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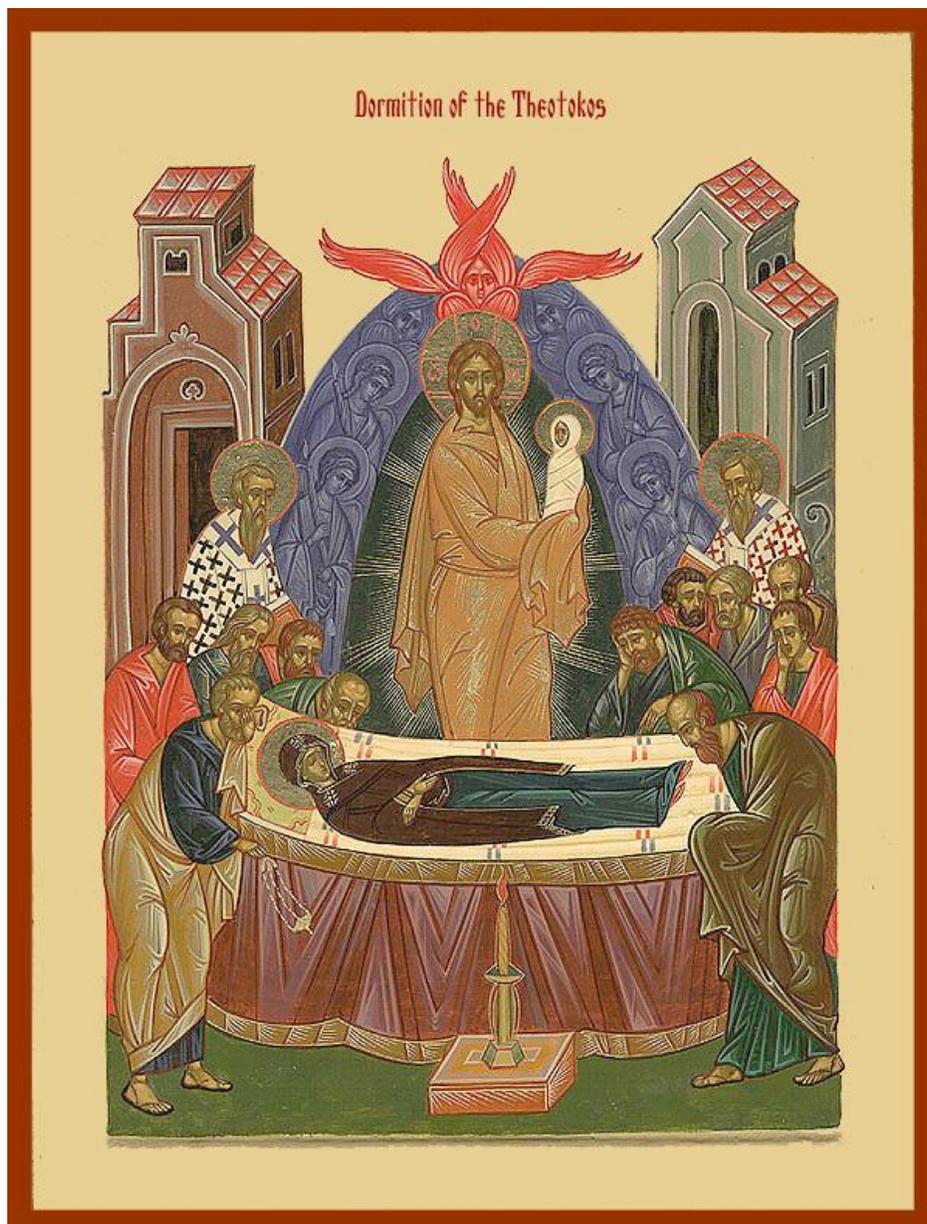
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2016 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Afterfeast of the Dormition. Apostle Thaddæus of the Seventy (ca. 44). Martyr Bassa of Edessa and her sons Theogonius, Agapius, and Pistus (2nd c.). Ven. Abramius, Archimandrite and Wonderworker of Smolensk, and his disciple, Ven. Ephraim (13th c.). Ven. Abramius the Lover-of-Labor, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th-13th c.).

