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FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Readings

1 Corinthians 4:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel Readings

Matthew 17:14-23
Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

Troparion (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

Troparion (Dormition)

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity. In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life, and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion (Resurrection)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Kontakion (Dormition)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

Memory Eternal +

We pray for the souls of the newly departed US Military personnel and civilians killed in Kabul, Afghanistan last week, and for our past members George Batalo, Vivian Beachy and Daisy Mamula on the anniversaries of their falling asleep. Većnaja pamjat +

Metropolitan Tikhon's Archpastoral Visit to St. Luke

It is our great joy to celebrate the Dormition Feastday with His Beatitude. He presents Fr. John with an ecclesiastical award called a Palitza. Everyone is encouraged to meet with our Metropolitan/Diocesan Bishop, receive his blessing and get to know his loving archpastoral care.
Master, bless! Eis Polla Eti Despota!



Welcome to everyone with us today in person and by livestream as we celebrate the Feastday Divine Liturgy. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, we invite you to stay for Coffee Hour.

Blessings of Flowers and Herbs

At the end of liturgy, we will have the Dormition Feastday blessing of fragrant flowers and herbs. Tradition tells of the fragrance of flowers from the Theotokos' empty tomb.

Coffee Hour Hospitality Volunteers

We are pleased to be able to serve light refreshments after Sunday Liturgies. Two volunteers per week are invited to host Coffee Hour. See Rada Carmichael or go to [Sign Up Genius](#).

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, September 1 – 7PM on Zoom

Everyone is welcome to join this week's discussion on Elder Thaddeus' teaching “On Prayer” from *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives*. Fr. John will email the link and notes.

Schedule Change: We will not meet for Vespers this Saturday, September 4.

St. Luke 2021-22 Church School Year – Enrollment for Opening Day, September 12

Church School Director, John Minahan, announces classes will begin on September 12. If you would like to enroll your child(ren), please email John (john.t.minahan@gmail.com) with their names and ages by August 31. He welcomes volunteers for teaching positions.

Autumn Retreat with Archimandrite Sergius (Bowyer) – Saturday, September 18

Fr. Sergius, abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery, will lead a retreat on September 18, 9:30AM-3:30PM at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, Falls Church, VA on “Acquiring the Mind of Christ.” He brings the Wonderworking Icon of Saint Anna. RSVP stk.retreat@gmail.com.

Orthodox Bishops to Meet in Washington, DC – Sat.-Tues. October 2-5

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops will hold its 10th anniversary meeting, here in the DC area, beginning Saturday, October 2. Public events are planned.

- Sat. October 2 6PM Vespers at SS Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church
- Sun., October 3 9:30AM Divine Liturgy, 12:30PM Reception at St. Sophia Cathedral
5-8PM Networking Charity Event at the Museum of the Bible
All details at <https://www.assemblyofbishops.org/assembly-meeting>