

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!  
Слава на вьки!

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## 9 August, 2015: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Postfestive Day of the Transfiguration. The Holy Apostle Matthias.

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Sat.	Aug.	08	<b>17:00 Vigil of the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.</b> Suffrages for <b>Kathy</b> and <b>Gary Osif</b> : 33 <sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary – <i>Martin, Dorothy, Tina Osif</i> ; for + <b>John</b> and <b>Suzanna Muchoney</b> – <i>Joanne H. Krynicky</i> .		
Sun.	Aug.	09	<b>10:00 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.</b> + Suffrages for the <b>parish</b> ; for + <b>Mary Ann Davis</b> – <i>Stephen Lipko</i> ; + <b>Pasquale Foti</b> – <i>Marge Hulyk</i> .		
Fri.	Aug.	14	<b>19:00 Vigil Divine Liturgy: The Dormition of our most holy Lady, Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary</b> w/ <i>Mirovanije</i> and blessing of flowers and herbs. <b>OBLIGATION.</b> + Suffrages for <b>Kathleen Snitzer</b> – <i>Joseph and Carol Sostavich</i> ; for + <b>Mary Ann Davis</b> – <i>Ed &amp; Joan Boytim</i> .		
Sat.	Aug.	15	<b>9:30 Divine Liturgy: The Dormition of our most holy Lady, Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary</b> w/ <i>Mirovanije</i> and blessing of flowers and herbs. <b>OBLIGATION.</b> Suffrages for + <b>Walter Furwa</b> – <i>Helen DeFlorio</i> ; for + <b>Mary Ann Davis</b> – <i>Joanne H. Krynicky</i> .		
Sat.	Aug.	15	<b>17:00 Vigil of the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.</b> Suffrages for + <b>Kathleen Snitzer</b> – <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Donald Mack</i> ; for + <b>John &amp; Mary Lezo</b> – <i>Mary Lezo</i> .		
Sun.	Aug.	16	<b>10:00 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.</b> + Suffrages for the <b>parish</b> ; for + <b>Richard Spirko</b> – <i>James and Mary Ann Kontir</i> ; for + <b>Walter Furwa</b> – <i>Margaret Hulyk</i> .		

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#### Acolytes

#### Lectors

#### Ushers

Sat.	Aug.	08	-----	J. Kontir	J. Snitzer, R. Garber
Sun.	Aug.	09	E. R. A. Hess	O. Syphan	B. & J. Knouse
Fri.	Aug.	14	M. Ruggieri, T. Syphan	O. Syphan	<i>Any present</i>
Sat.	Aug.	15	T. & M. Syphan	J. Krynicky	<i>Any present</i>
Sat.	Aug.	15	-----	L. Knouse	J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko
Sun.	Aug.	16	Ruggieri & Syphans	T. Tomosky	D. Hess, R. Garber

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**8/02/15 Collection:** Adult: \$2232.00 Student: \$20.00 Candles: \$60.00  
Cemetery: \$40 Festival: \$200 **Total: \$2512.00**

**Attendance:** Saturday 27 + 3 Sunday: 30 + 4 Transfiguration: 25 ☺

**ON THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS:** 10. «The Apostles saw, we are told, the ranks of angels awaiting your departure from this world of human life. O lovely emigration, which was for you a migration to God! For even this is granted by God to all who are inspired to serve Him – and it is grant to them all, we believe – still there is an infinite difference between God’s servants and His Mother. What, then, shall we call this mystery concerning you? Death? But even though your holy and blessed soul was separated from your privileged, immaculate body, and your body was committed to burial, as custom demanded, still it did not remain in death, nor was it dissolved by corruption. For she whose virginity remained undamaged in childbirth also kept her body undamaged in her passage through death. She was brought over to “a better and more divine tent” (cf. Heb 9:11) that is not cut down by death, but endures always, for endless ages of ages. [...] “You are like an apple tree growing in the midst of the deep woods” (Cant 2:7), and your fruit is sweet in the mouths of the faithful. Therefore I will not call your holy passage [from this world] a death, but rather a falling-asleep, a parting, or – more properly speaking – a homecoming. For when you parted from the things of the body, you went to make your dwelling among greater things.»

