

DORMITION
AUGUST 15TH

PARISH FEAST
AUGUST 16TH

CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you!

Two Great Feasts This Week

Come celebrate and give thanks to God on these festive days!

The Summer Pascha – August 15th

The great feast commemorating the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of the Virgin Mary, will be celebrated this Thursday. It's not too late to schedule your confession, please just contact Fr. John. Barbeque and pool party to follow the Dormition Liturgy.

Our Patronal Feast – August 16th

The feast of our Mission is celebrated each year on August 16th, when the Church commemorates the revealing of the Icon Not-Made-By-Hands. There will be Vespers the evening before and Divine Liturgy on the feast day itself, August 16th. We should all strive to be present for these festive services!



Prayers for Teacher and Students – August 31st

will be offered for the new academic year on Sunday, August 31st.

Open Pool

Following the Divine Liturgy and until 1pm, the pool will be open for swimming. A certified lifeguard will be on duty, but parents should still watch their children. Be safe and enjoy! Questions? Please see Fr. John.



Shorebirds Game – Sunday, August 24th, 5:05pm

Everyone is invited to a group outing of the church family to see a Shorebirds game, which features the following charitable and educational promotions:

Strike Out Hunger Sunday: *Bring two canned food items to the Shorebirds Box Office and get a general admission ticket for just \$2! All the canned food items will be distributed to local food banks! Also, Junior Shorebirds Kids Club members can run the bases after the game!*

Back to School Night: *Get ready for the end of summer with Back to School Night! We'll help you prepare for classes by giving away school supplies throughout the game.*

Save the Dates – 1st Spiritual Retreat at the Mission

Metropolitan Tikhon and the Synodal Youth Choir will offer a Spiritual Retreat on Saturday and Sunday, September 6-7th. Please RSVP at the candle stand, online or by phone. Thank you!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH

9th Sunday of Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour/Open Pool

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH

7:00p.m. Paraklesis

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH

7:00p.m. Great Vespers w/ Litiya

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH

Dormition of the Virgin Mary

One of the Twelve Great Feasts

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Blessing of Flowers
7:00p.m. Great Vespers w/ Litiya

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH

Icon Not-Made-By-Hands

Our Parish Feastday

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH

10th Sunday of Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour/Open Pool

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 17th

Alexis Oleynik

Sunday, August 24th

Kathy Parrish



CASH FLOWS THROUGH 7/31/14					CASH FLOWS IN AUGUST 2014					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	ASSETS & LIABILITIES – 8/10		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Checking	Overdue	Mortgage
43,809	39,723	8,231	9,850	+2,467	1,099	5,126	0	0	-4,027	9,518	0	355,325

THE DORMITION (FALLING ASLEEP) OF THE VIRGIN MARY

From the Prologue of Ochrid – August 15th

The Lord who, on Sinai, gave the Fifth Commandment: 'Honor thy father and thy mother', showed by His own example how one must reverence one's parents. Hanging in agony on the Cross, He remembered His mother, and, indicating the Apostle John, said to her: 'Woman, behold thy son!', and to John: 'Behold thy mother!' And, with this concern for His mother, He breathed His last. John had a home on Zion in Jerusalem, where he settled the Mother of God and left her to pass her remaining days on earth. By her prayers, her kindly advice, her meekness and patience, she was of immense help to her Son's apostles. She spent virtually the rest of her life in Jerusalem, often going round the places that reminded her of the great events and the great works associated with and performed by her Son. She especially visited Golgotha, Bethlehem and the Mount of Olives. Of her journeys farther afield, her visit to St Ignatius the God-Bearer is recorded, as are those to St Lazarus the Four-days-dead, Bishop of Cyprus, to the Holy Mountain, to which she gave her blessing, and her stay in Ephesus with John during a fierce persecution of Christians in Jerusalem. In old age, she often prayed to her Lord and God on the Mount of Olives, on the spot from which He ascended, to take her from this world. One day, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to her and revealed that she would enter into rest in three days' time, and the angel gave her a palm-branch to be carried in her funeral procession. She returned home with great joy, with the heartfelt hope that

she would see Christ's apostles once more in this life. The Lord fulfilled her desire and all the apostles, brought by angels and clouds, gathered together at John's house on Zion. It was with great joy that she saw the holy apostles, and she encouraged, advised and upheld them, then peacefully gave her soul into God's hands without the slightest physical pain or struggle. The apostles took the coffin containing



