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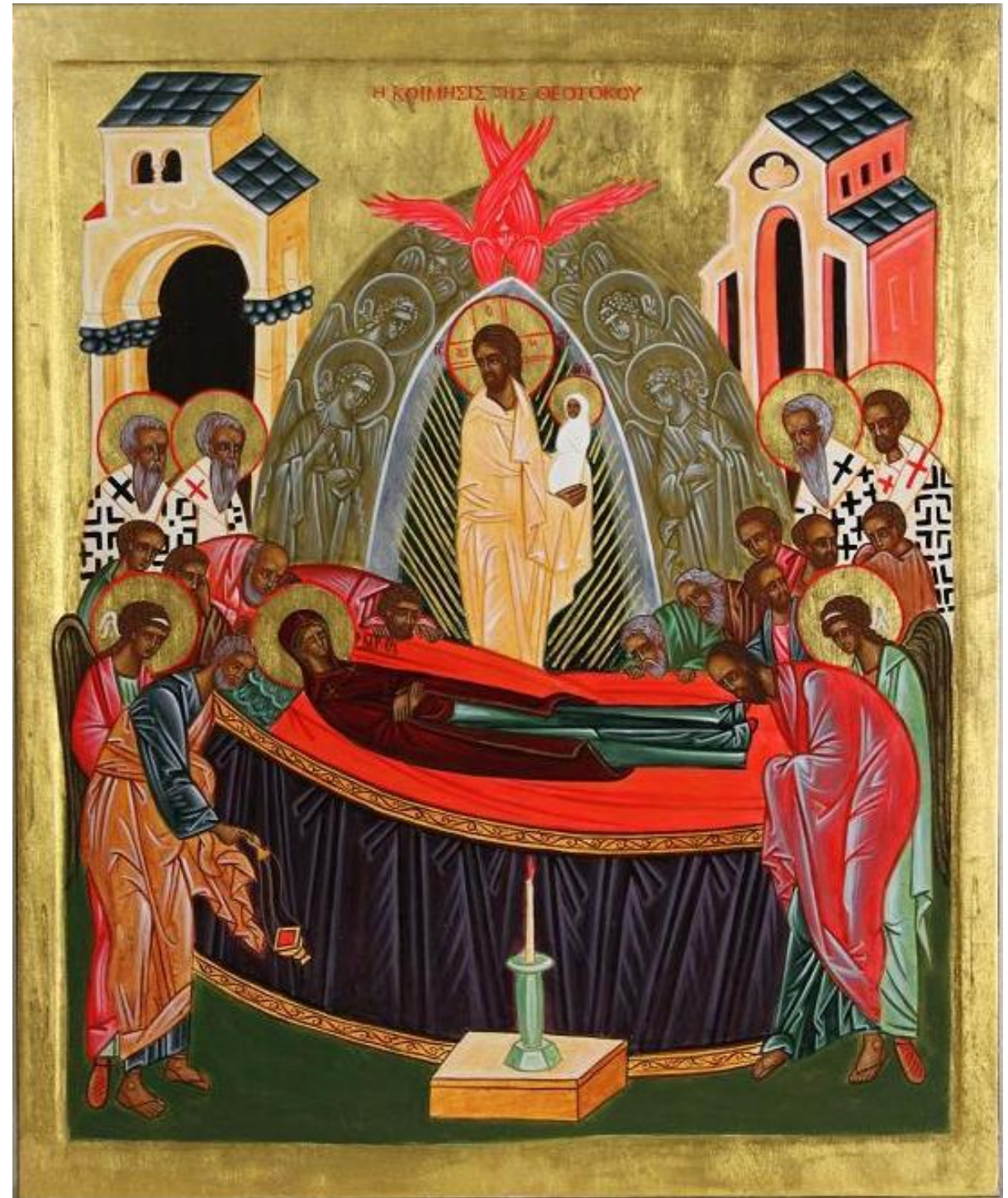
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In 1950, Pope Pius XII infallibly declared, concerning our Blessed Lady, that "...when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things" (LG. 59, cf. Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus* (1950)). Our Lady's Dormition (or falling asleep) has a very long history in the Church, in both the East and the West, going back to the most ancient of times. The Greeks called her dormition *κοίμησις* or *μετάστασις*; the Latins, *dormitio*, *transitus*, or *assumptio*.¹ The dormition is one of four dogmas of our Catholic faith concerning Mary. The other three are Mary's immaculate conception, her perpetual virginity, and that she is the Theotokos, that is, the God-bearer, the Mother of God.

¹ William E. Addis and Thomas Arnold, *A Catholic Dictionary* (New York: The Catholic Publication Society Co., 1887), 54.