11. «The angels and archangels carried you there. The unclean spirits of mid-air trembled at your departure. The air was blessed by your passing through it; the æther of the upper regions was sanctified. Heaven received your soul with joy. The powers [of heaven] met you with holy hymns and splendid ceremony, crying out words such as these: «‘Who is this who ascends, robed all in white’ (Cant 8:5), ‘spreading over us like the dawn, beautiful as the moon, singular as the sun’ (Cant 6:10)? How beautiful you are, how sweet! ‘You are the flower of the plain, like a lily among thorns’ (Cant 2:1f.)! ‘Therefore the young maidens love you – we rush towards the fragrance of your myrrh’ (Cant1:3f.). ‘The King bears you into His chamber, where the powers accompany you in procession, the principalities sing your blessings, the thrones praise you, the cherubim are struck dumb with joy, the seraphim praise you, for you are called, by nature and by God’s own plan, the Mother of their Lord. You have not simply gone up into the heavens like Elijah, nor have you simply been transported, like Paul, to the third heaven. You have gone on to the very royal throne of your Son, where you see Him with your own eyes and rejoice; you stand beside Him in great indescribable freedom.»

On the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos. Homily I.  
Saint John of Damascus (ca. anno Domini 676 – 749).

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## Next Sunday’s Readings: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**I Corinthians 15: 1 – 11** *The Resurrection of Christ*

**Matthew 19: 16 – 26** *The Rich Young Man*



## ~ Announcements ~

- **MANY SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS** upon all – parishioners and non-parishioners alike – who worked so incredibly hard to make this year’s parish festival a great success! **BRAVISSIMI!!!**
- **THANK YOU** to the Syphan family for cleaning the nave of our church this past week.
- The winners of the **Chinese Auction baskets** are posted on the bulletin board.
- Please return **festival signs** to the Narthex as soon as possible.
- Kindly extend a warm welcome to our **new parishioners James** and **Patricia Kreisner**.
- With joy, tinged with a soupçon of sadness, we say a provisional «Good-bye» next Sunday to **Olivia Syphan** who will be leaving to attend Northeastern Catholic College in Warner, New Hampshire. We wish her a very successful semester!
- **ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS!** GCU is holding a **Charity Golf Event** to assist with the renovation on **Mt. Macrina Manor Nursing Home**. The event is a 4 person golf scramble planned for a **13:00 start on Friday, 4 September at Seven Oaks Country Club in Beaver, PA**. The tournament is open to both GCU members and non-members alike. your entry fee includes golf, cart, lunch at the turn, prizes, and a buffet dinner. The **cost is \$100** per golfer w/ a discount of \$20.00 (\$380) for those entering a complete foursome. See Father for an application form or download one at <http://www.gcuusa.com/PDF/CharityScrambleApp.pdf>. If you have any questions, call the GCU Communication Department at **1-800-722-4428** and ask for either extension **3924** or **3810**.



Dear Parishioners of St Mary Parish,

It's the anniversary of a nightmare. **One year ago, the armed extremists of ISIS stormed the villages of Iraq's Nineveh Plain. In a matter of hours, 120,000 Christians — given the choice of converting to Islam, paying an extortionate "tax" or facing**

**certain death — made the decision to flee.** They left behind their homes and belongings. Many were robbed of their money and passports during their escape. During the days that followed, all endured unbearable heat and thirst to reach safety. They struggled to keep their terrified families alive.

Pope Francis has called events like these, “a crime that constitutes an alarming drift from the most basic of human rights which prevents a rich cohabitation between peoples, cultures and faiths.” Here at Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), we received news of these suffering people and took immediate action.

Thanks to the generosity of people like you, we helped local churches and religious sisters provide emergency food, tents, blankets, medicine and other essentials. We helped these traumatized families weather the storm.

**During the past 12 months, CNEWA has distributed more than \$7 million to assist Iraqis and Syrians displaced by extremists.** Many of these innocent people are Christian. And our mission has extended far beyond emergency aid. As I write this, CNEWA is helping create schools, more livable housing and better medical clinics to accommodate thousands of families still stranded miles from home. We're making sure they have trauma counseling and pastoral care, to help heal the invisible wounds that too many still bear.

With the world's attention now focused elsewhere, however, these victims of war have vanished from the headlines. They've walked through hell to survive. Their shock over losing everything remains real. But like millions of other refugees in the Middle East, Northeast Africa and beyond, they've faded out of sight and out of mind. So on this anniversary of the Christian escape from the Nineveh Plain, I have two requests.

1. **Please remember the world's refugees in your prayers, both at home and at your church.**
2. **Please reach out to them, if you can, by supporting the work of organizations like CNEWA.**

Will these families ever return home? Only time will tell. But as they struggle to heal from their trauma and loss, let's make sure they're not forgotten.

Thank you and God bless you,

Handwritten signature of John E. Kozar.

Msgr. John E. Kozar  
President: Catholic Near East Welfare Association