her body, from which an aromatic fragrance arose, and, accompanied by many Christians, took it to the Garden of Gethsemane, to the grave of Ss Joachim and Anna. By God's providence, they were hidden from the wicked Jews by a cloud. A Jewish priest, Antony, touched the coffin with his hand, intending to overturn it, but at that moment an angel of God cut off both his hands. He cried out with the pain, begging the apostles' help, and was healed in confessing his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It was left to the Apostle Thomas, who was delayed, again by God's providence, to reveal a

new and glorious mystery about the holy Mother of God. He arrived on the third day, and desired to embrace the body of the holy and most pure. When the apostles opened her grave, he found only the winding-sheet - the body was not in the grave. That evening, she appeared to the apostles, surrounded by a multitude of angels, and said to them: 'Rejoice; I will be with you always!' It is not known exactly how old the Mother of God was at the time of her falling-asleep, but the prevailing belief is that she had reached the age of sixty.

Troparion - Tone 1

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.

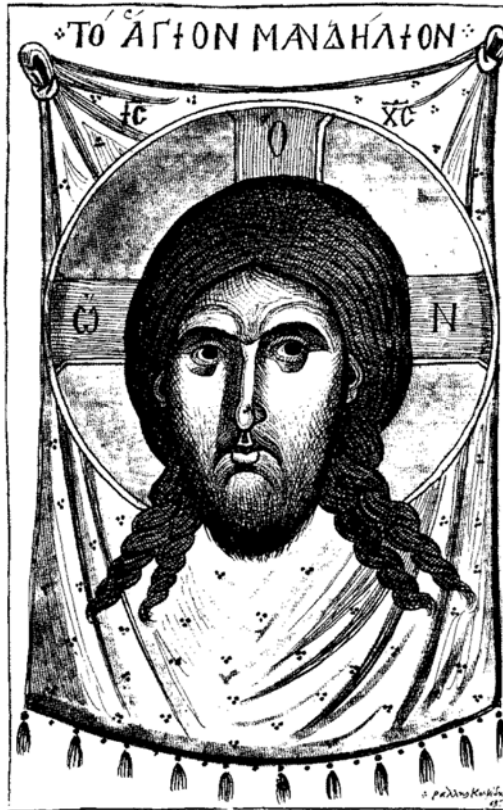
Kontakion - Tone 2

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.

ABOUT THE ICON NOT-MADE-BY-HANDS

From the Prologue of Ochrid – August 16th

At the time when our Lord preached the Good News and healed every illness and infirmity of men, there lived in the city of Edessa on the shore of the Euphrates Prince Abgar who was completely infected with leprosy. He heard of Christ, the Healer of every pain and disease and sent an artist, Ananias, to Palestine with a letter to Christ in which he begged the Lord to come to Edessa and to cure him of leprosy. In the event that the Lord was unable to come, the prince ordered Ananias to portray His likeness and to bring it to him, believing that this likeness would be able to restore his health. The Lord answered that He was unable to come, for the time of His passion was approaching took a towel, wiped His face and, on the towel, His All-pure face was perfectly pictured. The Lord gave this towel to Ananias with the message that the prince will be healed by it, but not entirely, and later on, He would send him a messenger who would erase the remainder of his disease. Receiving the towel, Prince Abgar kissed it and the leprosy completely fell from his body but a little of it remained on his face. Later, the Apostle Thaddeus, preaching the Gospel, came to Abgar and secretly healed and baptized him. The prince then destroyed the idols which stood before the gates of the city and above the gates he placed the towel



with the likeness of Christ attached to wood, framed in a gold frame and adorned with pearls. Also, the prince wrote beneath the icon on the gates: "O Christ God, no one will be ashamed who hopes in You." For many years after King Abgar's reign, Edessa remained a faithful Christian city.

However, when one of Abgar's great grandsons restored idolatry, the bishop of Edessa came by night and secretly walled up the miraculous icon over the gates. Many believed the icon to have been destroyed by the new idolatrous king and the icon was soon forgotten; even though it was to remain safely hidden within the walls for nearly 400 years. In 545 AD, during the reign of Emperor Justinian, the Persian King Chozroes attacked Edessa and the city was in great hardship. It happened that Eulabius, the Bishop of Edessa, had a vision in which was revealed to him the mystery of the sealed wall and the forgotten icon. The icon was discovered and, by its power,

the Persian army was defeated. After that it stayed in Edessa for a long time, and many famous people from history came to see it. In the year 944 AD, it was taken to the city of Constantinople and placed in a church, where it remained until 1204 AD, when the Crusaders carried it off. The miraculous icon was never seen again.

