

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
FALLING ASLEEP OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND THEOLOGIAN



*Icon of St. John and His Vision of Heaven*

*September 26, 2010*  
**18th Sunday after Pentecost**  
*Falling Asleep of John the Apostle and Evangelist*

*Tone 1*

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 3**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1 – HOLY PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS (ПІКОПІВ)**

**9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY**

**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2**

**6:00 PM GREAT VESPERS**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 – 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY**

**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**



**Remember in your prayers**



Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to

join actively in their community. Remember especially the following: Katherine Andrus, Sr. Marie Arendes, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Maria Hughes, Lorene Lagrone, Maria Laszok, Natalie, Maria Leskiw, Lesya Loznycky, Nadia Popov, Orysia Rosul, Sonia Shashkewych, Sophia Skop and Ariadna Wall. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.

**Remember Those In The Armed Forces**



Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving their countries in the Armed Forces: Adrian, Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Elizabeth Heltsley, Oksanna Hirniak, Andrew Hrynkiw, Zenon and Susan Keske, Michael Lopes, Vasyl Lylak, Thomas Orr, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the Liturgies to Fr. James.



**50<sup>th</sup> anniversary project**



**Welcome to Our Visitors**

We warmly welcome all those who are visiting from near and far. Please consider staying for a bite to eat at our coffee hour following the service. We thank you for worshipping with us today, and we wish you a blessed remainder of your visit!

**Вічна Пам'ять! Eternal Memory!**

Ivan Rosul, father of Marta Dukes, fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, September 21 in Cleveland. Let us remember him and those he leaves behind in our prayers. 40<sup>th</sup> day Divine Liturgy will be on Saturday, October 30. "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead" 2 Macc 12:46

**Parish Work Days** to prepare for the Anniversary Celebration will be Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Please come and help either day

## **Please Note:**

There will be no Praznyk dinner this year in lieu of the Anniversary Banquet in November.

**Catechism for Youth and Young Adults** will be held on Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Liturgy. Just a reminder: attendance at every Sunday Divine Liturgy is required.



### **The Orthodox Study Bible On The Most-Holy Theotokos And Ever-Virgin Mary**

*"For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed." – Luke 1:48*

For two thousand years the Church has preserved the memory of the Virgin Mary as the prototype of all Christians - the model of what we are to become in Christ. The tradition of the Church holds that Mary remained a virgin all her life (see note on Matthew 12:46-50). While lifelong celibacy is not a model for all Christians to follow, Mary's spiritual purity, her wholehearted devotion to God, is certainly to be emulated.

Mary is also our model in that she was the first person to receive Jesus Christ. As Mary bore Jesus Christ in her womb physically, all Christians now have the privilege of hearing God within them spiritually. By God's grace and mercy we are purified and empowered to become like Him.

The honor we give to Mary also signifies our view of who Jesus is. From early times the church has called her Mother of God (Greek *Theotokos*, lit. "God-Bearer"), a title which implies that her Son is both fully man and fully God. As His Mother, Mary was the source of Jesus' human nature; yet the One she bore in

her womb was also the eternal God.

Therefore, because of her character and especially because of her role in God's plan of salvation, Christians appropriately honor Mary as the first among the saints. The archangel Gabriel initiated this honor in his address to her: "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" (Luke 1:28). This salutation clearly indicates that God Himself had chosen to honor Mary. Her favored status was confirmed when she went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was then six months pregnant with John the Baptist. Elizabeth greeted Mary with these words: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:42,43). And Mary herself, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, predicted the honor that would be paid her throughout history: "For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed" (Lk 1:48).

In obedience to God's clear intention, therefore, the Orthodox Church honors Mary in icons, hymns, and special feast days. We entreat her, as the human being who was most intimate with Christ on earth, to intercede with her Son on our behalf. We ask her, as the first believer and the Mother of the Church, for guidance and protection. We venerate her - but we do not worship her, for worship belongs to God alone.

In Matins, Vespers, and all the services of the hours of prayer, we sing this hymn, which expresses Mary's unique place in creation.

"It is truly right to bless you, O Theotokos, ever-blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, without defilement you gave birth to God the Word: True Theotokos, we magnify you."



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*The New Heaven and the New Earth*

**T**hen I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them (as their God).

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, (for) the old order has passed away."

The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Then he said, "Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true."

He said to me, "They are accomplished. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water.

The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.

*St. John the Theologian (Revelation 21: 1 - 7)*