

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

August 11, 2019

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 14:14-22

Next Week: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 14:22-34

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday's Liturgy.

Services	Sun., Aug. 10 th	Memorial for the Repose of the Soul of the Servants of God, Walter Trembach (40 th Day) requested by His Cousins and His HROC Family and Ronald Anthony Zeli , requested by his Family	After Liturgy
	Thurs., Aug. 15 th	Feast of the Holy Dormition Hours Divine Liturgy	8:45 am 9 am
	Sat., Aug. 17 th	Great Vespers (Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow)	7 pm
	Sun., Aug. 18 th	Martyrs Florus & Laurus of Illyria Hours Divine Liturgy	9:15 am 9:30 am

Announcements:

Next Parish Council meeting will be **Tuesday, August 13th at 7 pm.**

Thanks for all the canning jars! There are green beans and pickles available to whomever could use them.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE!

Thank you for your patience with the parking lot restoration. It looks beautiful!

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Church Traditions Associated with August Holy Days:

COMMEMORATION OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS – AUGUST 15.

Dormition marks the holy day observing the Falling Asleep and Burial of the Theotokos. It is an observation of the Church's first funeral. This fact along with the long-standing practice of bringing flowers to the Virgin, inspires the faithful to bring flowers (especially those from their own gardens) and sweet-smelling herbs like basil and oregano to be blessed in Church. These flowers and herbs are then dried and burned at home during prayers like incense. Or, in the case of the herbs, used in cooking.

COMMEMORATION OF THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST – AUGUST 29.

This holy day is always observed as a solemn fast. Furthermore, it is a pious custom of the faithful throughout the Orthodox world to avoid eating any food served on a dish, plate or platter on this day out of respect for St. John. His head was retrieved from his place of execution at Salome's request and presented to Herod on a platter at his birthday banquet.

Parish News:

- The next "Paths to Righteousness" hike will be held on **Saturday August 17th**. If interested, please contact Pete Papas at 412/558-1246 or pnppapas@verizon.net. They will be meeting at St. Michael's in Greensburg.
- Come one, come all! To HROC's Church Picnic at Community Bank Park (behind the Dairy Queen in North Belle Vernon) on **Sunday, August 18th, from 1 pm to 5 pm.**

Save the Date: This year's **Annual Fall Festival** will be held on **Sunday, September 29th from 12 pm to 6 pm** or until we're sold out. This means that *we are in need of volunteers* to give of their time and talent at Saturday Sessions and especially on Festival day! Please become a member of our wonderful Kitchen Crew! (Please see the vestibule bulletin board for a listing of all cooking sessions starting at 7 a.m. on Saturdays, unless otherwise noted.) Your help and cooperation are always needed and appreciated! Come join in the fellowship while helping make Baba's specialties.

If cooking isn't up your alley, help in the form of monetary donations are also needed with restocking of supplies! A year in the life of our Parish has been busy with repasts, Presanctified Liturgy, special coffee hours, etc., and some of our festival supplies of wrapped silverware, takeout containers, plates, napkins, plastic wrap, foil, sterno, etc. have been put to good use, but have dwindled. Can you help with restocking of the necessary supplies to help this year's Festival run smoothly? Thank you in advance with your help and God Bless. See either Marie or Mary.

Don't forget! -- When purchasing pop for your cookout this summer, please consider purchasing an extra case of pop and/or water and donating towards this worthy cause.

Your donation(s) DIRECTLY contribute to the success of this endeavor!

HELP WANTED: Volunteers need to cut and trim church grass for Summer and Fall. Let a member of Parish Council know if interested.

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