

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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August Services

Wednesday, August 2

Paraklesis – 6:30pm

Sunday, August 6

Transfiguration of our Lord

Orthos 8:30 am

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Wednesday, August 9

Paraklesis – 6:30pm

Sunday, August 13

10th Sunday of Matthew

Orthos 8:30 am

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Monday, August 14

Dormition of the Theotokos

Vesperal Liturgy 6:30pm

Sunday, August 20

11th Sunday of Matthew

Orthos 8:30 am

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Sunday, August 27

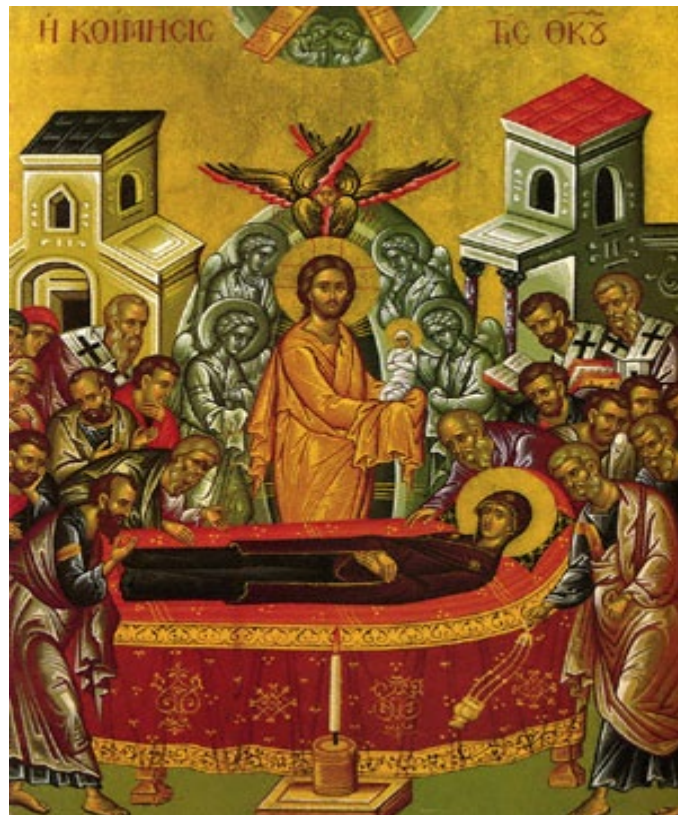
12th Sunday of Matthew

Orthos 8:30 am

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Repose of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15th

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Also called “the Dormition,” the falling asleep of the blessed Mother of God, is one of four days of the year which are chosen to honor the Virgin Mary, the other days being September 8 (in observance of the nativity of the holy Mother), followed by November 21 (her presentation at the Temple by her parents), and March 25 (the most hallowed of days in honor of the Virgin Mary that celebrates the announcement by the Archangel Gabriel that she would become the Mother of God.)

The day known as “the Dormition” means to the Orthodox through centuries of an unwritten tradition that the Virgin Mary was resurrected and ascended bodily to heaven. This concept is not officially recognized by the Church as that which actually occurred but stems from the traditional accounts that date back to biblical times.

Repose of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15th continued

Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land for centuries have sought out the grave site of the Virgin Mary. The tomb, located at the base of the Garden of Gethsemane, is actually 100 feet below the surface of the earth. But her remains are not encased there. The tomb is empty but still venerated, not out of sentiment but out of belief in what tradition says about her resurrection.

When the Mother of God was about to die, she summoned the apostles to her bedside. St. Thomas did not arrive until after the burial service, and his request to have a final look resulted in the discovery of the empty vault, which led to the belief that an angel of the Lord appeared to advise St. Thomas that holy Mary had been taken to heaven in the manner of the Savior.

It is not known what detained St. Thomas in answering the summons to the deathbed of the Virgin Mary, but there is no doubt he suffered considerable anguish at having arrived too late. It was as unusual then as it is now to reopen a casket once it has been supposedly closed forever but the circumstances themselves were unusual because it was anything but a commonplace death. It was the Mother of God who had passed on, and the wish of a saint to lay eyes on her once more could not be denied.