Bulletin for August 3rd & August 10th 2025

Sunday, August 3 rd 8 th Sunday After Pentecost	1 Cor 1:10-18; Mt 14:14-22; Tone 7	Divine Liturgy (S, H), 10 AM
Wednesday , August 6 th Transfiguration of Our Lord	2 Pet 1:10-19; Mt 17:1-9 Tone 7	Divine Liturgy, 10 AM
Sunday, August 10 th 9 th Sunday After Pentecost	1 Cor 3:9-17; Mt 14:22-34; Tone 8	Divine Liturgy (S, H), 10 AM +Liturgy, Panachida for those who have died in the Texas flood*
Friday , August 15 th Dormition of the Theotokos	Phil 2:5-11; Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28; Tone 8	Divine Liturgy (S, O), 6 PM <i>Obligation</i>
Sunday, August 17 th 10 th Sunday After Pentecost	1 Cor 4:9-16; Mt 17:14-23; Tone 1	Divine Liturgy (S, H), 10 AM Madeline Minor, Health & Happiness by Fr. Tom & Pani Mary
Sunday, August 24 th 11 th Sunday After Pentecost	1 Cor 9:2-12; Mt 18:23-25; Tone 2	Divine Liturgy (S, H), 10 AM
Sunday, August 31 st 12 th Sunday After Pentecost	1 Cor 15:1-11; Mt 19:16-26; Tone 3	Divine Liturgy (S, H), 10 AM

(S) Streamed. (O) Obligation. (H) Third Hour at 9:30 AM (M) Matins 9:00 AM

**Tradition of memorial service on the Sunday closest to the 40th day after one has died, reflecting Christ’s time on earth of 40 days after the resurrection.*

Pray for our Sick & Homebound

Barbara Veres, Bill Torma, Elizabeth Van Den Heuvel, Leslie Bohannon, Kathryn Kowalik, Marianne Oprisko, Malak Bakkal, Sr. Sandy Atha, Ted & Pat Bojczuk, Margaret Hays, Winnie Pizzitola, Michael & Brenda Rosko

New to St. John?

Please go to www.stjohnchrysostom.com & click Register. We will keep you informed of events in the life of the parish.

Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!

A warm welcome to our guests and visitors. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the social hall after Divine Liturgy today.

A Feast Day RECIPE from ByziMom.com for the TRANSFIGURATION

Mount Tabor Cupcakes



When Peter, James, and John found themselves immersed in the presence of God, they could want nothing more. They were in the cloud of His presence. After having experienced that, they would never be the same. They would do things that would confound their friends and, quite frankly, terrify their enemies. Their devotion to Him would defy all logical reason, yet they would persevere. All they would ever want would be to convey that same love to others, let them feel what they felt, and know what they know, and they would begin to long for the day in which they could encounter Him like that again. At the feast of the Transfiguration, we gather fruit, historically the first fruits of the season (usually grapes), to take as an offering to the church to be blessed and distributed to the congregation. This recipe will help you remember Peter,

James, and John who witnessed the white sparkly light that surrounded Jesus on Mount Tabor that day!

Because this feast occurs during the Dormition Fast, the recipe is fast-friendly!

Ingredients

- One box of chocolate cake mix
- One can of soda, any flavor
- One can of non-dairy whipped topping
- Both green and red grapes
- A few sprigs of fresh mint
- 1 small jar of grape jam
- 2 Tbsp sparkly castor sugar

Preparation

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Empty the contents of the cake mix into a large mixing bowl and slowly whisk in the can of soda. Line a muffin tin with paper cupcake liners and fill each ¾ full with batter. Bake for 20 minutes at 350 degrees and allow to cool completely while you have dinner.

Immediately after dinner, when your cakes have cooled, remove the paper liners from each cake and turn each one upside down on a serving platter. These are little Mount Tabors! Place a spoonful of grape jam on top of each cake, and sprinkle a few mint leaves on top of each of our mountains. Now place 2 Tbsp of jam into a separate bowl and add ¼ cup of hot water. Mix this to make a syrup. Place three red grapes and one green grape into the syrup and mix to coat. These are Peter, James, John, and the green one is Jesus! Now, transfigure Him by dipping the green grape into the sparkly castor sugar! Place a "cloud" of whipped almond cream onto the top of your Mount Tabor cake (over the jam) and place your three red grapes (Peter, James, and John) on top, and the sparkly green grape in the center of the three (this is Jesus!) Repeat this process for each of your cupcakes and enjoy immediately!

The Dormition Fast

The Dormition Fast is a period of spiritual preparation for the Feast of the Dormition. It begins on August 1st and ends on August 14th, the eve of the Dormition. The traditional observance of this fast involves strict abstinence on all weekdays with wine and oil allowed on Saturdays, Sundays, and on the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6th). The hierarchy of the Byzantine Catholic Church has determined that the faithful may keep this fast voluntarily, but it is not obligatory.

