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LEAVETAKING OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Readings

1 Corinthians 9:2-12
Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel Readings

Matthew 18:23-35
Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

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

Troparion (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

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)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

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.

September 11: Commemoration of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist & 9/11/2001

We observe St. John’s holy day on Saturday with fasting and prayer. We honor the 9/11 heroes and remember the lives lost. It has become a day for outreach and charitable service.

† Memory Eternal, Mengiste Semayat Yawareselen, Večnaja Pamjat †

St. Luke Stewardship

Our parish is truly blessed thanks to everyone’s faith, prayer and financial support. Please donate [online](#) or in the collection baskets at Liturgy.



Welcome to everyone with us today in person and by livestream as we celebrate the 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.

Help is Needed in Natural Disasters

In recent weeks, we have seen the devastating impact of Hurricane Ida, floods, tornadoes and also wildfires in U.S. cities and states. We can help our neighbors by donating to IOCC’s US Emergency Response Fund. Their teams address immediate needs, including emotional and spiritual care, following disasters and long-term recovery efforts. Donate to [IOCC](#).

Orthodoxy 201 – Schedule Change for September 8

Our online book discussion will not be held this week but will resume on September 15.

Great Vespers – Saturdays, September 11 and October 9

Due to scheduling conflicts, our First Saturday of the Month Vespers Services for the next two months have been changed to September 11 and October 9 at 5PM in person and by livestream. From Fr. John: Please try to attend these beautiful and meaningful services.

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

We look forward to the start of the new Church School year next Sunday. Parents or children with questions may ask John Minahan at Coffee Hour or at john.t.minahan@gmail.com.

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](#).

Upcoming Events

Sat., Sept. 18 Archmandrite Sergius’ [Retreat](#), “Acquiring the Mind of Christ”, St. Katherine’s
RSVP stk.retreat@gmail.com

October 2-5 Assembly of Orthodox Bishops Meeting; [Register](#) for public events by 9/18.

God Grant You Many Years!

God bless John and Elizabeth Minahan on their ninth wedding anniversary.