Troparion - Tone 2

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God. Of Thy good will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh to deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the enemy. Therefore with thanksgiving we cry aloud to Thee: Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world!

Kontakion - Tone 2

Word of the Father, Who cannot be circumscribed, as we behold the victorious image of Thy true Incarnation, not made by hands, but divinely wrought in Thine ineffable and divine dispensation towards us, we honor it with veneration!

ST. VLADIMIR'S SEMINARY TO HOST ECOLOGY LECTURE AUGUST 31

From OCA.org

Dr. Elizabeth Theokritoff will present a free, public lecture titled "Cosmic Liturgy and the Problems of Human 'Priesthood'" at Saint Vladimir's Seminary here on Sunday, August 31, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Saint Herman's Society for Orthodox Ecology, the lecture will be preceded by an Akathist service in Three Hierarchs Chapel at 6:00 p.m. and a tree-planting ceremony on the seminary grounds. The lecture will be held in the Metropolitan Philip Auditorium of the John G. Rangos Family Building, and a public reception will follow.

"The lecture will consider the importance of the metaphors that we choose, and will suggest that some of the energy expended in defining man's place in creation—as king, priest, or steward, for example—might be better spent in deepening our theological understanding of the material creation in which God has placed us," explained Dr. Theokritoff. "Metaphors such as 'priest of creation' are often over-used, and can obscure rather than illuminate the traditional understanding of God's creation."

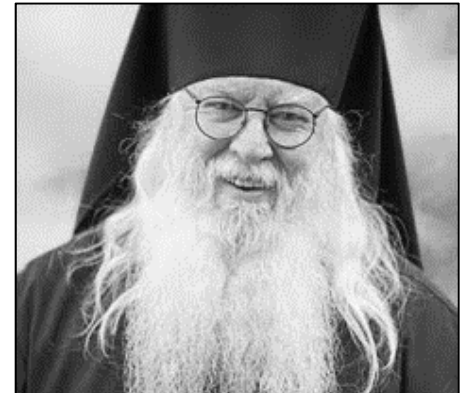
Dr. Theokritoff studied at Somerville and Wolfson Colleges, Oxford, and earned a doctorate in liturgical theology under the supervision of His Eminence, Metropolitan Kallistos [Ware] of Diokleia. She has served as visiting lecturer at the Institute of Orthodox Christian Studies in Cambridge and as visiting Orthodox Tutor at the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, Switzerland. She is co-editor of the Cambridge Companion to Orthodox Christian Theology and author of *Living in God's Creation: Orthodox Perspectives on Ecology*."



HOW TO FORGIVE

By Abbot Tryphon

The decision to forgive another person a wrong done to us begins when we decide to let go of resentment and thoughts of revenge. To forgive someone does not mean that we forget what they did to us, for this may be impossible. The memory of the hurt might always remain with you, but when you decide to forgive the person who wronged you, the grip of resentment is put aside. When we forgive someone it is even possible the find yourself filled with compassion and empathy for the person, for the act of forgiveness opens the heart to God's grace.



When we forgive someone, we are not denying their responsibility for hurting or offending us, nor are we justifying their act. We can forgive them without approving or excusing their transgression against us. The act of forgiving another opens our heart to the peace that brings closure to hurt and pain, and opens us up to the love and peace that comes from living a life without resentment.

If we find ourselves struggling to forgive, it is a good reminder to recall those hurtful things we've done to others, and remember when we've been forgiven. It is especially good to recall how God has forgiven us, and call upon Him to give us the grace needed to put aside our resentment, and truly forgive the other person. Being quick to forgive, and putting aside all thoughts of revenge will open our heart to a joyful and peaceful life.

Finally, if we pray for those who've offended us, we open the door to all kinds of possibilities. When we ask God to help the person whose been unkind and hurtful, our own hearts receive healing, for when we've forgiven others, grace abounds.

"Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate when people say unkind things about you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God wants you to do, and he will bless you for it." (1 Peter 3:9)