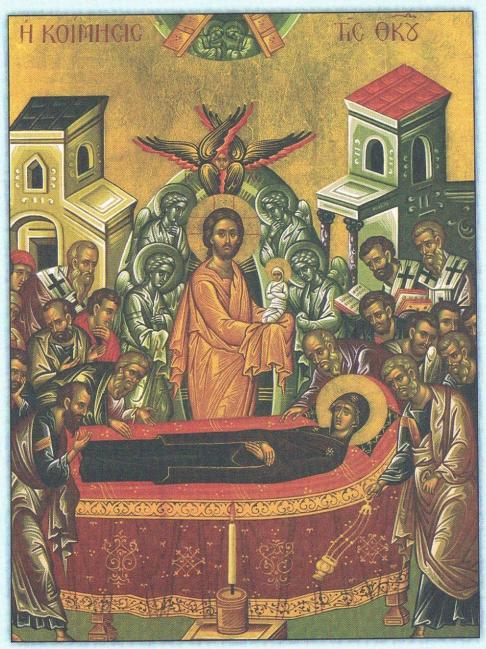
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST TENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos -- August 15th

Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Исусу Христу!

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Glory Forever! Слава на вики!

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12 August 2012: Gleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Postfestive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Martyrs Photius and Anicetus. St. Maximus the Confessor.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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						
Tues.	Aug.	14	7:00 PM: Vesperal Liturgy: Dormition of the Theotokos +John Osif requested by Joe & Barbara Ann DeLasko						
Wed.	Aug.	15	9:30 AM: Dormition of the Theotokos: Obligation +Helen Krynicky requested by Carl & Virginia Schachte						
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						

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No Better Way to Get Rid of Our Enemies: There is no better way to get rid of our enemies, those who have wronged and hurt us, than through FORGIVENESS! An old man interviewed on the radio said, «I'll be ninety years old tomorrow and I haven't an enemy in the world.» The announcer replied, «That's a happy thought.» «Yep», he said, «I've outlived them all!» Another person, a soldier lay dying.

His priest asked him if he had forgiven all his enemies. «Father,» he smiled, «I have no enemies. I shot them all!» (There's a terrible penalty to pay for destroying one's enemies that way.) But when **Abraham Lincoln** was asked one day about his enemies, he said, «Madam, I have no enemies. I destroyed them all by making them my friends **through forgiveness!**» There is no doubt that his is the far better way to destroy one's enemies.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!

"Forgiveness is one heart saying to another heart that they treasure the person more than the problem, and desire a friendship at any cost.

Forgiveness is the bridge that allows relationships to be re-united and friendships to be resumed.

Forgiveness is not always easy, but it is always right.

Forgiveness is what every friendship needs ...

Forgiveness is the medicine that brings healing to a relationship

C. Neil Strait

«Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice; and be <u>kind</u> to one another, <u>tenderhearted</u>, <u>forgiving</u> one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.» Ephesians 4: 21 – 23

The sure and certain result of refusing to forgive? «And his lord was angry and delivered him to the tormentors, until he should pay all that was due to him. So likewise shall My heavenly Father do also to you, if you do not forgive your brother from your hearts.»



- □ Last Sunday our annual **FESTIVAL** was held amidst the threatening rainclouds, showers, heat & humidity. The holy *Pokrov* of the Theotokos sheltered us from most of the bad weather. **THANK YOU to all our beloved parishioners who contributed in any way to the success of our 2012 Church Festival!!!**
- ☐ We also offer a heartfelt **Thank You** to our sponsors for all of their support & donations. The complete **2012 Sponsor List** is available in the Narthex. In a few weeks we should have the total profit figure. If you took a Festival Sign for display, please return it to the Narthex.

- ☐ The 50/50 winner was Veronica Ballew, ticket # 84007, who received \$455. The winners of the "Wheel Barrel of Cheer" were John & Mary Ann Austraw with ticket number #532379. The Gas Grill was won by Allen Krynicky with ticket #297741. The complete list of 85 Chinese Auction winners is available in the Narthex.
- J Some things to do to honor this most holy Feast of the Dormition: Use the *Troparion* and *Kontakion* hymns as prayers before and 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.

Baptism Entails Chrismation, the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

You who have been baptized into Christ and have put on Christ have been conformed to the Son of God. This is because God who foreordained us for adoption, conformed us to the body of the glory of Christ. So, by becoming partakers of Christ, it is natural that you should be called "Christs," ... Indeed, you have been made "Christs" because you received the antitype of the Holy Spirit; and all that has been accomplished in you has been so by way of an icon, because you are icons of Christ. He, of course, was washed in the river Jordan, and ascended from the waters, after having imparted the fragrance of his Godhead.

Then the descent of the Holy Spirit came essentially upon Him because the same rested on the same. In the same manner, you also,

after you ascended from the pool of the sanctified waters, received a Chrismation, that is, the anti-type of that with which Christ was chrismated. This, of course, is the Holy Spirit, of whom also the blessed Isaiah said, as representing the person of the Lord, in his prophecy respecting Him, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has chrismated me. He has sent me to preach glad tidings to the poor."

As He was chrismated with a "spiritual oil of gladness," that is, with the Holy Spirit, which is called "oil of gladness," because He is the author of spiritual gladness, so you were chrismated with myrrh, having been made communicants and partakers of Christ.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem