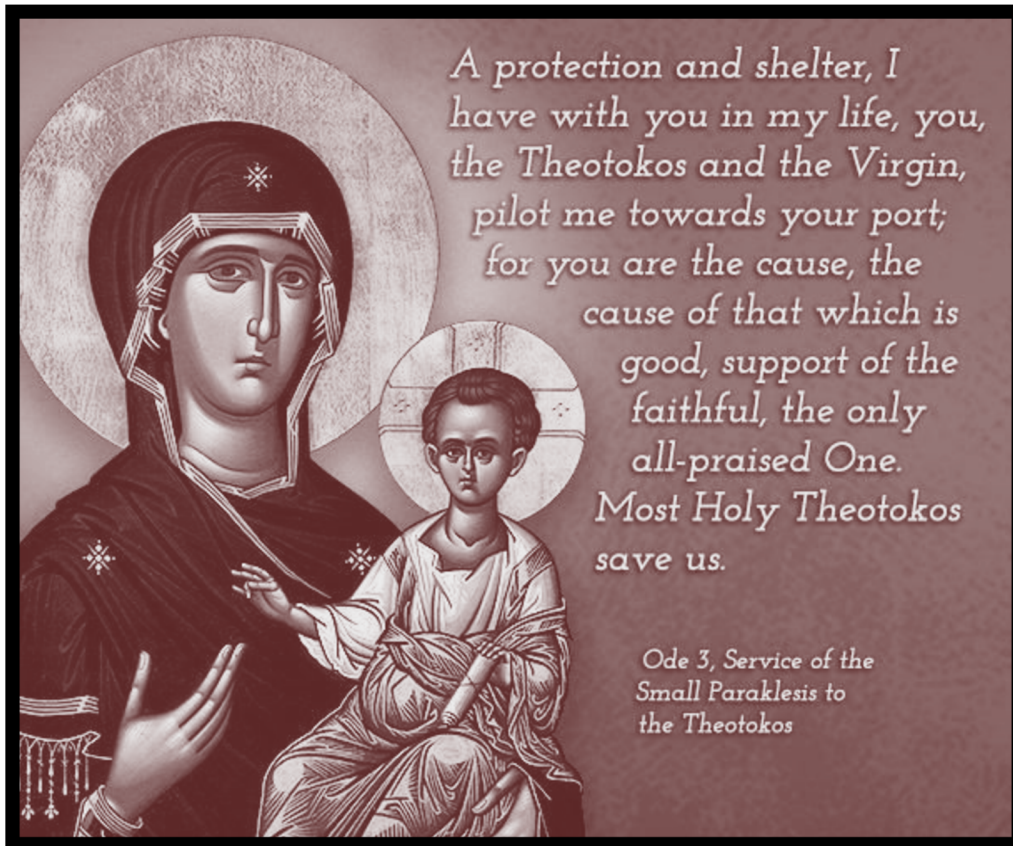


# St. Nicholas Newsletter August 2024



# Dormition Fast & Paraklesis Service



DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF AUGUST (1-14), WE PARTICIPATE IN A FASTING SEASON OF PREPARATION FOR **THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION** (FALLING ASLEEP) OF THE THEOTOKOS. WE OFFER A BEAUTIFUL LITURGICAL SERVICE DURING THIS PERIOD CALLED **PARAKLESIS**, WHICH MEANS "SUPPLICATION" AS THIS SERVICE SUPPLICATES THE VIRGIN MARY.

We will offer this service on Wednesday, **July 31**, **August 7**, and Monday, **August 12**.

# Celebrations

*God grant you many years!*

## Birthdays

Bryan Yurchak – Aug 6      Kate Salem – Aug 20  
Elizabeth Carender – Aug 7      Katherine Baclig – Aug 25  
Daniel Yurchak – Aug 8      SoonMee Townsley – Aug 25  
Nick Pangere – Aug 9      Michael Kravaris – Aug 26  
Adnan Haydar – Aug 10      Peniel Rhodes – Aug 29  
Zachary Rhodes – Aug 16      Lindel Townsley – Aug 29  
Dorothy Spector – Aug 16      Gina Waters – Aug 30  
Diana Wilson – Aug 16

## Wedding Anniversaries

Kevin & Nancy Scherer – Aug 10  
David & Laura Evans – Aug 13  
Isaiah & Brea Hale – Aug 30  
Don & Talitha Lourie – Aug 31

## Namedays

Olivia Rhodes (St. Nonna) – Aug 5  
Nina Lawrence (Dormition) – Aug 15  
Ava Strickland (Dormition) – Aug 15  
Lindel Townsley (Beheading of St. John the Baptist) – Aug 29  
Aidan Kolokithas (St. Aidan) – Aug 31  
Aidan Wilson (St. Aidan) – Aug 31

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## 2024 Stewardship & Membership Form

Please prayerfully consider what you are willing and able to financially contribute to the operation and functioning of our growing parish community to support its various ministries and services. This is an annual responsibility of everyone in our parish!

