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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading
1Corinthians 16:15-34

Gospel Reading
Matthew 21:33-42

*Christ is in our midst!
He is and ever shall be!*

Troparion for the Feast of the Falling Asleep of the Mother of God

In giving birth you preserved your virginity, in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, and by your prayers, you deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion: 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 newly departed handmaiden of God, Vivian Beachy, longtime member of our parish who fell asleep in the Lord on August 30. May God grant her rest in a place of brightness, a place of refreshment, a place of repose from where all sickness, sorrow and sighing have fled away and may her memory be eternal. Večnaja pamjat +
- There will be a viewing from 1-3PM on Monday, September 4 at Demaine Funeral Home, 5308 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA 22151 a Memorial Service (parastas, panikhida) at 2PM. May God grant her family peace and consolation.

Day of Prayer for Creation, Hurricane Harvey – Today

Metropolitan Tikhon continues the Orthodox tradition of inviting us to pray for Creation on September 1. This year, we pray also for all affected by the hurricane.

Welcome to Our Guests

We offer a warm welcome to all guests with us today, Orthodox Christians and seekers alike. Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall. We look forward to seeing you again at Liturgy and other parish life activities.

IOCC Emergency Disaster Response

Consider sending a gift to the Hurricane Harvey Response Fund (iocc.org/Harvey) to support the Frontline team who helps the people impacted by the storm with emotional and spiritual care and for others in the long term disaster recovery.

Food for the Needy – Today

Thank you for remembering the hungry with food and monetary donations.

Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, September 6

Every Wednesday, Vespers begins at 7PM. Come join in the prayers and the adult discussion group on “The Heavenly Banquet” by Fr. Emanuel Hatzidakis.

Sacrament of Chrismation – Sunday, September 10

Our parishioner and Catechumen, Kelly Pavella, will be received into the Orthodox Faith next Sunday through the Sacrament of Chrismation.

Opening Day of the 2017-18 Church School Year – Sunday, September 10

Our teachers invite parents to bring their children to Divine Liturgy and the first day of Church School next Sunday. God bless the children in their growing faith.

Sisterhood Annual Meeting - Sunday, September 10

The Sisterhood Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, September 10 beginning at 1PM. Among the agenda items are the Election of Officers, revision of the By-Laws, and planning for upcoming events. Our women are asked to please attend.

OCA Retreat on "Mission and Small Parish Growth" - Friday, September 15

St. Matthew Orthodox Church in Columbia, MD will host a special retreat on September 15, 9:30AM to 3:30PM on growing parish communities. See Fr. John.

St. Luke Fall Picnic and Lamb Roast – Saturday, September 23

Our Fall Picnic is coming soon on September 23, 12 noon to 5PM, with a menu of Serbian specialty meats, side dishes, desserts and a full bar. The children will enjoy the Moon Bounce and other fun activities. Volunteers are needed for inside and outside food preparations and hospitality. Sign up with Hossana Aberra.