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**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 3)**

**Forefeast of the Dormition; Commemoration of the Holy Prophet Micah**

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## SERVICES DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

### 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 3)

**Forefeast of Dormition; Holy Prophet Micah**

*Saturday, 26 August (13 August, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

*Sunday, 27 August (14 August, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
Trapeza (coffee hour)

### DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

*Sunday, 27 August (14 August, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

*Monday, 28 August (15 August, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
Blessing of Flowers & Herbs

### 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 4)

**Afterfeast of the Dormition; Apostle Thaddeus**

*Saturday, 2 September (20 August, o.s.)*

*No Vigil Service at St Elizabeth's*

*Sunday, 3 September (21 August, o.s.)*

*No Liturgy at St Elizabeth's*

### 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 5)

**St Moses the Black; Venerable Job of Pochaev**

*Saturday, 9 September (27 August, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

*Sunday, 10 September (28 August, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
Moleben for Students;  
Trapeza (coffee hour)

### BEHEADING OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

*Sunday, 10 September (28 August, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

*Monday, 11 September (29 August, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
Litya for the Departed

## FASTING DAYS Week of 27 August

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Wednesday	30 August (17 Aug, o.s.)	Martyr Myron of Cyzicus Normal Fast Day ( <i>No oil</i> )
Friday	1 September (19 Aug, o.s.)	Martyr Andrew the General Normal Fast Day ( <i>No oil</i> )

## Week of 3 September

Wednesday	6 September (24 Aug, o.s.)	St Peter of Moscow Fast: Wine & Oil permitted
Friday	8 September (26 Aug, o.s.)	Ss Adrian & Natalia; Vladimir Icon Fast: Wine & Oil permitted

## NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Week of 27 August

**Birthdays** – 7th: Elizabeth Bibas; 28th: Andrew O'Brien.

**Wedding Anniversaries** – 29th: Daniel & Nadezhda Sexton (2010).

**Fallen Asleep in the Lord** – Sept. 2nd: George Robinson (+2008).

### Week of 3 September

**Namedays** – 8th (Martyr Natalia): Natalya Reitano.

**Birthdays** – 5th: Natalya Reitano; 6th: Inna Yanovsky.

**Baptism Anniversaries** – 4th: Gabriel O'Brien (2010).

**Wedding Anniversaries** – 4th: Innokenty (Ken) & Inna Yanovsky; 9th: Sbdcn Daniel & Elizabeth Lieuwen (2012).

## THE REST OF SEPTEMBER

**Namedays** – 13th (St Aidan of Lindisfarne): Aidan O'Beirne; 16th (St Phoebe the Deaconess): Phoebe (Addie) O'Beirne; 18th (St Elizabeth): Elizabeth Lieuwen; 22nd (St Anna): Anya Fitzgerald, Mat. Anna Komleski, Zydrune Ann Mladineo; 28th (St Nicetas the Goth): Nikita Smirnov; 29th (Martyr Ludmilla): Liudmila Efuni; 30th: (Martyr Sophia): Sofia Fitzgerald; 30th: (Martyr Faith): Mat. Faith Straut; 30th: (Martyr Hope): Nadezhda Sexton.

**Birthdays** – 11th: Nicholas Szydowski; 14th: Mat. Hannah Barker; 18th: Noah George Hotz; 20th: Claudia Maxey; 25th: Andrew Kostadis.

**Fallen Asleep in the Lord** – 19th: Michelle Straut (+1996), George Schidlovsky (+2009).

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Week of 27 August

Su	<b>12th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<i>1st Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Matt. §116 [28:16-20]	
	1 Cor. §158 (15:1-11)	Matt. §79 (19:16-26)
<b>13TH WEEK after PENTECOST</b>		
M	<b>DORMITION OF THE ALL-HOLY THEOTOKOS</b>	
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Genesis 28:10-17 • (2) Ezekiel 43:27-44:4a • (3) Proverbs 9:1-11	
	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §4 (1:39-49, 56)	
	Phil. §240 (2:5-11)	Luke §54 (10:38-42; 11:27-28)
M	2 Cor. §186 (8:7-15)	Mark §11 (3:6-12)
Tu	2 Cor. §187 (8:16-9:5)	Mark §12 (3:13-19a)
W	2 Cor. §189 (9:12-10:7)	Mark §13 (3:20-27)
Th	2 Cor. §190 (10:7b-18)	Mark §14 (3:28-35)
F	2 Cor. §192 (11:5-21a)	Mark §15 (4:1-9)
Sa	1 Cor. §126 (2:6-9)	Matt. §90 (22:15-22)
Su	<b>13th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<i>2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §70 (16:1-8)	
	1 Cor. §166 (16:13-24)	Matt. §87 (21:33-42)

