

**Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:****For Eternal Memory of:**

**Carol**, our sister-in-law, offered by Linda and Richard Dantine

**Readings:**

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

**BRETHREN**, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

**At that time**, when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day." And they were greatly distressed.

**Saturday service:** Vespers – 6:PM

**Sunday service:**

**Hours - 9:40 AM** **Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**  
 (Private Confession – Half hour before any service. Please don't delay the service.)  
 (General Confession – 9 50 AM on the first Sunday of each month)  
 (Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month)  
**Church School – (will continue in the fall)**

**Coffee hour - after Liturgy**

**We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.**

**Announcements:**

- The feast day "**The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary**" is Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be no services on that day, but next Sunday, the fourth day of the "**afterfeast of the Dormition,**" we will honor the passage of the Most Holy Theotokos from death to life. Just as Christ once dwelt in the virginal womb of His Mother, now He takes her "*to dwell in His courts.*"
- **There will be a meeting of the Parish Council** today, August 12<sup>th</sup>, after coffee hour.
- **The meeting of the Sisterhood** of the Protection of the Theotokos was postponed to September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Reminder:**

- **Volunteers are needed to clean the church.** Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, downstairs, to indicate when you can help.
- **We are now in the Dormition fast**, which lasts until the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary on August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the sign-up sheet at the candle stand.  
Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)

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**Vespers:**

In the Orthodox Church the liturgical day begins in the evening with the setting of the sun. This practice follows the Biblical account of creation: "And there was evening and there was morning, one day" (Gen 1:5).

The Vesper service in the Church always begins with the chanting of the evening psalm: "...the sun knows it's time for setting, Thou makest darkness and it is night..." (Psalm 104: 19-20). This psalm, which glorifies God's creation of the world, is man's very first act of worship, for man first of all meets God as Creator.

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul, O Lord my God, Thou art very great...*

*O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all. The earth is full of Thy creatures* (Ps 104:24).

Following the psalm, the **Great Litany**, the opening petition of all liturgical services of the Church is intoned. In it we pray to the Lord for everyone and everything.

Following this litany a number of psalms are chanted, a different group each evening. These psalms normally are omitted in parish churches though they are done in monasteries. On the eve of Sunday, however, sections of the first psalm and the other psalms which are chanted to begin the week are usually sung even in parish churches.

*Psalm 141 is always sung at Vespers. During this psalm the evening incense is offered:*

*Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me. Hear me, O Lord.*

*Let my prayer arise in Thy sight as incense.*

*And let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. Hear me, O Lord.* (Psalm 141:1-2).

At this point special hymns are sung for the particular day. If it be a Church feast: songs in honor of the celebration are sung. On Saturday evenings, the eve of the Lord's Day, these hymns always praise Christ's resurrection from the dead.

The special hymns normally end with a song called a **Theotokion** which honors Mary, the Mother of Christ. Following this, the vesperal hymn is sung. If it be a special feast or the eve of Sunday, the celebrant will come to the center or the church building with lighted candles and incense. This hymn belongs to every Vesper service.

*O Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the Immortal Father, heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. Now we have come to the setting of the sun and behold the light of evening. We praise God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For it is right at all times to worship Thee with voices of praise, O Son of God and Giver of Life, therefore all the world glorifies Thee.*

*Christ is praised as the Light which illumines man's darkness, the Light of the world and of the Kingdom of God which shall have no evening* (Isa 60:20, Rev 21:25).

A verse from the Psalms, the **prokeimenon**, follows—a different one for each day, announcing the day's spiritual theme. If it be a special day, three readings from the Old Testament are included. Then more evening prayers and petitions follow with additional hymns for the particular day, all of which end with the chanting of the **Song of St Simeon**:

*Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people. A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel* (Lk 1:29-32).

After proclaiming our own vision of Christ, the Light and Salvation of the world, we say the prayers of the **Thrice-Holy** (*trisagion*) through to the **Our Father**. We sing the main theme song of the day, called the **Troparion**, and we are dismissed with the usual benediction.

The service of Vespers takes us through creation, sin, and salvation in Christ. It leads us to the meditation of God's word and the glorification of his love for men. It instructs us and allows us to praise God for the particular events or persons whose memory is celebrated and made present to us in the Church. It prepares us for the sleep of the night and the dawn of the new day to come. On the eves of the Divine Liturgy, it begins our movement into the most perfect communion with God in the sacramental mysteries. (Rev. Thomas Hopko)

Sunday Bulletin

# Church of the Mother of God

## "The Joy of All the Sorrowful"

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### Very Reverend Daniel Hubiak, Temporary Rector



Afterfeast of the  
Transfiguration

Glory to  
Jesus Christ

Glory  
Forever

*You were Transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God,  
Revealing Your glory to Your disciples as far as they could bear it.  
Let Your everlasting Light shine upon us sinners!  
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to You!*

Troparion

### On this day the Church remembers:

**Afterfeast of the Transfiguration** • Martyrs Anicetus and Photius (Photinus) of Nicomedia, and many with them (305-306) • Hieromartyr Alexander, Bishop of Comana (3rd c.)

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## August 12, 2012 - Bulletin

**Tone 1** of the Octoechos  
10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Dormition Fast