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! // sing of His name, give glory to His praise!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name! // make known His deeds among the nations!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

In the city of the Lord of hosts; // in the city of our God!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

His sanctuary is in the city of peace, // and His dwelling in Zion!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

SECOND ANTIPHON

The Lord loves the gates of Zion // more than all the dwellings of Jacob!

O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!

Glorious things are spoken of you, // O City of our God!

O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!

God has established her forever! // We have thought upon
Thy mercy, O God, in the midst of Thy people!

O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!

The Most High has sanctified // His tabernacle!

O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready! I will sing and give praise to Thy glory!

(Tone 1) In giving birth you preserved your virginity. / In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death. **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me?**

(Tone 1) In giving birth you preserved your virginity. / In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

TROPARIA

(Tone 8) Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

(Tone 1) In giving birth you preserved your virginity. / In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

(Tone 4) In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy Father Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

KONTAKION

(Tone 2) Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, / who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. / For being the Mother of Life, // she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

The Prokeimenon in the Eighth Tone: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God!

v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (3:9-17)

Brethren: we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw -- each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW (14:22-34)

At that time Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

COMMUNION HYMN

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OUR LADY OF IVERON (commemorated on February 12)

During the reign of Emperor Theophilus (829-842) the Byzantine Empire raged with the heresy of iconoclasm. In accordance with the emperor's command, thousands of soldiers pillaged the empire, searching every corner, city, and village for hidden icons. Near the city of Nicaea there lived a certain pious widow who had concealed an icon of the Most Holy Theotokos. Before long the soldiers discovered it, and one of them thrust his spear into the image.

But by God's grace his terrible deed was overshadowed by a miracle: blood flowed forth from the wound on the face of the Mother of God. The frightened soldiers quickly fled. The widow spent the whole night in vigil, praying before the icon of the Most Holy Theotokos. In the morning, according to God's will, she took the icon to the sea and cast it upon the water. The holy icon stood upright on the waves and began to sail westward.

Time passed, and one evening the monks of the Iveron Monastery on Mt. Athos beheld a pillar of light, shining upon the sea like the sun (ca. 1004). The miraculous image lasted several days, while the fathers of the Holy Mountain gathered together, marveling. Finally they descended to the edge of the sea, where they beheld the pillar of light standing above the icon of the Theotokos. But when they approached it, the icon moved farther out to sea.

At that time a Georgian monk named Gabriel was laboring at the Iveron Monastery. The Theotokos appeared to the fathers of the Holy Mountain and told them that Gabriel alone was worthy to retrieve the holy icon from the sea. At the same time, she appeared to Gabriel and told him, "Enter the sea, and walk out upon the waves with faith, and all will witness my love and mercy for your monastery."

The monks of Mt. Athos found Gabriel at the Georgian monastery and led him down to the sea, chanting hymns, and censing with holy incense. Gabriel walked out upon the water as though upon dry land, took the icon in his arms, and obediently carried it back to shore. This miracle occurred on Bright Tuesday.

While the monks were celebrating a paraklesis of thanksgiving, a cold, sweet spring miraculously gushed forth from the ground where the icon stood. Afterwards they took the icon to a church and set it down in the sanctuary with great reverence.

But the next morning one of the monks came to light a lamp and discovered that the icon was no longer where they had left it; now it was hanging on a wall near the entrance gate. The disbelieving monks took it down and returned it to the sanctuary, but the next day the icon was again found at the monastery gate. This miracle recurred several times, until the Most Holy Virgin appeared to Gabriel, saying, "Announce to the brothers that from this day they should not carry me away. For what I desire is not to be protected by you; rather I will overshadow you, both in this life and in the age to come. As long as you see my icon in the monastery, the grace and mercy of my Son shall never be lacking!"

