

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

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Saturday 4 – 4:30 PM
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5 August 2012: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Prefestive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Martyr Eusignius.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Aug. 04 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**
+Helen & Andrew Cholock requested by Barb & Jerry Chirdon

Sun. Aug. 05 **9:30 AM: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost:** For Our Parishioners

Sat. Aug. 11 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**
+John "Pat" Altman requested by Wife Dolores and Children

Sun. Aug. 12 **9:30 AM: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost:** For Our Parishioners

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Acolytes

Readers

Ushers

Sat. Aug. 04	M. Mihalko	B. Chirdon	J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko
Sun. Aug. 05	R. & E. Hess	S. Vacha	D. Hess, J. Overdorff
Sat. Aug. 11	M. Mihalko	D. Cholock	J. Kontir, R. Garber
Sun. Aug. 12	D. Cianciotti	L. Cianciotti	D. & C. Cianciotti

Collection: 07/29/12: Adult \$775; Student \$4; Candles \$46; Cemetery \$50; **Total: \$ 875**



DORMITION FAST: The traditional rule for the Dormition Fast is a strict abstinence from Wednesday, 1 August until Tuesday, 14 August, with the usual mitigations (wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (6 August). It is therefore observed as is the Great Fast. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season [Canon 880, §2] (**and a time to avail oneself of the Mystery of Repentance**). The observance of this fast is voluntary.

August 1st: Because of the many diseases that occur in the month of August, the custom prevailed of old in Constantinople to carry the precious Wood of the Cross in procession throughout the city for its sanctification and its deliverance from illnesses. It was brought forth from the imperial treasury

on the last day of July and placed upon the Holy Table of the Great Church of the Holy Wisdom; and beginning August 1 until the Dormition of the Theotokos, it was carried in procession throughout the city and was set forth for veneration before the people.



Wisdom from the Holy Fathers: «This life is neither a joke nor a plaything, although men may turn it into either. They fritter away the time given to us to prepare for eternity, deporting themselves with empty words. They go around visiting, sitting and gossiping, playing this or that game ... Life is, for them, amusement. But woe to those who do nothing but amuse themselves!»

Saint John of Kronstadt (1829 - 1908)

«**PRAYER** is Baptism made manifest».

PRAYER is «the divinizing virtue».

FASTING: «A clear rule for self-control handed down by the Fathers is this: stop eating while you are still hungry and do not continue until you are satisfied.

Saint John Cassian, The Philokalia

*Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it [the demon] out?” So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief...however, this kind does not go out except by **prayer** and **fasting**.»*

Matthew 10:19 – 21



- ❑ **Today is our Parish Festival!!** We hope that everyone attends. Let us hope that this day is perfect in every way. Remember to practice the virtues of **PATIENCE, KINDNESS, RESPECT, and COOPERATION**. It is still not too late to *volunteer* and help out at ANY booth or in the Kitchen to provide a time of relief. **Remember: TUESDAY EVENING** is the day set aside for Festival Clean-Up. Please be at the parish centre @ 6:00 PM.
- ❑ **A mighty THANK YOU to all our beloved parishioners who have contributed in any way to the success of our 2012 Church Festival!!!**
- ❑ Thank you to **Jennifer Fullman** and **Donna Fullman** for donating baked goods to our bingo.
- ❑ **«St. Nicholas Charity Event»** We are pleased to announce that children in grades K-12 will have an opportunity to participate in a special Youth Presentation during the St. Nicholas Charity Event on December 9, 2012! Youth are welcome and encouraged to be part of the Youth Choir or audition for the Youth Play, “**Darr Mine Miracle.**” Be sure to get the details from Father and sign up right away – don’t delay! Sign-up sheets **MUST** be received by **August 31st**! Have a blast contributing your wonderful singing and acting skills to make this event a truly memorable and special Archeparchial gathering!

- **Remember** to bring **FLOWERS** and **HERBS** to church to be blessed on Tuesday evening, 14 August, and Wednesday morning, 15 August, as part of our Dormition celebration. **Some things to do to honor this most holy Feast of the Dormition:** Use the Troparion and Kontakion hymns as prayers before and / or after meals, and as part of your and your children's evening prayers during the 8-day "after feast", until 23 August. If you have an icon of this feast, display it in your family's place of prayer for veneration. Use the front cover of our parish bulletin if you do not have one. If there are children at home, discuss the icon with them so that they are able to recognize all the figures and be able to tell the story. (Adults should also be able to tell the story!) Use the flowers blessed at the end of the Divine Liturgy to decorate the icon or the family table. Make an extra bouquet for someone who cannot come to Church.

REMINDER: Criteria for being a member of the Catholic Church **in good standing.** A sponsor...

...is registered in a parish.

...regularly attends Divine Liturgy and holy days; observes the fasts.

...is active in the non-liturgical life of the parish.

...supports the Church monetarily according to his or her means.

...if married, celebrated a **valid** Catholic marriage.