

August the Month of Mary

She was a humble daughter born in the town of Nazareth. As a “Servant of God” she reflected dedication serving as the blessed vessel of God. As immaculate, she implemented the grace of the Holy Spirit. Her mission was not easy. It required faith and exemplary courage.

Mary was a unique woman, although born with original sin, she was blessed with innate goodness that fully adapted her to receive God’s favor. Grace was bestowed upon her for her life of holiness, her deep faith in God, her capacity to love, and for her ability to completely dedicate herself to God’s work. She was able to bring forth Christ, as the Mother of God, and by extension, became the Mother of all mankind.

As an exemplary person of affection and tenderness, she stands by our side always ready to protect us with her Sacred Veil and shield us from eminent dangers. She vigilantly stands with us as a guardian to preserve us from the arrow that flies by night. She is as welcomed as the dawn of the new day, blessed as the heavenly luminaries of the skies, dazzling as the bright sun, and magnificent in her presence when she visits us.

The Grandest of Mothers is again arriving for her special feast day, August 15, preceded by a fortnight of services and prayers. All the youth people charge forward to receive her coveted blessings. She favors the innocence of children and seeks to safeguard them at all times. She has the will to protect the world. All of us have been, at one time or another, recipients of her benevolent advocacy. How can we ever forget her steadfast love and concern? Indeed, she is the patroness for all who seek to live a Christ-centered life.

Holy Scripture and Church Hymns remind us that she was the vessel that brought forth Jesus Christ in the flesh. We uphold her holy name and welcome her, acknowledging her gracious willingness to participate in the salvation of the world. Hail, Mary, Mother of God, full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee.

St. Mary is the model for every Christian soul. She is particularly needed today, where confusion seems to reign and evil is rampant. Her presence is principally sought as some refuse to allow a place for God in their lives. She is beacons to teach us how to turn away from the murky waters of sin by quenching our spiritual thirst with the crystal clean waters of the Gospel’s Message.

The Theotokos invites us to synchronize our hearts and souls with God and live our lives with conviction. St. Mary teaches us to seek progress in life as well as in faith. The Holy Mother of God asks us to make our life a daily sacrifice of love. She asks us to follow the precepts of the faith and develop our inner fortitude. St. Mary invites us to attend Church regularly, especially the services of August dedicated to her blessedness.

She reminds us that life is not easy and requires faith and courage. Attend the Evening Services during her fortnight and the Divine Liturgy on August 15. Come and taste the sweet goodness of her Blessings.

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