of the feast. The Theotokos, the Mother of God, occupies a central place in the life of the Church, as the gateway of Christ into the world and the chief intercessor to her Son and our God, Jesus Christ. Most Orthodox Churches are adorned with the great Platytera icon of the Virgin Mary, which shows her with the infant Christ as “She who is wider than the heavens,” reminding us not only that she contained God with her in the person of Christ but also calling us to that same reality, to receive God into our lives and to become ourselves united to God in Holy Communion.

Moreover, throughout the month of July we will remember and celebrate the lives of many of the great women martyrs and mothers of the Church – including the Great Martyrs Kyriaki, Evphemia, Paraskevi, Julia, Marina (Margaret), Markella, Christina, and Mother Maria Skobtsova, who was martyred in a concentration camp during the Second World War. We also celebrate Sts. Mary Magdalene and Olga, the Equals-to-the-Apostles, who spread the good news of Christ throughout the world and even, in the case of St. Mary Magdalene, brought the good news of the Resurrection to the other Apostles. We remember the great spiritual mothers like St. Irene Chrysovalantou and St. Macrina, the sister of St. Basil, who cared not only for the monastics entrusted to their charge, but who taught all even to the present day to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

In these coming months of July and August we will celebrate so many of the holy mothers, and not least the Mother of God who is also, through Christ, the mother of all Creation and the new Eve. All through the ages the Faith has been defended and preserved by the holy women of the Church – not just the Apostles and Martyrs but by all the Mothers of the Church, down to the least of the yia-yias and babushkas who, in the face of persecution and threats from oppressors continued to raise their children and grandchildren to know and love Christ and His Church.

As we celebrate their feasts, let us continue to honor their memory and to lift them up, with all of the Saints of the Church as role models for us and for our children. We all need heroes to lift us up and inspire us, but only in the Church do we find heroes and role models who do not disappoint. May God bless and keep you all, through the prayers of our holy mothers and all the saints. Amen.



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**TO ALL OUR FESTIVAL
 VOLUNTEERS!!!**

**THANK
 You
 SO VERY
 much**

Saginaw Greek Festival Committee



Ava Marie Majoros
 granddaughter of Themie and
 Barbara Majoros, graduated
 June 14 from Grosse Pointe
 South High School, with
 highest honors. She gained
 membership in several honor
 Societies, including National
 Honor. She will attend the
 University of Florida
 majoring in Information
 Technology.

Prosforon Schedule

July 2	Kim Gowenlock>	Aug. 6	Elaine Kimmerly
July 9	Virginia Ulmer>	Aug. 13	Tena Mendyk
July 16	Kathy Metropoulos>	Aug. 20	Elaine Tambouridis
July 23	Soula Economou>	Aug. 27	Gabby Economous
July 30	Vaia Clifford		

ALTAR VIGIL CANDLES



- 5/21 - Better Health for Helen Nikolakakos by Sophia and Johnathan Bernhart.
- 5/21 - Better Health for Helen Nikolakakos by Christina Zahareos
- 5/21 - Better Health for Helen Nikolakakos by Litsa & Gerald Hoefling
- 5/28 - For parents and in memory of deceased family members by Fani Samaras
- 5/28-6/3 - In Memory of Ahejew & Kostick Families by Petro & Sandra Ahejew
- 6/4 - In Memory of Families & Relatives by Fani Samaras
- 6/4-6/10 - In Memory of Harold Kostick by Petro & Sandra Ahejew
- 6/4-6/10 - Better health for Augusta Ahejew by Petro & Sandra Ahejew
- 6/4-6/10 - In Memory of George Kostick by Petro & Sandra Ahejew
- 6/11 - For Zoe Nichols, 40 day motherhood & children, by David & Elan Nichols
- 6/11 - Better Health for Helen Nikolakakos by Christina Zahareos
- 6/12 - In Memory of Mary Eliades, 9 day memorial, by the Legner & Eliades Families.
- 6/18 - Better Health for Helen Nikolakakos by Sophia and Johnathan Bernhart.
- 6/23 - Better Health for Helen Nikolakakos by Panayiota Smiaris & Family

