

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

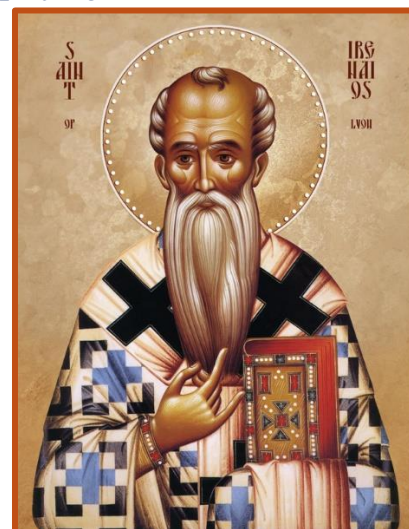
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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Apodosis (Leave-taking) of the Feast of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Lupus.
The Holy Martyr Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons.*



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Aug. 22 17:00 Vigil: **13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Suffrages for **+Susan Dusecina** – son, Fr. Regis
- Sun. Aug. 23 10:30 **13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** Suffrages *pro populo*
- Sat. Aug. 29 17:00 Vigil: **14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Suffrages for **+David Rusinko** – Linda Green
- Sun. Aug. 30 10:30 **14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** Suffrages *pro populo*



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COLLECTION

ATTENDANCE:



Adult: \$927

TOTAL: \$1241

Dormition: 09



Candles: \$64

Sat. 20



Holy Day: \$250

Sun. 20 + 3



THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION is the sign, the guarantee, and the celebration that Mary's fate is the destiny of all those of «low estate» whose souls magnify the Lord, whose spirits rejoice in God the Saviour, whose lives are totally dedicated to hearing and keeping the Word of God which is given to men in Mary's child, the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. Finally it must be stressed that, in all of the feasts of the Virgin Mother of God in the Church, the Orthodox Christians celebrate facts of their own lives in Christ and the Holy Spirit. What happens to Mary

happens to all who imitate her holy life of humility, obedience, and love. With her all people will be «blessed» to be «more honorable than the cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim» if they follow her example. All will have Christ born in them by the Holy Spirit. All will become temples of the living God. All will share in the eternal life of His Kingdom who live the life that Mary lived. In this sense everything that is praised and glorified in Mary is a sign of what is offered to all persons in the life of the Church. —Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko (+2015)

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**THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR IRENÆUS** was born in Asia Minor about the year 120, and in his youth was a disciple of Saint Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna. Saint Irenaeus was sent to Lyons in Gaul, to be a fellow laborer of Pothinus, Bishop of Lyons, who had also been a disciple of Saint Polycarp. After the martyrdom of Saint Pothinus, Saint Irenaeus succeeded him as Bishop of Lyons. Besides the assaults of paganism, Irenaeus found himself compelled to do battle with many Gnostic heresies, against which he wrote his greatest work, *A Refutation and Overthrow of Knowledge Falsely So Called*. He was also a peace-maker within the Church. When Victor, Bishop of Rome, was prepared to excommunicate the Christians of Asia Minor for following a different tradition celebrating Pascha, Irenaeus persuaded him to moderate his zeal, and mediated peace. He made Lyons an illustrious bastion of orthodoxy and a school of piety, and sealed his confession with martyrdom about the year 202, during the reign of Septimius Severus. He is not to be confused with Saint Irenaeus, Bishop of Sirmium, also celebrated today, who was beheaded and cast into a river in 304 during the reign of the Roman Emperor Diocletian.

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THE BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST is always celebrated on **August 29th** at the close of our Church's ecclesiastical year. His conception is observed at the start of the new church year on September 23rd. Red vestments are worn on this day. By tradition a strict fast is observed. Local traditions also include such practices as not eating food from a plate or anything in the form of a head, *e.g.*, cabbage, lettuce, apples, melons, *et cetera*.

AMBON PRAYER ~ THE BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

O Christ our God, You lowered the heavens when You came down to earth to reveal to us Your humility and compassion. You have given us Your Forerunner and Baptist as a model of repentance, and a desert dweller. You made him worthy to fight the good fight, to finish the race, and to win the crown of righteousness and truth. To those in Hades, he announced beforehand the Good News of redemption and salvation. Grant that we may scorn earthly pleasures in imitation of his renowned life and joyful way of penance. Deliver us from the rulers of this world of darkness. Protect us under the wings of Your goodness. Bless us, Giver of all blessings, and make us worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven. For through You and with You all honor and glory are due to the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.



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**FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR!** We thank God for the gift of intelligence, the capacity to know and understand the world, ourselves, and Him the «Creator of all things, visible and invisible». We also praise Him for the gift of faith, that grace that sanctifies and illuminates our mind so that we may know Him intimately, as a communion of Persons Who desires that we share in His divine Life and Love. With St. Augustine, let us say: «*We who speak and you who listen acknowledge ourselves as fellow disciples of a single Teacher.*» For Christ's Good News guides both teacher and student towards the objective truth which, in transcending the particular and the subjective, points to the universal and absolute that enables us to proclaim the hope that does not disappoint.

*Pope Benedict XVI (adapted)*



## ~ Announcements ~

- **THEOTOKOS: BEACON OF HOPE!** The 92<sup>nd</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>**. A schedule of services for each day of the pilgrimage is posted in the Narthex.
- **REMINDER!** The Divine Liturgy that is being served for the «Celebration of Marriage» is at **3:00 pm – Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** – at **St. Elias Church** in Munhall. If you plan to attend the dinner after the Liturgy, **make sure you have sent in your RSVP!**