“George Poulos, Orthodox Saints: Volume III, Brookline 20005, pp. 174-176”

Donations made to the Church

General Donations

Ellen Sinkewicz
Peter Battisto
Anthony Metaxas
Scott & Maria Todaro

In Loving Memory of Harrison Sagris

Mary Sagris

In Loving Memory of Alexandria Rivera

Nora Clark
Gloria Spanos
John Rivera

In Loving Memory of Andrew Nickas

Katherine Georgeopoulos

Bible Studies

August 1, Tuesday

6:15 pm – 7:45 pm

August 3, Thursday

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

August 8, Tuesday

6:15 pm – 7:45 pm

August 10, Thursday

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

August 17, Thursday

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

August 22, Tuesday

6:15 pm – 7:45 pm

August 24, Thursday

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

August 29, Tuesday

6:15 pm – 7:45 pm

FESTIVAL

We wish to thank everyone who helped in making this year's Festival another one great success! A big thank you to all the volunteers, some of which worked countless hours, for taking the time to work so hard for the community. Whether it was setting up, baking, cooking, serving, cleaning, entertaining, selling raffle tickets, working the gate, parking cars, or assisting in the kid's area, your hard work truly helped make this year's Festival run as smooth as ever!

To those who donated food, prizes or other items, and to those who sponsored the Festival, and bought raffle tickets, thank you! The weekend wouldn't have been as successful if it wasn't for your generosity.

Our Festival is growing larger every year, which has no doubt created even more work for the entire parish. It was a pleasure to see our community unite, and work hard together to ensure that the Festival was as successful as it was.

We will share numbers in the September bulletin as we are awaiting all expenses to be calculated.

Thank you to those who donated all the wonderful raffle prizes and for everyone who purchased tickets. It was once again a huge success!

Congratulations to all the winners!!

Grand Prize \$2500
Denise DeFrancesco

Zabaglione GC
Andrew Rocco

Car Buffs GC
Joseph Salan

1st Prize \$500
Baron Hazen

Pellana's GC
Maureen Evans

Pomodori Ipswich GC
Katherine Georgeopoulos

2nd Prize \$250
Cathy Stathopoulos

Woodmans GC
Stacey Kacoyanis

Kouzina GC
James Sagris

50 Live Lobsters (Ipswich
Maritime)
Jenna Woodworth

Hart House GC
Connie Markos

Beauport GC
Angela Agganis

4 Red Sox Tickets
Paul Pappas

Gordon's Florist GC
Joan Vontzalides

LaRosa Italian Café GC
Brian Poltace

Ithaki GC
Sia Kolentsas

Door Prize Winners from Scratch Basket

Kate Perrakis
Alyssa Gibs
Heidi Pearson

CHURCH NEWS

Annual Family Picnic – Sunday, August 27th

Our annual family picnic will be held on Sunday, **August 27th** at **1:00pm** on the grounds of our beautiful Hellenic Center. This year, Father Chris would like to grill hamburgers and hot dogs. A real cookout! Help is needed for the grilling. Please let us know if you can donate a grill for the day. You may bring your own lunch, if you wish

On the menu are: hamburgers, hot dogs, potato chips, drinks, watermelon, and vanilla or chocolate sundaes. There will also be lawn games for your enjoyment.

We are looking for assistance to make this day special. Please call Christine Sarantopoulos at 978-356-3894 or email at cesarantopoulos@hotmail.com. If you are able to support this event.

MELISSA NEWS

The next Melissa meeting will be held on Wednesday, **September 6th** under the tent at the Hellenic Center. New members are always welcome. Please contact Christine Sarantopoulos at 978-356-3894 or email at cesarantopoulos@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

We wish to thank the women of the Melissa Society for hiring Circle Polishing to polish our large Candelabras and three sets of tall candlesticks. We thank them for their efforts to help beautify our beloved church.

“Jamming with Father Chris”

**"You have not had jam until you have had our jam!"
Father Christopher Kolenstas & Family**

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

I invite you all to join me on **Thursday, August 31st** for a morning and afternoon of jam making, Bible study and good old fashioned parea. This event is scheduled to take place in our Church Hall.

For over one year our Parish has been producing the finest fruit jams that you have tasted. Those who have tasted our fruit spreads will attest to their fine texture and mouth-watering flavor. The recipe is simple as is the process. What is required is your time and patience. The process cannot be rushed.

Order of events are as follows:

11:00 am- Arrival time and fruit preparation

11:45 am - 2:00 pm - jam will simmer on low heat.

While jam is simmering, we will take turns stirring the pot while holding our Bible study and taking lunch.

2:00 pm – ladle jam in sterilized jars.

2:15 pm – process jars in boiling pot of water

While jars are processing, we will clean up our tools and work station

3:00 pm – finished!!

Only 10 seats are available for this class. Please RSVP to my cell phone at 774-372-9107.



In His Service,

Father Christopher

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bible Study 6:15- 7:45 pm	2 Paraklesis 6:30 pm	3 Bible Study 11:00am – 12:30pm	4	5
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