

THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

2265 E. Cherokee Dr. Woodstock, GA
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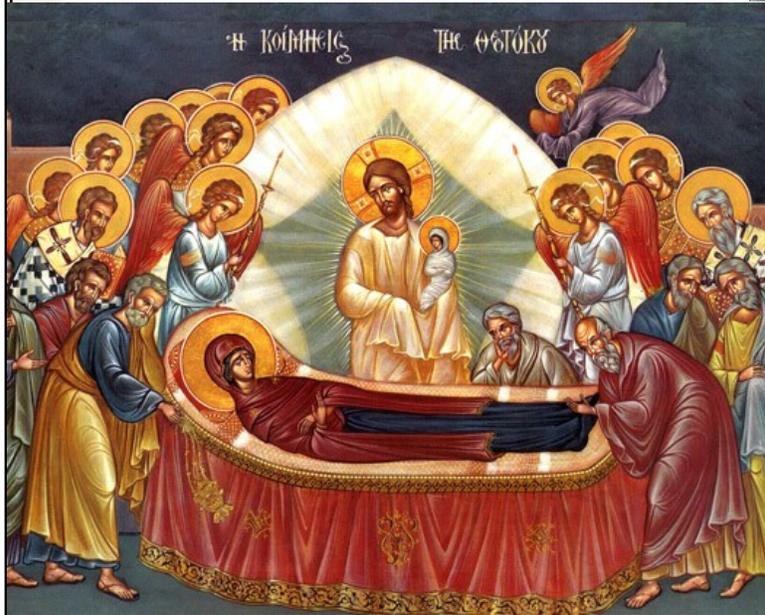
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Sunday August 14th 2016 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 1st Corinthians 1:10-18 Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

Glory be to Jesus Christ!!!



If you have never been to an Orthodox Church before you are about to participate in the Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy is the work of the people and that means that all of your prayers are necessary! We hope you will stay and join us for coffee hour in the atrium. Please feel free to ask Fr. Matthew any questions you might have! May God's blessings be upon all of you!

Tropar and Kondak Tone 7- – Blue Book pg.99 Red Book pg. 114

Kondak, Tone 6

O unashamed intercessor of Christians, * ever loyal advocate before the Creator, * do not disregard the prayerful voice of sinners * but in your goodness* hasten to assist us who trustfully cry out to you: ** Intercede always, O Mother of God, in behalf of those who honor you!

- Sunday School starts next week!
- The ACRY/ JR ACRY formational meeting was a great success last Sunday. Starting in September we will have nationally chartered groups for both the Sr.'s and Jr.'s. If you were not here last Sunday but are interested in joining please see Nicole. Membership is open to any and all!
- If you have any pictures of events at St. Elizabeth's over the years please bring them in for a picture board!
- Next Sunday is the last day to bring any new school supplies for local children in need!
- The Altar Society Book Sale has been cancelled
- This Sunday's Coffee Hour has been provided by Peter Blonar. The Next two Sundays are still open, please consider signing up!
- Next Saturday, 8/20, for anyone who is interested, there will be a St. Elizabeth's Parish Family outing to Stars and Strikes Bowling Lanes in Woodstock at 6PM. Please contact Fr. Matthew if you would like to join in the fellowship!
- A Special Collection will be taken today to sponsor the Cherokee County Volunteer Aging Council

Weekly Schedule of Divine Services:

Monday 8/15 9AM: Feast Day Divine Liturgy: The Dormition of the Mother of God— Blessing of Flowers

Wednesday 8/17 7PM: Paraklisis to the Mother of God— Orthodoxy Class

Saturday 8/20 4PM— Great Vespers

Sunday 8/21 10AM— Divine Liturgy

The Cherokee County Volunteer Aging Council (VAC) cordially invites you to play in and/or sponsor the Tee Off Fore VAC Golf Tournament. This year's fun tournament is being played at Crystal Falls Golf Club in Dawsonville, GA on Monday, September 12, 2016. The Tee Off Fore VAC Golf Tournament will benefit Cherokee County Volunteer Aging Council. - <http://www.vac-cherokeega.org/>