A Prayer for Texas Flood Victims (For August 10th Liturgy for Victims)

We pray, O Lord, for those who face incomprehensible anguish, sorrow and loss in the destruction from the recent floods and storms here in Texas. Deliver them from every affliction, trouble, distress, and need; that they may be safeguarded by Your holy angels; grant them assistance, peace, health and a long life, we pray You, hear and have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy! (3 times)

We also pray for those departed as a result of the floods and storms here in Texas; for their grieving loved ones; for families who were separated that they may be reunited; reassure them of Your divine presence and heavenly grace, we pray You, hear and have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy! (3 times)

We also pray for all involved in the relief efforts, O Lord, in this special time of need; strengthen them in body, mind and spirit as they labor and serve our neighbors in need. Grant them and all of us the firm resolve to support their efforts in love and generosity, we pray You, hear and have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy! (3 times)



Events Calendar

Aug 10	Sunday School Registration Begins. Go online to: https://stjohnchrysostom.com/online-registration-1
Aug 17	Dedication & Blessing of Shrine/Icons to Our Martyred Hierarchs: Bl. Theodore Romzha; Bl. Paul Peter Gojdich, Bl. Basil Hopko; Servant of God Alexander Chira
Sept 7	Sunday School Begins! Immediately after the 10 AM Liturgy. Refreshments in the school building for the children. Registration is required. No “drop-ins” permitted. Online registration is here: https://www.stjohnchrysostom.com/online-registration-1
Sept 14	Sunday School. Immediately after the 10 AM Liturgy. Refreshments in the school building for the children. Registration is required.
Sept 21	Catechetical Sunday – Catechist Commissioning & Blessing of Children at the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Sunday School to follow, as usual, immediately after liturgy.
Sept 28	Sunday School. Immediately after the 10 AM Liturgy Parish-Wide Meeting. In Social Hall after the 10 AM Liturgy

What I viewed on FORMED: *God’s Princesses* by Christine Kosakowski

This series includes 4 short episodes on St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Josephine Bakhita, and St. Joan of Arc. Each episode is extremely well done with a great storyline, cute animations, and beautiful moral lessons. They are perfect for teaching little girls about some of our most amazing female saints! 10/10 recommend them.

Please Remember to Support Your Parish this Summer!

During the summer, collections tend to go down while people are away for vacation. Expenses are often higher in summer as the electrical bill increases for cooling.

Sunday Collection

July 20th:1,595 \$; July 27th: \$1,323

Thank you for your generosity!

A Moment with the Catechism

The Holy Mystery of Baptism (cont.)

420 Immediately before the immersion (or the pouring) the priest anoints the catechumen with holy oil. This anointing is a sign of the power of the Holy Spirit received in Baptism. It is given to the catechumen as a “weapon of justice” against “all the action of the devil” and for the “restoration of body and soul.” The priest anoints the forehead, the breast, the shoulders, the ears, and the hands and feet. He anoints the forehead so that “the mind might be opened to understand and receive the mysteries of faith.” He anoints the breast so that the baptized “would love the Lord with all his/her heart.” The shoulders are anointed so that he/she “would accept Christ’s yoke.” The ears are anointed “for the reception of the voice of the divine Gospel.” Finally, the baptizand’s hands and feet are anointed so that he/she would “raise his/her hands towards the holy place and always act justly,” and “walk in the ways of Christ’s commandments.” The anointing of the body indicates that in Baptism the entire nature of the person is renewed, along with all its senses.

419 Baptism is performed with water, which is a symbol of life but also of death (“the waters of the flood,” see Gn 6-9). The passing through the waters of the Red Sea symbolizes salvation (see Ex 14), while the washing with water is a symbol of healing (e.g., the curing of Naaman of leprosy; see 2 Kgs 5:10-14). Immersing the person three times into the water, or pouring water three times over the forehead, the priest declares: “The servant of God, (name), is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.” Baptism is the death of the “old person” and the birth of the “new person,” united with the three Divine Persons—the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit (see Mt 28:19). This occurs through union with Christ’s Death and Resurrection (see Rom 6). As a sign of the new birth, the baptized person is given a Christian name, by which the Church introduces the neophyte into a spiritual relationship with their heavenly patron.

Prayers and Devotions



Hymn to the Theotokos

It is truly right to bless you, O God-bearing One, as the ever-blessed and immaculate Mother of our God. More honorable than the cherubim and by far more glorious than the seraphim; ever a virgin, you gave birth to God the Word. O true Mother of God, we magnify you.

Evangelization Corner

Evangelization /ĭ-văn’jə-līz- ā’shən”/:
The proclamation of Christ and his Gospel (Greek: *evangelion*) by word and the testimony of life, in fulfillment of Christ’s command.

“Fear not that thy life shall come to an end, but rather that it shall never have a beginning.”

St. John Henry Newman

Storm Damage – Update

- Rectory skylights replacement (leaks) – PENDING
- Lightning Arresting System on Dome – **COMPLETE**
- Minor repairs to school/rectory roof – **COMPLETE**

Thank you to all who have contributed to cover what is not covered by insurance. If you would like to contribute to the repairs, you may do so online (<https://stjohnchrysostom.com/donate>) by selecting, “**Special Collections**”. You may also put your repair donation in the collection. Mark your check, “**For Repairs**”.

Quote of the Week – *The Heroic Minute*

“Conquer yourself each day from the very first moment, getting up on the dot, at a set time, without granting a single minute to laziness. If, with the help of God, you conquer yourself in that moment, you’ll have accomplished a great deal for the rest of the day. It’s so discouraging to find yourself beaten in the first skirmish!”

- *The Way* by St Josemaria Escriva

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