

**The Weekly Messenger – August 14, 2016**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-17    Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22*

**We will celebrate the Feast Dormition of the Holy Theotokos on  
Sunday, August 14, 2016 at 10:00 am.**

**Dormition of the Holy Theotokos:** According to an ancient tradition, when Mary the Theotokos fell asleep in the Lord, the apostles came together “from the ends of the earth” to be with her. The Dormition icon and the hymns of the feast reflect this, showing a picture of apostolic brotherly unity around her. As we know from the gospels, Acts, the letters of Saint Paul, and the others, it wasn't always like that. Before and after Jesus' death and resurrection the apostles were often at loggerheads or competitive, jockeying for the closest positions to their Master (see Luke 22:24-27). In the early days of the mission, Paul and Peter openly disagreed (see Galatians 2:11-21), so did Paul and Barnabas (see Acts 15:36-41). Church life generally in the first century was often contentious. Just read 1-2 Corinthians if you have doubts about that.

<http://oca.org/reflections/fr.-john-jillions/august-15-2014>

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Margaret Rubis, Hugh, Bettye, Brent, Tranette Ledford, Jorgjia Kashari, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Pope Francis, Linda Kosta, John Kolea, Jr., Richard Trout, Newborn Ergesa, George & Ermelinda Kosova, William Spiro, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Semele Halkedis, Katherine Halkedis, Donna Hlavacek, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Susan, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

**Church Picnic: Sunday, August 28, 2016 from 12:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Mermaid Lake, 1002 Jolly Road, Bluebell, PA**

\$20.00 to enter the park. Everyone brings their food and/or shares with each other.

Contact Nilda Salavaci for additional details or if you have any questions

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**Parishioner News:**

Please keep Ann Gjoka in your prayers. Ann underwent surgery last month and is home recovering.

Congratulations and best wishes to Elira Behaj and Nertil Gorre who were married on August 6, 2016. Many Years!!



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**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** We have sponsors for ALL Sundays **Except AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup>!** Our sincere thanks to all who have or are going to sponsor a coffee hour this year.

August 14<sup>th</sup> Rubis Family in memory of Margaret

August 21<sup>st</sup> Marinela Prifti

**August 28<sup>th</sup> Open date – no sponsor**

September 4<sup>th</sup> Qendro Family

September 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday School

September 18<sup>th</sup> Lakuriqi Family

September 25<sup>th</sup> Lescas Family

**Upcoming Events:**

August 14<sup>th</sup> 3 year Memorial for Margarita Rubis.

We will also celebrate the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Youth group luncheon with Father Brooks

**Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> Church Picnic 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> First day of Sunday School

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Thurs – Saturday - Archdiocesan Assembly Southbridge MA

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic & Dinner

October 5<sup>th</sup> – November 9<sup>th</sup> Every Wednesday evening Father Brooks will discuss the History of Orthodoxy in his Education Class

October 16<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Parish Meeting – Parish Council Election

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> We will Celebrate our Parish Nameday / Archbishop Nikon will visit

**Monthly giving for August:** Sunday school snacks, juice boxes, small bottles of water.