SAINT DEMETRIOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS • JULY, 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 ♦ Hieromartyr Helladios John the Russian of Evia Acts 20: 7-12 John 14: 10-21 Great Vespers (5:00 pm)
2 4TH SUNDAY ✠ OF MATTHEW Juvenal, Pat. of Jerusalem Hebrews 9:1-7 Matthew 8:5-13 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)	3 Hyacinth of Caesaria Anatolios, Pat. of Constantinople Romans 16:17-24 Matthew 13:10-23,43	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Andrew of Crete Martha, mother of St. Symeon Romans 14:9-18 Matthew 12:14-16, 22-30	5 Athanasios of Mt. Athos Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2 Matthew 11:27-30	6 Sisoës the Great Archippus, Philemon, Onesimus Romans 15:17-29 Matthew 12:46-50; 13:1-3	7 Thomas of Maleon Kyriaki the Great Martyr Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5 Mark 5:24-34	8 Prokopios, Great Martyr Theophilos, Myrrhbearer 1st Timothy 4:9-15 Luke 6:17-19; 9:1-2; 10:16-22
9 5TH SUNDAY ✠ OF MATTHEW Pancratios, Bp. of Sicily Dionysios the Orator Romans 10: 1-10 Matthew 8: 28-34; 9:1 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)	10 45 Martyrs of Nikopolis, Armenia Martyr Apollonios Romans 16: 17-24 Matthew 13:10-23, 43	11 Euphemia, Great-Martyr Olga, Equal-to-the- Apostles 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Luke 7: 36-50	12 Proklos & Hilarios of Ancyra Michael Maleinus 1 Corinthians 2: 9-16; 3: 1-8 Matthew 13: 31-36	13 Archangel Gabriel - Synaxis Stephanos of Savvas Monastery Hebrews 2: 2-10 Matthew 13: 36-43	14 Aquila of the 70 Joseph the Confessor Romans 16: 1-16 Matthew 13: 44-54	15 Vladimir, Equal-to-the- Apostles Martyrs Julitta & Kyrikos I Corinthians 13: 11-14; 14: 1-5 Matthew 17: 24-27; 18: 1-4
16 SUNDAY OF THE ✠ HOLY FATHERS Athenogenes the Martyr Titus 3: 8-15 Mathew 8: 28-34; 9:1 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)	17 Marina of Antioch Martyrs Veronika & Speratos Galatians 3: 23-29; 4: 1-5 Mark 5: 24-34 Parish Council Mtg. (7 pm)	18 Emilianos of Bulgaria Paul, Thea & Oulalentine 1 Corinthians 6: 20; 7: 1-2 Matthew 14: 1-13	19 Macrina, sister of St. Basil Dios, Abbot of Antioch 1 Corinthians 7: 12-24 Matthew 14: 35-36; 15:1-11	20 Elias the Prophet Mother Maria Skobtsova James 5: 10-20 Luke 4: 22-30	21 Symeon, Fool for Christ Parthenios, Bishop of Arta 1 Corinthians 7: 35-40; 8: 1-7 Matthew 15: 29-31	22 Mary Magdalene Markella of Chios 1 Corinthians 9: 2-12 Luke 8: 1-3
23 7TH SUNDAY ✠ OF MATTHEW Phocas, Bishop of Sinope Ezekiel the Prophet Romans 15: 1-7 Matthew 9: 27-35 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)	24 Christina, Great Martyr Athenagoras the Apologist 1 Corinthians 9: 13-18 Matthew 16: 1-6	25 Dormition of St. Anna Olympias the Deaconess Galatians 4: 22-27 Luke 8: 16-21	26 ☩ Hermolaos & Companions Paraskevi of Rome Galatians 3: 23-29; 4: 1-5 Mark 5: 24-34	27 Panteleimon, Great Marytr Nicholas of Novgorod 2 Timothy 2: 1-10 John 15: 17-27; 16: 1-2 Calendar Meeting (6 pm)	28 Prochoros, Nicanor, Timon Irene of Chrysovalantou Acts 6: 1-7 Matthew 17: 10-18	29 Kallinikos of Asia Minor Theodote and her Children Romans 13: 1-10 Matthew 12: 30-37