### Week of 3 September

Su	<b>13th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<i>2nd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §70 (16:1-8)	
	1 Cor. §166 (16:13-24)	Matt. §87 (21:33-42)
<b>14TH WEEK after PENTECOST</b>		
M	2 Cor. §195 (12:10-19)	Mark §16 (4:10-23)
Tu	2 Cor. §196 (12:20-13:2)	Mark §17 (4:24-34)
W	2 Cor. §197 (13:3-14)	Mark §18 (4:35-41)
Th	Gal. §198 (1:1-10, 20-2:5)	Mark §19 (5:1-20)
F	Gal. §201 (2:6-10)	Mark §20 (5:22-24, 35-6:1)
Sa	1 Cor. §130 (4:1-5)	Matt. §93 (23:1-12)
Su	<b>14th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<i>3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §71 (16:9-20)	
	2 Cor. §170 (1:21-2:4)	Matt. §89 (22:1-14)

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**There will be no services at St Elizabeth's Church** on the first weekend of September, the weekend of 2-3 September. Fr David and several of our parishioners will be away in West Virginia for the Wedding of John Morrow and Olivia Hays. Please mark your calendar and take this opportunity to visit another Orthodox Parish.

**Today is the last day of the Dormition Fast!** The fast ends after the Liturgy on the day of the Feast.

**The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos** (15 / 28 August) is the greatest of the Feasts of the Most-Holy Theotokos. The importance of this Holy Day is underscored by the fact that Orthodox Christians keep a two week Fast in preparation for it. The Feast of the Dormition (i.e. 'Falling Asleep') of the Virgin Mary commemorates the death, resurrection, assumption into heaven, and glorification of the All-Holy Mother of God. All the faithful should be present at the services for this beautiful Feast.

**It is a custom in some parts of the Russian Church** to bless flowers and other 'fragrant herbage' on the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. It is the pious custom to carry

flowers to church on this Holy Day and they are blessed at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Fragrant herbs and seeds may also be brought to church to be blessed as well.

**Why are flowers and fragrant herbs blessed** at the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos? Holy Tradition tells us that all the Apostles, with the exception of St Thomas, were transported mystically to Jerusalem in order to be with the Mother of God – the Theotokos – as she reposed, and to be present at her burial. When the Apostle Thomas arrived the next day, the Apostles opened the tomb so that he could kiss her farewell. As the tomb was opened, the body of the Most Pure Virgin was missing, and the cave was filled with flowers and the sweet fragrance of Paradise. This was a sure sign of her great purity and holiness to the faithful. Therefore as part of our celebration of Dormition we bless flowers and fragrant herbs - and the faithful traditionally keep them in their homes. The herbs, used as natural medicine, are blessed in commemoration of the numerous healings and the extraordinary grace bestowed on the pilgrims at the blessed tomb of the Mother of God. During times of family strife or illness, it is a pious custom to place the flower petals in the house censer, together with the incense, and cense the whole house with it.

**The Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God** is celebrated for nine days, from the Feast Day itself through the Apodosis (Leave-taking) of the Feast on 5 September (n.s). The troparion and kontakion of the Dormition are chanted or read at all the services of the Church during this period. The texts for these hymns may be found in the *Jordanville Prayer Book*. To celebrate the Feast at home, the Troparion of the Feast (*'In giving birth, thou didst preserve the virginity...'*) can be sung instead of the 'Our Father' before meals, while the Kontakion of the Feast (*'The grave and death could not hold the Theotokos...'*) can be sung instead of the usual thanksgiving troparion after each meal. It would also be most appropriate to sing the troparion and kontakion of the Feast at the end of our morning and evening prayers at home.

**Concerning Confession and Holy Communion:** Those who have been to Confession during the Dormition Fast may receive Holy Communion on the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God, provided that no serious sin has been committed which would require another Confession and that the other usual preparations for Holy Communion are observed (i.e. attendance of the Vigil Service the evening before Holy Communion, reading the Pre-Communion Prayers, and the forgiveness of others). Likewise, those who have been to Confession for the Feast of the Dormition may receive Holy Communion at the Liturgy the following two Sundays under the same conditions.

**A Moleben for Students and Teachers** will be served after the Holy Liturgy on the Sunday after Labor Day Weekend. It is important to begin the academic year with supplication and thanksgiving to the Lord. Parents are urged to make sure to bring their school-aged children to church for this special supplicatory service and blessing.