

ST. MARY'S HELPERS

	Aug. 14	Aug. 21
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Coffee hour	Maria S.	Ana Maria
Lawn	Dan C	George C.

 Thank you to all the church helpers. Your service is appreciated. **Please make note of the schedule and of your commitment.** If you are not able to fulfill your commitment, please find a replacement and let the organizer know. 

TO OUR VISITORS: WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

Welcome to all guests to St. Mary's on this holy day. If you are new to our church, please make yourself known to Father Michael. Please join us for coffee. We look forward to seeing you all again soon. Please note that only Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves with prayer, fasting and Confession may approach to receive Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to receive the blessing and partake of the blessed bread (Antidor) at the dismissal.

As a sign of respect please remain standing during Holy Communion, even if you are not partaking. Please turn off all cell phones during church services.

Weekly Donations - Your church depends on your weekly donations to pay for all its expenses. Please consider leaving posted dated cheques with the treasurer when you go on vacation. Church expenses are incurred year - round.

Memberships - Have you paid your memberships?

Membership in the Church carries with it some very serious obligations. God offers us this great grace, and we need to respond. We do this in a variety of ways. We maintain our relationship with God through regular prayer. We feed our spirit with reading of Holy Scriptures and other spiritual writings. We build our character by loving those around us, including our enemies. We show ourselves as faithful children of our Heavenly Father by helping those in need, and sharing that which God has blessed us. In short, we should always keep in our hearts the words of the Lord when he told us, "You are the light of the world. ... Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16).

The Church receives absolutely no financial assistance from the Canadian, American or Romanian governments. Our church depends on you, the faithful for its monthly expenses.

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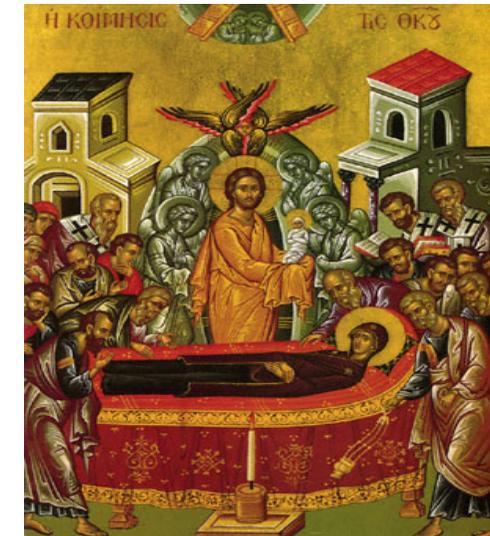
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**Bulletin for August 14, 2016
Dormition of the Theotokos(Aug. 15)
Adormirea Maicii Domnului**

Vespers Saturday 6 pm

Divine Liturgy Sunday 9 am (July 17 - Aug.28)

Confessions by Appointment (e mail Father Michael)

Other services as announced

Vespers still at 6:30 on Saturdays. Normal hours will resume Sunday Sept. 4.

- *Memory Eternal - Wake Service was held yesterday for Mr. Vasile Siminiceanu. His body will be buried in Romania beside his wife. Our love goes out to Mirela, his daughter.*

- *Upcoming nuptials- Mr. Richard (Alexander) Kjellgren and Miss Christina Mayder will be married this week. Many years!!*

- *Hram, Church feast day Sept 11. Everyone is invited. Please come and join your church family. Please see Ana Maria or Annie if you are able to help.*
 - *Blessing of the children going back to school will take place on this day.*

Finally when blessed Mary having completed the course of this life, and was to be called from the world, all the Apostles gathered to her house from their different regions. And when they had heard that she was to be taken from the world, together they kept watch with her; a lo, the Lord Jesus came with His angels. Taking her soul, He gave it to the Archangel Michael and withdrew. At dawn the Apostles raised her body with a pallet and they placed it in a vault and they guarded it awaiting the coming of the Lord. And lo, a second time the Lord stood by them and he ordered the holy body to be taken and borne to Paradise; there having rejoined the soul exultant with His elect, it enjoys the good things of eternity which shall know no end." quoted from *The Life of the Virgin Mary, the Theotokos*, Holy Apostles Convent, p 484.

ORTHODOX TEACHING

Reading: Dormition of the Theotokos

When the time drew nigh that our Savior was well-pleased to take His Mother to Himself, He declared unto her through an Angel that three days hence, He would translate her from this temporal life to eternity and bliss. On hearing this, she went up with haste to the Mount of Olives, where she prayed continuously. Giving thanks to God, she returned to her house and prepared whatever was necessary for her burial. While these things were taking place, clouds caught up the Apostles from the ends of the earth, where each one happened to be preaching, and brought them at once to the house of the Mother of God, who informed them of the cause of their sudden gathering. As a mother, she consoled them in their affliction as was meet, and then raised her hands to Heaven and prayed for the peace of the world. She blessed the Apostles, and, reclining upon her bed with seemliness, gave up her all-holy spirit into the hands of her Son and God.

With reverence and many lights, and chanting burial hymns, the Apostles took up that God-receiving body and brought it to the sepulchre, while the Angels from Heaven chanted with them, and sent forth her who is higher than the Cherubim. But one Jew, moved by malice, audaciously stretched forth his hand upon the bed and immediately received from divine judgment the wages of his audacity. Those daring hands were severed by an invisible blow. But when he repented and asked forgiveness, his hands were restored. When they had reached the place called Gethsemane, they buried there with honor the all-immaculate body of the Theotokos, which was the source of Life. But on the third day after the burial, when they were eating together, and raised up the artos (bread) in Jesus' Name, as was their custom, the Theotokos appeared in the air, saying "Rejoice" to them. From this they learned concerning the bodily translation of the Theotokos into the Heavens.

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READINGS AND TROPAR

8th Sunday after Pentecost (Multiplication of loaves in the desert). Epis. 1 Corinthians 1:10-17. Gos. Matthew 14:14-22. Tone 7.

Duminica a 8-a după Rusalii (Înmulțirea pâinilor). Ap.1 Corinteni 1,10-17. Ev. Matei 14,14-22. Glas 7,

Tone 7

By your cross you destroyed death, you opened paradise to the thief. You changed the weeping of the ointment bearing women to joy, and charged them to proclaim to your apostles that you arose O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

Tropar for the church

Your Nativity O Birthgiver of God has proclaimed joy to all the Universe. For the Son of Righteousness, Christ our God has risen from you, By abolishing the curse, He gave a blessing, By destroying death, He bestowed eternal life.

Tropar for the Dormition

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