

**Glory to Jesus Christ!**  
**Слава Иисусу Христу!**

**Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church**  
**4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650**

**Glory Forever!**  
**Слава на виви!**

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**Confessions:**  
**Saturday** 4 – 4:30 PM  
**Sunday** 9:30 – 10:00 AM  
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## 19 August 2012: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

*Post Festive Day of the Dormition.*

*The Holy Martyr Andrew the Tribune and His Companions.*

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

- Sat. Aug. 18 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil:** w/ Mirovanije  
*+Bruce Witek requested by Connie & Mike Bankovich*
- Sun. Aug. 19 **9:30 AM: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost:**  
For Our Parishioners w/ Mirovanije
- Sat. Aug. 25 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**  
*+George & Lenora Malinish requested by Pamela, Sam, Shannon, Ben, Scott, Jen, and Emily*
- Sun. Aug. 26 **9:30 AM: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost:** For Our Parishioners

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#### Acolytes

#### Readers

#### Ushers

- Sat. Aug. 18 M. Mihalko J. Kontir J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko
- Sun. Aug. 19 E. & R. Hess J. Hess G. Krynicky, W. Furwa
- Sat. Aug. 25 M. Mihalko M. Hulyk J. Kontir, R. Garber
- Sun. Aug. 26 D. Cianciotti L. Cianciotti B. Knouse, J. Knouse

**Collection:** 08/12/12: Adult \$758; Candles \$48; Holy Day \$85; **Total: \$ 891**



**THEOTOKOS:** The faithful have always considered Mary most holy and filled with the grace of God. This was expressed in many ways until the Church at the Council of Ephesus in *anno Domini* 431 gave Mary the title **THEOTOKOS**. By this the Council meant that the child she carried in her womb was one person, who was fully a human being from His conception in the womb of a human mother **AND** at the same time God, united in essence with the Father. This does not mean that Mary gave birth to the divine nature which is obviously impossible, since Mary herself was created by God. It meant that she was mother to a person who is God, and, therefore, can rightly be called «Mother of God.» This title has been the cornerstone



of our faith in Mary and her role in our salvation. If a human being can be so intimately related to God, then this is the hope of deification for us all. Mary is the model of all sainthood, of all our hope for salvation, for God has shone forth through the human nature He has taken in the womb of Mary.

The term «**Theotokos**» is very difficult to translate into English ... It is a very comprehensive title referring to the whole **process** of becoming a mother: bearing a child in the womb, giving birth,

raising a child. And so the most accurate translation of «**Theotokos**» is “**Birth-giver of God.**” Most people, however, find this to be too long and clumsy a formula and so it is best to use the original Greek word. By calling Mary «**Theotokos**» we honor a human being with the highest title that can be given to a mortal.

*Adapted from an article by Archpriest David Petras, SEOD*

**O** what a wonder! The Source of Life is placed in a tomb; the grave becomes a ladder to heaven. Rejoice, Gethsemane, holy chamber of the Mother of God! As for us, O faithful, let us cry out with Gabriel, the prince of angels: Rejoice, O woman full of grace, the Lord is with you, the Lord, who because of you, bestows great mercy upon the world.

*Sticheron at Vespers of the Dormition*

**C**ome, all you lovers of the feast, let us form choirs and fill the Church with our Chymns in honor of the falling asleep of the Ark of God. Today heaven indeed opens its bosom to receive the Mother of the One whom the universe cannot contain. The earth gives back the Source of Life and receives the blessings of the Lord. The choir of angels and apostles look with awe as they see the One who gave birth to the Prince of Life now herself pass from life to Life. Let us all bow together before her and say: «O Lady, do not forget the children of your house who celebrate your holy Dormition in faith.»

*From the Aposticha of Vespers, 19 August*



- ❑ Thank you to **Betty Shultz** and **Karen Janos** for donating baked goods to our bingo this past week.
- ❑ «**Festival Memos**» If you took a sign for our Festival, be sure to return it to the Narthex. Shortly we should have a total profit figure. Once again, our sincerest thanks and deepest gratitude to all who helped in **any** way to make our festival as successful as it was.
- ❑ **REPLENISHMENT BLOOD DRIVE** A special replenishment blood drive has been scheduled in honor of James Faris, who was diagnosed with leukemia and is a candidate for a bone marrow (stem cell) transplant. The drive will be held on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Trinity Lutheran Church, 331 Weldon Street in Latrobe. Please schedule an appointment to donate blood at this drive by logging on to **www.centralbloodbank.org** using *sponsor code* **ZRTN0950** or call Mindy Faris at 724-570-9662. See the poster in the Narthex.

- **The Sisters of St. Basil the Great warmly invite you to the 78th Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sept. 1 & 2, 2012.** This year's theme, *Theotokos, Guide on the Journey of Life*, is a fitting expression of the nature of Pilgrimage. During this Pilgrimage, we look to Mary to guide us on the right path, the path to the Source of Life, her Divine Son. We Sisters invite you once again to join us for the annual Pilgrimage during Labor Day weekend at Mount St. Macrina. Together we can reflect upon Mary's great role in guiding us successfully through the days of our earthly journey. Together we will await the overflowing of the Lord's cup. The Sisters of St. Basil invite you to share in the many blessings of Pilgrimage and offer their prayers for a spiritually fruitful journey of the heart. Pick up a **schedule** in the Narthex.

