



## PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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### ***DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE***

Date	Time	Location	Intention
Sunday 8/09	11:30am Confession	Arbutus	In memory of +Elizabeth Bobby Requested by: M/M Tim Herder
Friday 8/14	6:00pm Confession	Arbutus	In memory of +Mary Johnson Requested by: M/M Jerry Colley
Saturday 8/15 (Slavonic)	11:30am Confession	Arbutus	In memory of +Agnes Rovetti Requested by: M/M/ Joe Belensky
Sunday 8/16	11:30am Confession	Arbutus	In memory of +Jennifer Gupman Rodgers Requested by: Ann Gupman

This week is the **10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**. Propers begin on page 346.

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:** We welcome all new visitors, to our parish family, and hope you will become an active part of our parish community. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at [patronage.church@gmail.com](mailto:patronage.church@gmail.com).

**DEAR BELIEVERS:** We are working on organizing our upcoming ECF program for grades Pre-K - 12. Please email the church with your child's name and grade level so we can better plan our program. We will post more information in the bulletin in the next few weeks. Catechetical Sunday is scheduled for 9/20/2020.

Fr. Serhii Deiak

**MOLEBEN TO THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY:** A Moleben will take place immediately after the Slavonic Liturgy on Friday, 8/14/20 at 6pm.

**DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS:** It is customary in the Byzantine Catholic Church that there is a *blessing of flowers* on this feast day. You are welcome to bring flowers, and place them in front of the Iconostasis, to be blessed, when you come to Liturgy on Saturday, 8/15/20, at 11:30am.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS – PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Fr. Sam Lupico, Keiko Suseck, Arlene Duda, Betty Mastrounni, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Ann Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, and Paul Ruszin, Sr.

*May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies,  
 grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!*

**CONTRIBUTIONS:** 8/2/2020 - \$846.00

**NUMBER OF BELIEVERS:** 26

Many thanks to all who have contributed to our church and for your dedication to our parish. May God continue to bless you and your families!

**ECF AT HOME:** Learn a new prayer and please continue to pray with us by live-streaming our Liturgy and Holy Day services, if you are remaining safe at home. The Lord Jesus told His disciples about "the necessity for them to pray always..." (Luk 8 18:1). What comes next is how we try to follow our Lord's command.

**PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND, SLOVAKIA, UKRAINE, AND HUNGARY:** This pilgrimage is being coordinated by Fr. Ed Cimbala and Fr. Yuriy Oros. Join them on June 21 – July 1, 2021, as they celebrate the 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Union of Uzhorod and the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Eparchy of Mukachevo. To receive more information, as plans are confirmed this summer, please contact Fr. Cimbala at [fredcimbala@gmail.com](mailto:fredcimbala@gmail.com) or call 908-872-2928.

*Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!*

**CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS:** Many thanks to all who have contributed to our much needed painting project in our Temple. We have completed the painting in our Nave and plan on painting the sacristy next. We have also replaced the paper towel holders in the bathrooms and hall kitchen. **If you would like to donate towards our project, to offset the expense, please make a note on your donation and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**“ASK THE DEACON” – THIS WEEK’S QUESTION:** *Why do we bless flowers for the Dormition of the Theotokos on 8/15?*

**ANSWER:** This is an excerpt from the *Byzantine Leaflet Series*. According to an old custom, flowers and medicinal herbs are blessed after the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Dormition. This custom most probably originated from the traditional belief that after Mary’s glorious assumption into heaven, her holy tomb was filled with a “heavenly fragrance” and flowers (ct. St. Germanus, I Hom. on Dorm.). The herbs, used by our people as natural medicine, are blessed in commemoration of the numerous healings and extraordinary graces bestowed on the pilgrims at Mary’s tomb (cf. St. John Damascene, Hom. on Dorm. I, 13). You can read the entire leaflet, *The Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God (“Uspenije” / Assumption) According to the Byzantine Rite*. Visit <https://www.archpitt.org/the-dormition-of-the-most-holy-mother-of-god-uspen-ije-assumption-according-to-the-byzantine-rite/>.