



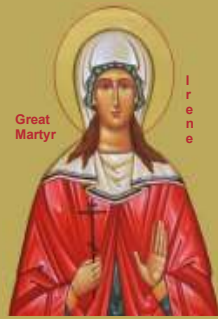
When we lose someone we love, there is always sadness. Parents are sad when the children leave the nest. Children are sad when parents go on to a life with God. The face of Christ in the icon of Dormition of the Mother of God is sad. He looks down on the body of His mother lying there. In His hands He holds her soul in all its glory as it awaits a new body; the glorified body. He looks down on the eyes that were filled with love. He gazes at the lips that kissed His cheeks. He sees the hands that gave Him hugs and the arms that lifted Him up as a child. We see in the icon a Son who loves His mother. The Mother of God is a good mother. She learned at a young age the qualities that made her good at her vocation. It was her vocation because it was how she said "Yes" to God. She said her "Yes" not only at the Annunciation but every day of her life. There was the young Mary who was presented in the Temple. At a young age she dedicated her life to God. She made a vow to be a virgin. In her mind, she probably thought that she was going to be deprived of a husband and children. Yet God respected that vow, but called her to be a mother to His Son. At the Annunciation we see that one of the greatest qualities of our Lady was her flexibility. She thought her life was going to be one way and the words of an angel changed it in a single moment. She did not say, "This is not what I planned;" but rather, "Be it done to me as you say." Flexibility is something every parent needs and Mary was no different. There she was with Joseph in Jerusalem for the feast, and off wanders her only Son. She and Joseph search and find Him in the Temple. When she expresses her concern, our Lord replies that He had to be about His Father's Business. She knew in her heart that He would always do the Father's will. Then Jesus returns home and is obedient to His parents. He worked in the carpentry shop with Joseph, day after day and year after year. For the almost 20 years that followed, there were probably days when the Blessed Mother wondered when Jesus would begin the special work foretold by the angel. She

waited for she was flexible. When Jesus turned 30, He began His ministry. At an age when men were retiring to sit at the city gates, He would leave home to spread the Good News. Mary followed her Son. She, who had a Son who was a Senior Citizen, was willing to pack up and follow her only Son. Why? Because she was flexible to the plan of God. Her heart was probably filled with joy as people praised Her Son. She was probably worried as opposition mounted. But she knew that Jesus was no ordinary man. She had confidence that God had a plan. So she was probably shocked when the religious authorities arrested Him. But even at the foot of the cross she was flexible because she agreed to be the Mother of the disciples. Little did she know at the moment how numerous her children would be. Then her heart was filled with joy at the news of the Resurrection. She had faith in God's plan and she saw it fulfilled. She was there when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles at Pentecost. She then journeyed to Ephesus where she lived with St John the Evangelist. After the completion of her earthly life, she was taken up to heaven body and soul. The reward for all followers of Christ is to be taken up to the joy of heaven for all eternity. Our Blessed Lady because of her faith, because of her flexibility in following the plan of God for her and because of her love, was taken up to heaven gloriously. The Dormition is proof to all Christians that if we have faith, follow the plan of God and love that we too will be admitted to heaven. Mary is the icon of the entire creation as response to Christ and to God. St John Damascene asserted, "He who had been pleased to become incarnate (of) her/...was pleased...to honour her immaculate and undefiled body with incorruption...prior to the common and universal resurrection" Mary has gone on before us to help prepare a place for her children, us. The one who is "virgin after child bearing" is also "alive after death" states the Kontakion of the Feast.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT:

The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions, and programs, is committed to assuring a Safe Environment in ministry for its children and vulnerable adults that conforms to the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. For additional information regarding the eparchial Safe Environment Program or to report any concerns, **please contact:**

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, AND PREFESTIVE DAY OF THE DORMITION

Schedule of Services AUGUST 14—AUGUST 21, 2022

Sunday, August 14—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, and prefestive day of the Dormition
9:25 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church and for their relatives*

Monday, August 15—The Dormition of the Mother of God
7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy
Blessing of Flowers and herbs after the Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, August 16
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday, August 17
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Thursday, August 18
No Divine Liturgy

Friday, August 19
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Saturday, August 20
No Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 21—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, and post-festive day of the Dormition
9:25 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church and for their relatives*



WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY
Whether you're searching for a new church home or just visiting, we're glad you're with us today. If you are looking for God, have a prayer request, looking for more information about the Eastern Catholic Church, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr. Vasyl, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering basket as your offering today. Please join us for our coffee hour in the Parish hall following the Divine Liturgy. We want to get to know you! God bless you!

Please remember in your prayers:



For health and salvation: Fr. Christopher Andrews, Fr. Chris Zuger, Tony and family, Michael Baron, Ed, Dennis, Max, Pani Mary, Mary, Vasyl Zhabko, Faye, Jessica, Sophia, Diane Pierce, Vincent Carich, Tusita Docie & Scott Docie, Sarah Docie, Emily Docie, Mia Docie, Martin

For the repose of the departed: +Bishop Gerald N Dino, +Fr. Frank Knusel, +Brenda Washicko, +Frank Sliwinski, Jr., +Lawrence & Lucille Carich, +Ivan & Matilda Carich, +Josip & Amanda Grabovac, +George Pavlakovich, +Carol Pavlakovich, +Bud & Virginia Arnold, +Israel Castillo Lara, +Jesse Gonzalez, +John, +Lucy Ortiz, +Martha Williams, +Martin Brandenfels.
Please let Father know if you would like to add new names to our prayer list.

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL: "Nothing will be impossible for you!" Jesus taught his disciples to pray and to fast with faith. In that faith, nothing would be impossible for them. This is still true today. To see this more clearly, we need people of faith to serve the Church as priests, deacons, subdeacons, monks and nuns. If God may be calling you to this life, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

Advisory Board meeting: Today, Sunday, August 14 there will be Advisory Board meeting after Divine Liturgy in the church. We will focus on our plans for up-coming new Church year. Please plan to be present if you are on the board.

Tomorrow, Monday, August 15, is the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God (*Rom. Cat.* Assumption of Mary). It is Holy Day of Obligation for Byzantine Catholics. There will be Blessing of Flowers after the Divine Liturgy. Be sure to bring your Flowers and Herbs for the blessing.

"Thus though art also the fountain of true light, the inexhaustible treasury of life itself, the most fruitful source of blessing, who has won for us and brought us all good things — though for a while thou wast covered corporeally with death; nonetheless, thou dost pour out pure and inexhaustible streams of immense light, immortal life and true happiness, rivers of grace, fountains of healing and everlasting blessing."
St. John of Damascus



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Independence Day of Ukraine: On the occasion of the 31st anniversary of the Independence of Ukraine, on Wednesday, August 24, at 7:00 p.m., Father Vasyl will serve a Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian. Also, after the Divine Liturgy there will be a Moleben for Ukraine. All are welcome.

Beginning of the school year: On Sunday, August 28, the Divine Liturgy will be offered for the students, teachers, tutors and coaches. Following the Divine Liturgy, we will pray a "Moleben for the beginning of the academic year." After Moleben will be anointing with blessed oil. Please share this information with your family, friends, and neighbors.

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2022 Annual Pilgrimage Our Lady of Perpetual Help Shrine

Fri-Sat, August 19-20, 2022



This Year's Theme
**SAINT MICHAEL & THE
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