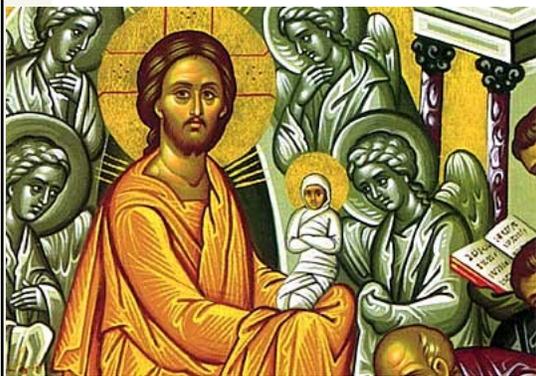
Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleinig, Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela, Tyler, Maria, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blonar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae, The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, George, Fred and Helen Milesenko, Robin, Michael, Dean, Margaret, Jenny (Blessed Repose) and Keith, Peter (blessed repose), Bishop Gregory and his family Bryan (Blessed Repose), Rick, the James Family, Fr. Scott, Rebecca Cooper (Blessed Repose), Fr. Paul Herbert, Joseph, Boris, Maria (Blessed Repose), Maria Starcova, Ernie (Blessed Repose), Fr. Hazuda Through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, St. Elizabeth, The Holy Fathers, and all the Saints, may our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us!



ST. ELIZABETH ORTHODOX CHURCH

The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition and in the Greek *kimisis*) or "falling-asleep" of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.— http://www.goarch.org/special/listen_learn_share/dormition/index.html

The Icon of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos shows her on her deathbed surrounded by the Apostles. Christ is standing in the center (1.) looking at His mother. He is holding a small child clothed in white representing the soul of the Virgin Mary. With His golden garments, the angels above His head, and the mandorla surrounding Him, Christ is depicted in His divine glory.



1. Christ, appearing in His Glory, stands in the center of the icon cradling the soul of His Mother, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.

The posture of the Apostles direct attention toward the Theotokos (2.). On the right Saint Peter censes the body of the Theotokos. On the left Saint Paul (3.) bows low in honor of her.



2. The Apostles bow their heads in reverence to the Theotokos as Saint Peter (right) censes her body (detail).

Together with the Apostles are several bishops (4.) and women. The bishops traditionally represented are James, the brother of the Lord, Timothy, Heirotheus, and Dionysius the Areopagite. They are shown wearing episcopal vestments. The women are members of the church in Jerusalem.



3. The Apostle Paul bows in honor of the Theotokos (detail).



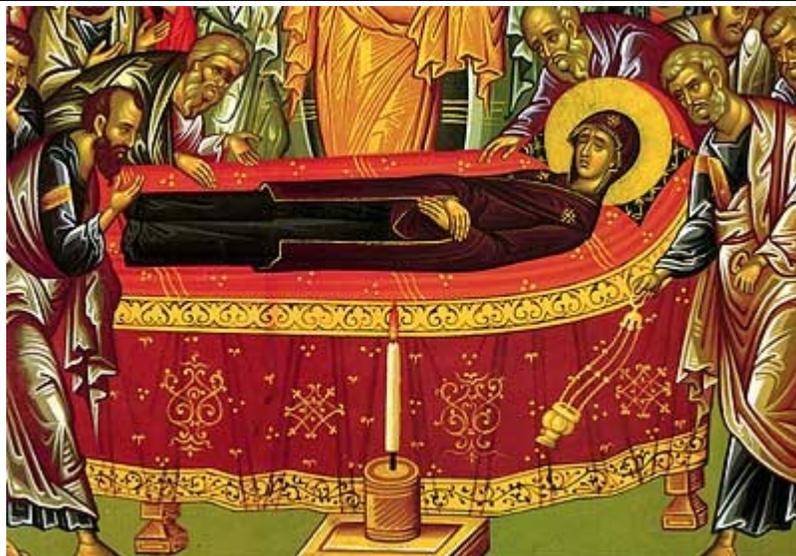
4. Also in attendance to pray for the Theotokos were several Bishops (detail).

Dormition: A Feast of Hope

This great Feast of the Church and the icon celebrates a fundamental teaching of our faith—the Resurrection of the body. In the case of the Theotokos, this has been accomplished by the divine will of God. Thus, this Feast is a feast of hope, hope in Resurrection and life eternal. Like those who gathered around the body of the Virgin Mary, we gather around our departed loved ones and commend their souls into the hands of Christ. As we remember those who have reposed in the faith before us and have passed on into the communion of the Saints, we prepare ourselves to one day be received into the new life of the age to come.

We also affirm through this Feast as we journey toward our heavenly abode that the Mother of God intercedes for us. Through Christ she has become the mother of all of the children of God, embracing us with divine love.

In front of the bed of the Theotokos is a candle (5.) that helps to form a central axis in the icon. Above the candle is the body of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. Standing over His mother is Christ holding her most pure soul. Above Christ the gates of heaven stand open, ready to receive the Mother of God.



5. The Theotokos lies in the center of the icon surrounded by the Apostles and a candle in front of her bed (detail).