

**Bulletin sponsor this week is for the:****Health of:**

**Reader Michael** (Breiten) Sundra as he heads off to law school, offered with love by his parish family.

**Memory of:**

**Barbara Funk**, sponsored by the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God.

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**Readings:** **I Corinthians 4:9-16** (*10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*)  
**Matthew 17:14-23** (*10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*)

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**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.

**Sunday Services:**

<b>Hours</b> - 9:40 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> – 10:00 AM
<b>General Confession</b> – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month	
<b>Private Confession</b> - by appointment, contact Father Matthew	
<b>Pannikhidas</b> – after Divine Liturgy 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month	

**Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.**

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

**Sunday school is on hiatus for the summer.****Announcements:**

- The holy day of the **Dormition of the Holy Theotokos** (Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>) will be celebrated today, **Sunday, August 17**. Flowers and seeds will be blessed after Liturgy.
- The date of the **next meeting** of the **Parish Council** has been changed to Sunday, **August 31<sup>st</sup>**, after coffee hour.
- **Sunday School** will resume on Sunday **September 7<sup>th</sup>** with the **blessing** of Sunday school **students**. Regular classes will start on September 14<sup>th</sup>. **New students** who have not completed a **registration form** previously should see Maribeth Romanofsky in order to do so.

**Reminders:**

- **The Sisterhood's food drive is ongoing.** With students at home for the summer months, some families struggle to provide three meals a day. Please be generous with your donations. Collection bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Thank you.
- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.** And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Bulletin sponsors, prayer requests, or announcements for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to:** [bulletin@churchmotherofgod.org](mailto:bulletin@churchmotherofgod.org)
- Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish. There is a donation basket at the candle stand. Also, a **Venmo account** can be used for donations. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>.
- **The Grey Book Step Meeting Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 PM downstairs in the community room.
- **The Living Clean Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 PM downstairs in the community room.

**Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Mother of God:**

The feast of the **Dormition** or **Falling-asleep of the Theotokos** is celebrated on the fifteenth of August, preceded by a two-week fast. This feast, which is also sometimes called the Assumption, commemorates the death, resurrection and glorification of Christ's mother. It proclaims that Mary has been "assumed" by God into the heavenly kingdom of Christ in the fullness of her spiritual and bodily existence.

*Neither the tomb, nor death could hold the Theotokos,  
who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.  
For being the Mother of Life,  
she was translated to life by the One who dwelt in her virginal womb.*  
Kontakion — Tone 2

To read about the Dormition of the Mother of God, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2025/08/15/102302-the-dormition>

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2025/08/17>

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and the website of the Orthodox Church in America: [www.oca.org/](http://www.oca.org/)

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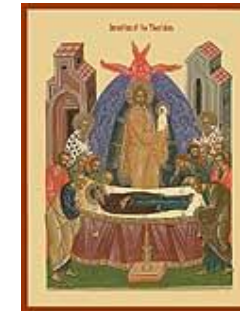
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*Glory to  
Jesus Christ*

*Glory  
Forever*

Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Mother of  
God

*In giving birth you preserved your virginity,  
in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.  
You were translated to life, O Mother of Life,  
and by your prayers, you deliver our souls from death.*

Tone 1 — Troparion

**August 17, 2025**

**Today the Church remembers:**

**Afterfeast of the Dormition** • Martyr Myron, Presbyter, of Cyzicus (254) • Ven. Alypius, Iconographer of the Kiev Near Caves (Near Caves—1114) • Martyrs Paul and Juliana of Syria (ca. 273) • Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius, and Coronatus, with others, at Caesarea in Bithynia (3<sup>rd</sup> c.) • Martyr Patroclus of Troyes (3<sup>rd</sup> c.) • Martyrs Straton, Philip, Eutychian, and Cyprian, of Nicomedia (ca. 303) • Bl. Theodoretus, Enlightener of the Lapps (Solovétsky Monastery—1571)

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 1 of the [Octoechos](#)