*Access the print or online form by clicking the image below.*



# Great Feast of the Transfiguration



Join us on **Monday, August 5** as we celebrate (by anticipation) the Transfiguration of our Lord with **Festal Orthros at 5:00p** and **Festal Liturgy at 6:00p** followed by Blessing of Grapes and Dinner Outing.

## Community Garden & First-Fruits Blessing

Monday, August 5

As we celebrate the Great Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord on Monday, August 5, we will offer a blessing for our Community Garden & First-fruits after the Festal Liturgy. Please bring any fruit baskets with you to be included.

# Sts. Florus and Laurus

August 18



**T**he Martyrs Florus and Laurus were brothers by birth not only in flesh but in spirit. They lived in the second century at Byzantium, and afterwards they settled in Illyria [now Yugoslavia]. By occupation they were stone-masons (their teachers in this craft were the Christians Proclus and Maximus, from whom also the brothers learned about life pleasing to God).

The prefect of Illyria, Likaion, sent the brothers to a nearby district for work on the construction of a pagan temple. The saints toiled at the structure, distributing to the poor the money they earned, while they kept strict fast and prayed without ceasing.

Once, the son of the local pagan-priest Mamertin carelessly approached the structure, and a chip of stone hit him in the eye, severely injuring him.

Saints Florus and Laurus assured the upset father, that his son would be healed.

They brought the youth to consciousness and told him to have faith in Christ. After this, as the youth confessed Jesus Christ as the true God, the brothers prayed for him, and the eye was healed. In view of such a miracle, even the father of the youth believed in Christ.

When the construction of the temple was completed, the brothers gathered the Christians together, and going through the temple, they smashed the idols. In the eastern part of the temple they set up the holy Cross. They spent all night in prayer, illumined with heavenly light. Having learned of this, the head of the district condemned to burning the former pagan priest Mamertin and his son and 300 Christians.

The martyrs Florus and Laurus, having been sent back to the prefect Likaion, were thrown down an empty well and covered over with earth. After many years, the relics of the holy martyrs were uncovered incorrupt, and transferred to Constantinople. In the year 1200 the Novgorod pilgrim Anthony saw them. Stephen of Novgorod saw the heads of the martyrs in the Pantokrator monastery around the year 1350.



# *Great Feast of the* Dormition of the Theotokos



Join us on **Wednesday, August 14** as we celebrate (by anticipation) the Dormition of the Theotokos with **Festal Orthros at 5:00p** and **Festal Liturgy at 6:00p** followed by Dinner Outing.

# St. Nicholas Orthodox Church ~ AUGUST 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			31 July	1	2 9:30a Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op	3 3:30p Chant Class 5p Vespers
4 9a Orthros 10a Divine Liturgy & Fellowship	5 6p Festal Orthros 7p Festal Liturgy & Dinner Outing	6 Transfiguration	7 6p Paraklesis 7p Parish Council Mtg	8	9 9:30a Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op	10 9a Men's Breakfast
11 9a Orthros 10a Divine Liturgy, Back-to-School Blessing, & Fellowship	12	13	14 6p Festal Orthros 7p Festal Liturgy & Dinner Outing	15 Dormition	16 9:30a Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op	17 5p Vespers
18 9a Orthros 10a Divine Liturgy & Fellowship 12:30p Inquiring Minds Class	19	20	21 6p Vespers 7p Choir Practice	22	23 9:30a Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op	24 5p Great Vespers
25 9a Orthros 10a Divine Liturgy & Fellowship	26	27	28	29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist	30 9:30a Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op	31 5p Great Vespers

# Back-to-School **Blessing** (with backpacks)

Prior to the beginning of the school year, we will offer a special blessing for all our students and teachers—bring your backpacks with you! Please join us for this occasion on **Sunday, August 11** after Liturgy. May the LORD guide, guard, and protect you as you begin your studies

anew!



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Ministry & Organizational Leaders,

If there is any announcement or advertisement that you would like published in the St. Nicholas Newsletter, please contact Brea Hale. [brehale00@gmail.com](mailto:brehale00@gmail.com)

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