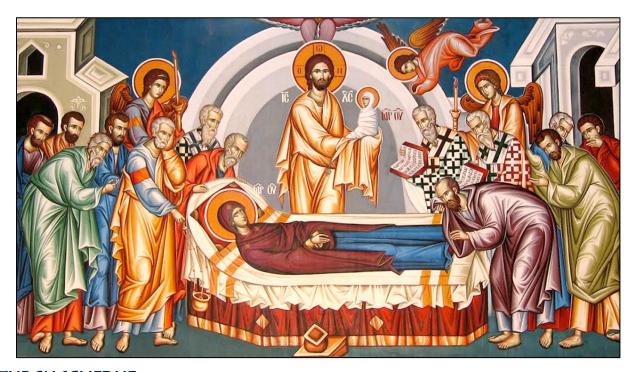
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15 August 2021 / 7529 ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost THE DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS



LITURGY SCHEDUE:

- Sat. Aug. 14 17:00 Vesperal Divine Liturgy: DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS w/ Mirovanije. BLESSING OF FLOWERS AND HERBS. Suffrages for +Helen Krynicky Michael Dubinshok
- Sun. Aug. 15 10:30 DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS w/ Mirovanije. BLESSING OF FLOWERS AND HERBS. Suffrages pro populo. SOCIAL AFTER LITURGY.
- Sat. Aug. 21 17:00 Vigil: 13th Sunday after Pentecost Suffrages for +Jack Overdorff Dan & Kathy Overdorff
- Sun. Aug. 22 10:30 13th Sunday after Pentecost Suffrages pro populo

 08 / 08 / 2021
 Adults: \$1233
 Children \$18
 Holy Day: \$200

 COLLECTION
 Candles: \$96
 Cemetery: \$85
 TOTAL: \$1632



Your name, too, O spotless, holy Virgin, the powers and principalities now celebrate, angels with the archangels, thrones and dominions all, Cherubim, too, and seraphim, aglow with awe-struck, burning acclaim: So we, mere men and women, dare praise you and call you blessed forever and forever.

The One Who mysteriously has entered within you, to take His flesh from your virginity, He it is Who welcomes you, taking your immaculate soul in His hands, embracing you—a loving, dutiful Son. How justly we exalt you, holy Virgin, and call you blessed forever and forever!

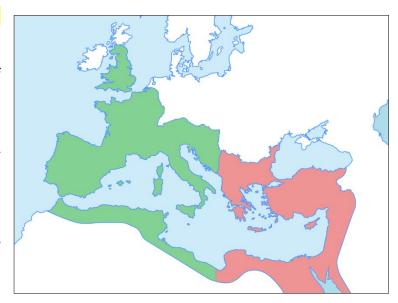
O marvel of marvels past all knowing: God's mother and yet a virgin, you are wonderful! Entering your sepulcher, you leave it as a paradise! All who today are privileged to gaze in joy at that tomb acclaim her, and acclaim Him Who made her, and call them blessed forever and forever!

Ode 8: Canon for the Dormition of the Mother of God, St. John of Damascus

BYZANTIUM BECOMES CONSTANTINOPLE: Byzantium was an ancient Greek port town beautifully and strategically situated on a peninsula overlooking the Bosporus. It had been in existence from at least the 12th century B.C. It suddenly was catapulted into world prominence in a. D. 324 when Emperor Constantine I (324-327) chose it as his eastern capital. It was inaugurated as the capital – New Rome – a scant 6 years later on 11 May 330. There were, however, Christians living in the city long before this period.

WHEN DID THE BYZANTINE ERA BEGIN?

The Emperor Diocletian had divided the Roman Empire into East and West in a. D. 293, but the split was made definitive only after the death of Theodosius I in 395. Other historians say that it is only in 476, when Odoacer deposed the last true western emperor, Romulus Augustulus, to become the first barbarian king of Italy (476 – 493) that the Byzantine Era began. At least by the reign of Justinian the Great (527 – 565), one can speak of the Byzantine Empire rather than the Roman Empire in the East. It is only under Justinian the Great that the liturgy of Constantinople became properly «Byzantine». The Byzantine Rite A Short History, Robert F. Taft, S.J.



Periodically there will be brief articles in the bulletin about Hebrew words every Christian should know and understand. Our first word is: AMEN (אָמֵּךְ): "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen." Psalm 41:13. 'Amen' is often used in psalms, prayers, and blessings meaning "Yes this is true." or "Yes I agree". In the New Testament, 'Amen' is used the same way as in Psalms, and to end blessings and prayers. But there is one more use that only Jesus Himself used. Whenever He says, "Truly I say to you...", the original Greek uses the Hebrew word 'Amen' – "Amen I tell you..." In the time of Jesus, 'Amen' was also used in a binding legal way, and He used that formula to convey spiritual truths about Who He is. He is binding Himself under an oath that what He says is true, e.g., when He says "Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." John 8:58



ETERNAL MEMORY! The parish offers its deepest condolences and prayers to the Regalla brothers, Joseph, John, Andrew and their families on the unexpected death of their brother Michael. «In blessed repose, grant O Lord, eternal rest to your departed servant Michael and remember him forever. Бъчная памать!