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Liturgical Schedule

for the Week of August 13, 2017

Saturday, August 12 ~ Vigil 10^a Sunday After Pentecost

5:30 PM +George Latzanich by wife Theresa

Sunday, August 13 ~ 10^a Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM For the Parish Family of OLPH

Followed by Coffee Social

Monday, August 14 ~ Vigil of Dormition

7:00 PM Divine Liturgy

+Walter Pezak

Tuesday, August 15 ~ Dormition of the Theotokos

8:30 AM For the Parish Family of OLPH

**The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos
is a Holyday of Obligation**

Wednesday, August 16

Translation of the Icon of Our Lord

No Liturgy Today

Saturday, August 19 ~ Vigil 11^a Sunday After Pentecost

5:30 PM +Louise Petrulak

Sunday, August 20 ~ 11^a Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM For the Parish Family of OLPH

Festal Anointing and the Blessing and Distribution of
Flowers will follow both weekend Divine Liturgies.

NEXT COFFEE SOCIAL

August 13 - After 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy

**Weather Permitting in the Carport in the
front of the Hall – rain location – church vestibule.**

Coffee Social



CONTACTING FR. ED

The quickest way to contact Fr. Ed is to call the
rectory at 215-945-5122. Your call will be forward
to his cell phone this is a local call.

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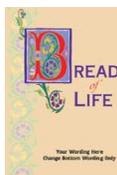
Offertory – August 5 & 6, 2017

	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Regular	\$491.00	\$869.00	\$1360.00
Candles	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$14.00
Rector	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$150.00
Building Fund	\$17.00	\$90.00	\$107.00
Holyday	\$20.00	\$93.00	\$113.00
Total	\$636.00	\$1108.00	\$1744.00
Attendance	24	36	76

God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.” (Hebrews 13:16)

OLPH COOKBOOK

There will be a special meeting of
those who wish to help with the
cookbook during the Coffee Social
on August 13.



Please remember that your parish of
OLPH continues to need to meet its
financial obligations all year long, even during the
summer. So when away from home or when on
vacation please mail or drop off your envelopes.
Remember God NEVER takes a vacation from loving
and caring for us and our bills **never** take a vacation.



INFORMATION ABOUT NEW RECTOR

As you know, Fr. Ed
upon his arrival one
year ago was living in a
townhouse in Newtown
as the rectory on the
church property is uninhabitable. In order to provide
the pastor with a suitable place to live, the Eparchy of
Passaic has purchased a home in Cobalt Ridge. The
purchase price of \$269,000 and improvements and
appliance purchases of approximately \$20,000 are
considered to be a loan to OLPH. So, in the near future
we will be responsible for a mortgage payment to the
Eparchy. The monthly amount is yet to be determined.
Please know that the bishop has been extremely
generous to the parish family of OLPH in covering the
cost of the pastor's rent (\$24,000.00) and the purchase
of furniture (\$11,000.00) during this first year. It is
now time for the parish family of OLPH to step up and
fully cover the cost of housing for the pastor. If you
have and questions about the new rectory, please see
Fr. Ed. There will be an open house in September.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR NEW RECTOR EXPENSES

– As you can imagine there are expenses
in setting up a new house. Please consider making a
special gift to the parish to assist in this effort. Use one
of envelopes in the back of your box and note Rectory
Collection on the front. Thank you in advance for your
generosity.

26th Annual Ukrainian Folk Festival

Sunday, August 27, 2017

12:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Ukrainian American Sport Center

County Line and Lower State Roads * Horsham, PA





Blessing of Flowers and Fragrant Herbs on the Feast Dormition

Holy Tradition tells us that all the Apostles, with the exception of St. Thomas, were transported mystically to Jerusalem in order to be with the Mother of God – the Theotokos – as she reposed,

and to be present at her burial. When the Apostle Thomas arrived the next day, the Apostles opened the tomb so that he could kiss her farewell. As the tomb was opened, the body of the Most Pure Virgin was missing, and the cave was filled with flowers and the sweet fragrance of Paradise. This was a sure sign of her great purity and holiness to the faithful.

Therefore as part of our celebration of Dormition we bless flowers and fragrant herbs – and the faithful traditionally keep them in their homes. The herbs, used as natural medicine, are blessed in commemoration of the numerous healings and the extraordinary grace bestowed on the pilgrims at the blessed tomb of the Mother of God. During times of family strife or illness, it is a pious custom to place the flower petals in the house censer, together with the incense, and cense the whole house with it. **At OLPH we will bless flowers that you bring on the day of the feast and the following weekend. The parish will provide flowers for you on Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20.**



THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS FROM THE TRADITION OF THE CHURCH

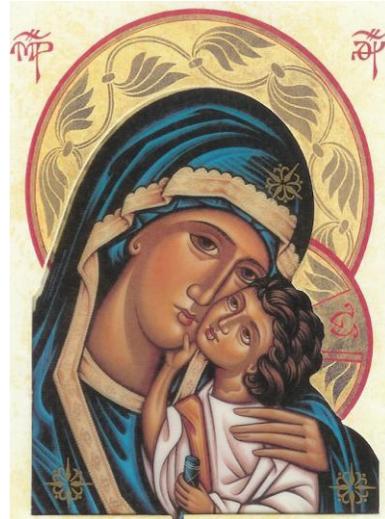
Following the day of
Pentecost, the

Theotokos remained in the city of Jerusalem, comforting the infant Christian community. She was living in the house of the beloved Apostle John, later the Evangelist. At the time of her death (tradition states she was in her early fifties) many of the Apostles were scattered throughout the world preaching the Gospel. All but Thomas were miraculously brought to the Virgin aloft on clouds.

As they stood around her bedside, she commended her spirit to the Lord and Jesus descended from Heaven, taking up her soul in His arms. The Apostles sang the funeral hymns in her honor and carried her body to a tomb in Cedron near Gethsemane. When a Jewish man tried to interrupt their solemn procession, an angel of the Lord came and punished him by cutting off his hands, which were later healed. The Apostle Thomas arrived

on the third day and wished to see the Virgin for the last time. They discovered an empty tomb filled with flowers. This is where the tradition of blessing flowers on this feast comes from. Church tradition relates that the Theotokos was resurrected bodily and taken to heaven, the same reward that awaits all the righteous on the Last Day.

Prayer to the Most Holy Theotokos



Most holy
Lady,
Theotokos,
light of my
darkened soul;
my hope, my
protection, my
refuge, my
comfort, and
my joy: I thank

you for enabling me, unworthy as I am, to be a partaker of the most pure body and precious blood of your Son.

You gave birth to the true Light; enlighten the eyes of my heart. You bore the Source of immortality; give life to me who am dead in sin. O compassionate and loving Mother of the merciful God, have mercy on me; grant me compunction and contrition of heart, humility of mind, and the recollection of my scattered thoughts. Make me worthy, even until my last breath, to receive the most pure and sanctifying mysteries without condemnation for the healing of my soul and body. Give me tears of repentance and confession that I may praise and glorify you all the days of my life; for you are blessed and glorified forever. Amen.