

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650

Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

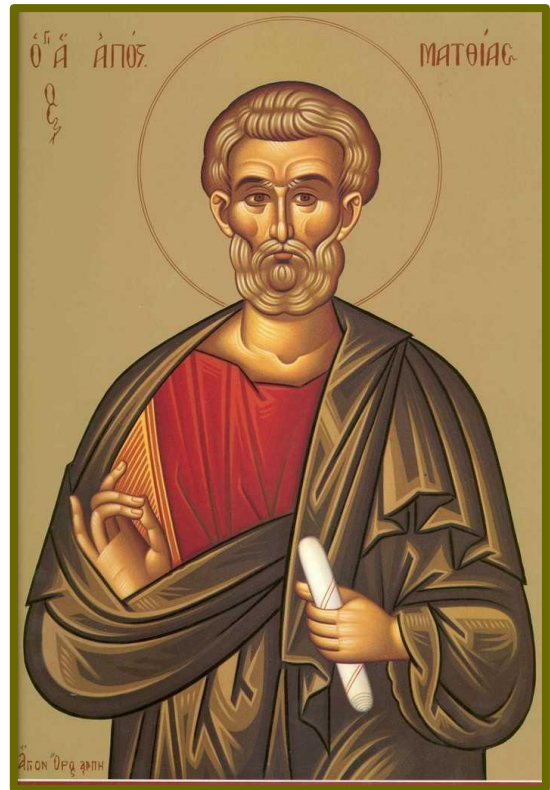
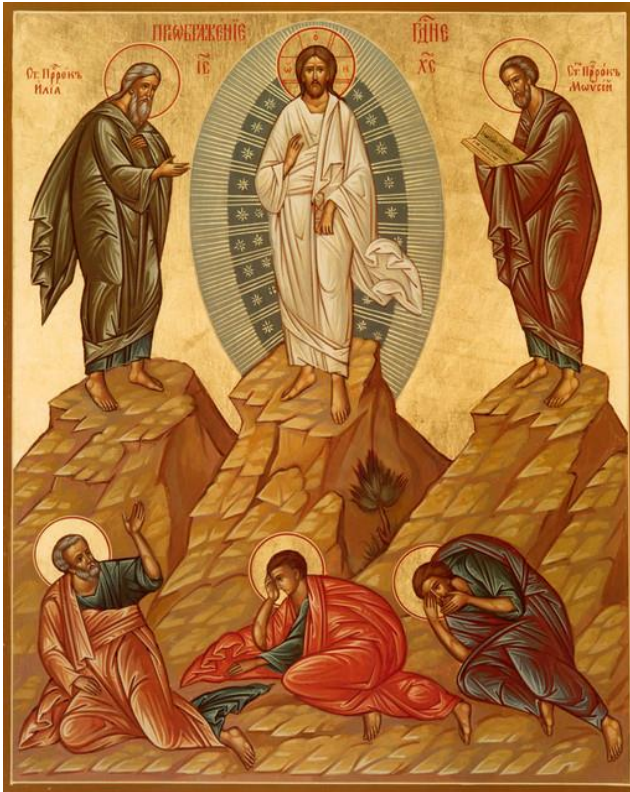
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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Post-festive Day of the Transfiguration. The Holy Apostle Matthias.



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Aug. 08 17:00 Vigil: **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** Suffrages:
+Martin Osif and deceased Osif Family members – James & Barbara
Snitzer; **First Year Memorial for +Helen DeFlorio w/ Panachida.**
- Sun. Aug. 09 10:30 **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Suffrages *pro populo*
- Fri. Aug. 14 18:30 Vigil: **THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS**
w/ Mirovaniye and the blessing of flowers and herbs
- Sat. Aug. 15 17:00 Vigil: **TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Suffrages for +**David Rusinko** – Thomas & Cynthia Gricheck
- Sun. Aug. 16 10:30 **TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Suffrages *pro populo*



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COLLECTION

ATTENDANCE:

Adult: \$1895

Sub-Total: \$2023

Sat. 15 + 1

Candles: \$58

Cemetery: \$855

Sun. 19 + 7

Holy Day: \$70

TOTAL: \$2878



THE HOLY APOSTLE MATTHIAS: After Judas by transgression fell from his apostleship by betraying Jesus (Acts 1: 25) and hanging himself out of despair ended his life with a wretched and shameful death (Matt. 27: 5), then, so that the number of the Twelve not be lacking, all the disciples gathered in one place after the Ascension of the Savior (the number of men and women being 120), and they chose two men from among them, Joseph, called Barsabas, also surnamed Justus, and Matthias, and they set them in the midst. Then they prayed to God and cast lots, «*and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven Apostles*» (Acts 1: 15-26). And thus, having taken the place of Judas, Matthias fulfilled the work of apostleship and the prophecy concerning Judas, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David: «*and let another take his position*» [Ps. 108 (109):8]. After this, it is said, Matthias preached the Gospel in Ethiopia, and completed his life there in martyrdom.

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The Church's celebration on August 15<sup>th</sup> points to two aspects of Mary's repose. The first is her death itself, which it calls a *Dormition* (a falling asleep). The early Church used this word to describe a peaceful and painless death, in contrast to the struggles of the martyrs. Our Liturgy also describes the deaths of St. Anna (the mother of the Theotokos) and St. John the Theologian as *dormitions*.

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Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you.

Colossian 3:12 – 13

So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses. This is the end of the parable, and is the heart of the matter. There is no ambiguity or reserve in these words. In the way that we behave to our brother, God will behave to us. The Lord Jesus has made it clear to us, and with him there is no lack of knowledge or possibility of error. Christ does not, on this occasion, say: «*Your Father*», but «*My heavenly Father*», saying thereby that, if we do not forgive our brothers their sins, we lose the right to call God our Father. The Lord also spells out the manner of our forgiveness: «*from your hearts*». The king forgave the indebted servant from his heart, for it says: «*The master...was moved with compassion*», and compassion comes from the heart. If we do not forgive our brother, and we do not do this from our hearts, with compassion and love, then God, the Creator of both us and our brother will act as the king did with the unmerciful servant. [We will be given over to the tormentors, the evil spirits, who will torment us eternally in the kingdom of darkness where there is ceaseless wailing and gnashing of teeth.] Were it not so, would the Lord Jesus have told us? He said this not only in the context of this parable of the unmerciful servant but also on a number of other occasions. «*For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you*». Is this not precisely the same teaching, without ambiguity or reserve? Did the Lord not place this selfsame teaching in the greatest prayer that He gave us, the Lord's Prayer: «*And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us*». With these fearsome words, whenever we say the *Our Father*, we

renew an agreement with God, praying Him to deal with us as we deal with those close to us; to forgive us as we forgive; to show mercy to us as we show mercy to those in our debt.

St. Nikolai Velimirovič, Bishop



~ Announcements ~

- Due the Feast of the Dormition (the Assumption in the West) being celebrated in the parish on Friday evening, August 14th, **THERE WILL BE NO BINGO IN AUGUST. The next Bingo will be Friday, 11 September.**
- **THEOTOKOS: BEACON OF HOPE!** THE 92nd Annual Mount Saint Macrina Pilgrimage in honor of our Lady of Perpetual Help will take place on the monastery grounds in Uniontown the weekend of **September 4 - 7**. A schedule of services for each day of the pilgrimage is posted in the Narthex.
- Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who are convalescing from various illnesses or surgeries: Kathleen, Patricia, Dorothy, and Daniel.