

## *Dormition of the Theotokos*



*The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition and in the Greek kimisis) or "falling-asleep" of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.*

The Icon of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos shows her on her deathbed surrounded by the Apostles. Christ is standing in the center looking at His mother. He is holding a small child clothed in white representing the soul of the Virgin Mary. With His golden garments, the angels above His head, and the mandorla surrounding Him, Christ is depicted in His divine glory.

The posture of the Apostles direct attention toward the Theotokos. On the left Saint Peter censes the body of the Theotokos. On the right Saint Paul bows low in honor of her.

## *Schedule of Divine Services: August 11, 2024*

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST      August 11, 2024**

Sat. 4:30 p.m.    + **Karen Muransky by Sharon Hrina**

Sun. 10:30 a.m.    + **Health & Blessings of Parishioners**

Mon. 10:30 a.m.    + **Steve & Margaret Haluska by Tomaino Family**

Tue. 10:30 a.m.    No Liturgy

Wed. 10:30 a.m.    No Liturgy

### ***DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS***

#### ***Blessing of the Flowers***

**Thur. 4:30 p.m.    + Health and Blessings of Parishioners**

**6:00 p.m.      Parish Picnic (Social Hall)**

Fri. 10:30 a.m.    No Liturgy

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST    August 18, 2024**

Sat. 4:30 p.m.    + **Health and Blessings of Parishioners**

Sun. 10:30 a.m.    + **Michael Sopkovich by Dr. Mrs. Tom Sopkovich**

*O Theotokos in giving birth you preserved virginity; and in Your falling asleep You did not forsake the world. You are the Mother of Life and have been transferred to life, and through Your prayers You delivered our souls from death*



## Saint Mary's Annual Parish Picnic

Thursday, August 15, 2024

Divine Liturgy at 4:30 (Dormition of the Theotokos)

Dinner at 6:00 (Social Hall)

Catering by "Mission Barbeque"

Pulled Pork, Pulled Chicken, Sliced Brisket

Baked Beans w/ Brisket

Green Beans w/ Bacon & Onion

Maggie's Mac-N-Cheese and Corn on the Cob

Sliders & Cornbread Combo

Water, soft drinks, beer

**\$10.00 at the door**

***Please use the sign-up sheet in the church***

*Let's celebrate summer together with fun and fellowship!*

### August Events and Meetings

- Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup> Blessing of the Flowers at the end of the Divine Liturgy
- Sunday (weekly) Bingo- Assumption Social Center-Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and games begin at 6 p.m
- 125th Anniversary Committee will meet next on a new day and time, allowing Fr. John to attend. Mark your calendars for SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024, after the 10:30 AM Liturgy in the rectory basement. Please enter through the priest's sacristy (left of the confessional.) We will be reviewing the ideas generated so far in order to make good recommendations to Fr. John

### ● 90TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO MOUNT SAINT MACRINA

The Annual Pilgrimage in honor of our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held Friday, Aug. 30th – Monday, Sept. 2nd, at Mount St. Macrina, 500 W. Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401. We encourage you to attend this pilgrimage. The Mount is a beautiful and holy place where you can encounter both God and old friends.

Since 1934, her Shrine at Mount St. Macrina has been a favored destination for the thousands of pilgrims who come to venerate her icon. Praying before this sacred image, they place all their needs, their hopes, their sorrows and their joys into her hands.

Throughout the entire pilgrimage, the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help holds a central place. It is carried in procession with love and devotion to each liturgical service. There it is placed before the altar, so that all may venerate this Beloved Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.