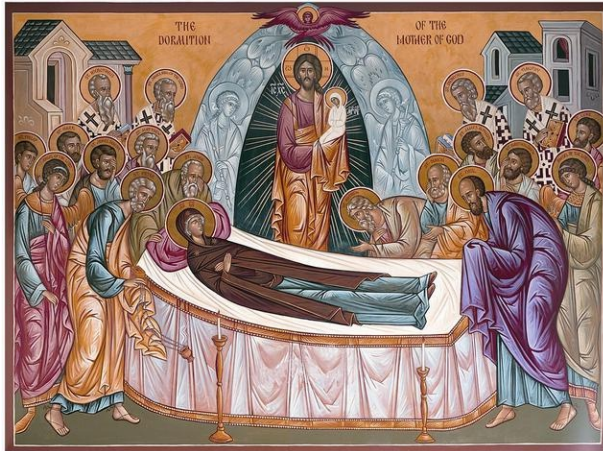
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 8TH SUNDAY ✠ OF MATTHEW Silas, Silvan, Crescens, Epenetus & Andronicus I Corinthians 1:10-17 Matthew 14:14-22 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)	31 Forefeast of the Holy Cross Joseph of Arimathea I Corinthians 11:31-34; 12:1-6 Matthew 18:1-11	1 ✦ Holy 7 Maccabee Children & Solomone their mother Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2 Matthew 10:16-22 Small Paraklesis (6:00 pm)	2 ✦ Translation of the Relics of Stephen, Protomartyr Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60 Mark 12:1-12 Small Paraklesis (6:00 pm)	3 ✦ Isaacius, Dalmatius, Faustus, the Righteous Salome the Myrrhbearer I Corinthians 14:6-19 Matthew 20:17-28 Small Paraklesis (6:00 pm)	4 ✦ Holy 7 Youths of Ephesus I Corinthians 14:26-40 Matthew 21:12-14; 17-20 Small Paraklesis (6:00 pm)	5 Forefeast of Transfiguration Martyr Eusignius I Peter 1:1-25; 2:1-10 Matthew 15:32-39
6 HOLY ✠ TRANSFIGURATION II Peter 1:10-19 Matthew 17:1-9 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)	7 ✦ Martyr Dometius I Corinthians 15:12-19 Mark 9:2-9 Small Paraklesis (6:00 pm)	8 ✦ Emilian the Confessor Myronus, Bp. of Crete I Corinthians 15:29-38 Matthew 21:23-27 Small Paraklesis (6:00 pm)	9 ✦ Holy Apostle Matthias Anthony of Alexandria Acts 1:12-17, 21-26 Matthew 21:28-32 Small Paraklesis (6:00 pm)	10 ✦ Archdeacon Lawrence Chitus of Athens II Corinthians 1:1-7 Matthew 21:43-46 Small Paraklesis (6:00 pm)	11 ✦ Euplus the Deacon-Martyr Patriarch Niphonus II Corinthians 1:12-20 Matthew 22:23-33 Small Paraklesis (6:00 pm)	12 Photius & Anicetus Soldier-martyrs of Crete Romans 15:30-33 Matthew 17:24-27; 18:1-4
13 10TH SUNDAY ✠ OF MATTHEW Maximus the Confessor I Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 17:13-23 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)	14 Prophet Micah Forefeast of Dormition II Corinthians 2:3-15 Matthew 23:13-22	15 HOLY ✠ DORMITION Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28 Orthros (9:00 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)	16 Icon of the Holy Napkin Martyr Diomedes I Timothy 3:13-16; 4:1-5 Luke 9:51-57, 10:22-24, 13:22	17 Martyr Myron Straton, Philip, Eutychian, & Cyprian of Nicomedeia II Corinthians 4:1-12 Matthew 24:13-28	18 Martyrs Floros & Lauros Hermos II Corinthians 4:13-18 Matthew 24:27-33, 42-51	19 Great Martyr Andrew Martyrs Timothy, Agapius, & Thecla I Corinthians 1:3-9 Matthew 19:3-12
20 11TH SUNDAY ✠ OF MATTHEW Prophet Samuel I Corinthians 9:2-12 Matthew 18:23-35 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)	21 Holy Apostle Thaddeus II Corinthians 5:10-15 Mark 3:13-21 Parish Council Mtg. (7 pm)	22 Martyr Agathonicus Martyr Anthuse II Corinthians 5:15-21 Mark 1:16-22	23 Bp. Irenaeus Leavetaking of Dormition Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	24 Hieromartyr Eutyches Cosmas of Aitola II Corinthians 7:1-10 Mark 1:29-35	25 Apostle Bartholomew Titus of the 70 Titus 1:1-5; 2:15; 3:1-2, 12-15 Matthew 5:14-19	26 Martyrs Adrian & Natalie Righteous Joseph Hebrews 6:9-12 Matthew 20:29-34
27 12TH SUNDAY ✠ OF MATTHEW Pimen the Great Martyr Phanourios I Corinthians 15:1-11 Matthew 19:16-26 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)	28 Moses the Black Diomedes & Lawrence II Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 3:6-12	29 Beheading of St. John the Forerunner Acts 13:25-33 Mark 6:14-30	30 ☩ Alexander, Paul, & John, Pats. of Constantinople II Corinthians 9:12-15; 10:1-7 Mark 3:20-27	31 Venerable Sash of the Theotokos Cyprian of Carthage Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28		

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ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



DORMITION FAST SERVICE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 1st
Small Paraklesis: 6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 2nd
Small Paraklesis: 6:00 pm

Thursday, August 3rd
Small Paraklesis: 6:00 pm

Friday, August 4th
Small Paraklesis: 6:00 pm

Sunday, August 6th
Orthros: 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

Monday, August 7th
Small Paraklesis: 6:00 pm

Tuesday, August 8th
Small Paraklesis: 6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 9th
Paraklesis: 6:00 pm

Thursday, August 10th
Paraklesis: 6:00 pm

Friday, August 11th
Paraklesis: 6:00 pm

Sunday, August 13th
Orthros: 8:50 am
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

Monday, August 14th
Great Vespers: 6:30 pm
Assumption - Grand Blanc

Tuesday, August 15th
Orthros: 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am