

# *Holy Virgin Dormition*

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10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost      13 August 2023

### SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY (Tone 1)

1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Matthew 17:14-23

Next Sunday, 1 Corinthians 9:2-12; Matthew 18:23-35

*Vespers every Saturday evening @ 5:00 PM*

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### REQUIEM MEMORIALS FOR TODAY

Anna Homa, offered by Tony & Janet Homa

Fran Gatto, offered by husband, Nick

John Greco, offered by Nick Gatto

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SAINTS NAME FOR THIS WEEK TODAY, SUNDAY (August 13/July 31)-  
Evdokim, Joseph, *Juliette*. MON- Avimus, Antoninus, Gurius,  
Eleazar, Evsevonus, Alimus, Marcellus, *Solomon*, Leonty, Attius,  
Alexander, Kindeus, Minsitheius Mineon, Katunus, Evkleus, Basil.  
TUE- Stephen, Basil, Nikodimus, Gamaliel, Avivus. WED- Isaac,  
Dalmatus, Faustus, Anthony, Cosma, Nicholas, *Salomia*  
(*Myrrhbearer*), Razdenus. THUR- Maximilian, Exacustodian,  
Iamvlichus Martinian, Dionysius, John, Anthony, *Evdokia* (*Eudoxia*),  
Elevtherius, Cosman. FRI- Evsignius, Favius, Anthirus, Kantidius,  
Kantidian, Sivelus, Job. SAT- Transfiguration of the Lord: Theoctist,  
Abbacum.

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### Services This Week

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD- Sat. August 19

Friday evening, 6:30 PM – Great Vespers with blessing of bread,  
wheat, wine and oil.

Saturday morning, 9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy with blessing of fruit.

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### Dormition Fast

Dormition Fast begins tomorrow, August 14<sup>th</sup> and will continue until  
the Feast of Dormition on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Special Candles for the Feast of Dormition

Decorated candles for the Feast of the Dormition of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary (Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>) are now available for  
sponsorship. These candles are available at \$15.00 each and will  
be placed in the Altar on the feast day. Please use the sheet in  
the vestibule to make your request for these candles (one candle  
request per line, please). All requests are due by Sunday,  
August 20<sup>th</sup>.

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### The Transfiguration Feast

On the Feast of the Lord's Transfiguration, August 19/6, it is a  
pious old Orthodox custom to bring baskets of fruits to be  
blessed at the special ceremonies during the celebration of  
Divine Liturgy. The blessing of grapes as well as other fruits and  
vegetables on this day is the most beautiful and adequate sign  
of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. It signifies the  
ultimate flowering and fruitfulness of all creation in God's  
Paradise where all will be transformed by the glory of the Lord.

Let your young children bring their own baskets of fruit:

Grapes, apples, oranges, plums, bananas, peaches or any  
others that you may especially like, reminding and teaching  
them that these fruits represent the fruits of our labors in the  
vineyard of our Lord, and on behalf of our fellow men, and that  
the sweetness of their taste is symbolic of the sweet fruits of  
heaven to which we all aspire.

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### Handling of the Holy Bread

After taking Communion and at the end of Divine Liturgy, it is  
a tradition to eat a piece of the Holy Bread or Antidoron. While  
this bread is not Holy Communion, it is blessed bread and as  
such, should be eaten carefully so that the crumbs do not fall  
onto the floor. After taking Communion or kissing the cross  
at the end of Divine Liturgy, take one piece of the Antidoron,  
and when you return to your seat or get to a place where you  
can stop for a moment, eat the bread carefully trying not to  
drop the crumbs. If you wish to give a piece to someone else,  
it is permissible to take an extra piece (do not break yours in  
half because it produces too many crumbs). Also, children  
should be monitored as they take this Holy Bread and teach  
them to eat it respectfully.