Filled with exceeding joy, the monks erected a small church near the monastery gate to glorify the Most Holy Theotokos and placed the wonder-working icon inside. The holy icon came to be known as the "Iveron Mother of God" and, in Greek, Portaitissa. By the grace of the miraculous Iveron Icon of the Theotokos, many miracles have taken place and continue to take place throughout the world.

The icon is special to our parish because, like the icon, many of the founders of the parish crossed the seas to come to a new home. Fr. Raphael Biernacki of blessed memory commissioned Fr. Theodore Jurewicz to paint the icon of our Lady of Iveron which is now in the shrine which was constructed in 1981. The Sunday after Dormition was established by the late Archbishop Kyrill as the shrine feast when we celebrate the outdoor Liturgy.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & Blessings Nicholas & Margaret Butrie	Stojan & Mira Prusac
Health & Blessings Tomka and Patsy	Alex & Magda Popoff
Fr. Andrew, Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Efrem, Jo Ann, Nicolai, Gloria, Laurie, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Jeanette, Reggie, Ruth & Calvin, Anna, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Joseph, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Nicholas & Margaret, Gladys, my family & friends	Joe Tome
Health & Blessings for my family	Lucy Hogg
Health & Blessings for Chick	Jo Ann Havens
Special Intention	Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Gladys Struble-Memory Eternal	Dorothy Goodman
Fr. Raphael Biernacki-Memory Eternal	Stojan & Mira Prusac
Peter Popoff-Memory Eternal	Alex & Magda Popoff



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship, coffee and donuts in our parish hall. We are in need of volunteers to serve the remaining Sundays of this year. Please see the sign-up sheet next to the kitchen window.

FAMILY PICNIC will be held following the Divine Liturgy. Everyone is invited to stay!

ANNIVERSARY BOOK We are looking for volunteers to assist with the Anniversary Book (contacting people for ads, help format the book, etc.) Please call the office 744-0070 or email stnicholas1916@att.net

IN LOVING MEMORY We will gather at Walli's on Tuesday, August 23 at 6 pm in remembrance of Fr. Raphael. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall for those that would like to gather. We need a final count today.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Diapers for the month of August. Place the items in the Blue Box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN We serve **Thursday, September 1 from 9 am to 1 pm.**

OCEC CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING will be held at St. George on Saturday, August 27 from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. This is open to anyone in the parish who would like to participate. There are information/registration forms in the parish hall.

We are also looking for anyone willing to serve as church school teachers in various capacities: team teachers and substitutes. If you are interested or have any questions contact Matushka Lisa

PAN ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME will be held on Sunday, September 4 at St. John Catholic School in Fenton. Everyone is welcome to play. There will be a picnic with hot dogs and hamburgers following the game. Everyone is invited to attend! A sign-up sheet is in the parish hall, also a flier with more information.

JACKPOT FUNDRAISER To enter the scavenger hunt, walk or run on September 17, please register at jackpotevent.com. Registering now saves you \$5 per person. Early registration ends September 2 so please register now. You can also fill out a registration form in the hall with your method of payment and give to Kristin (Borkovich) Hart. We are giving away over \$2,500.00 in prizes that day!

100TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET Make your reservations. The banquet will be held on Saturday, October 15 at 1pm at the Davison Country Club. The menu will consist of chicken, salmon and prime rib. Tickets are \$30 per adult, \$15 children 12 to 4 yrs and children 3 and under are free. Tickets must be purchased by September 29. Call the parish office at 744-0070, email stnicholas1916@att.net or see Debbie to make your reservation.

Schedule of services and events for the week of August 14, 2016:

Today

12:00 pm 10yr Parastas +Fr. Raphael Biernacki
Family Picnic

Saturday, August 27

9:30 am Church School Teacher Training at St. George
5:00 pm Vespers at St. George

Sunday, August 28

9:30 am Third Hour
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Offerings for the week August 14, 2016

Weekly Offerings	\$1,610.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$5,255.62
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*79 people were in attendance on Sunday,
August 14, 2016*

you will not find Him in the chalice.”

St. John Chrysostom

“If you cannot see Christ in the beggar at the church door,