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Stephen Kelsey - Church School

Sunday, Aug 16, 10th **SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 1. Afterfeast of the**

Dormition. The image "Not-made-by-hands" (944). St. Diomedes the Physician of Tarsus in Cilicia (298).

Epistle:

Gospel:

1 Cor. 4:9-16

Matt. 17:14-23

Col. 1:12-18 (Image)

Luke 9:51-56; 10:22-24 (Image)

Monday, Aug 17, to Wednesday, Aug 19

Fr. Mark at St. Tikhon's Seminary, S. Canaan, PA.

Thursday, Aug 20, Prophet Samuel

Daily Vespers, 5:30 pm

Saturday, Aug 22

Great Vespers for the Resurrection, 6 pm

Sunday, Aug 23, 11th **SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 2. Leavetaking of the**

Dormition. Martyr Lupus, slave of St. Demetrius of Thessalonica (4th c.). Hieromartyr Irenaeus of Lyons (202).

Sixth Hour, 8:50 am

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, **9 am**

Epistle:

Gospel:

1 Cor. 9:2-12

Matt. 18:23-35

Phil. 2:5-11 (Theotokos)

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Theotokos)

FEAST OF THE HOLY DORMITION

"Dormition" means "falling asleep" and thus at the feast of the Holy Dormition we celebrate the falling asleep of the Most Holy Mother of God. This is beautifully expressed in the icon for the feast. Mary is lying down, asleep in death. Her Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, appears behind the bier. His appearance is bright, and he is surrounded by a halo of glory. In his hands, he holds his mother, as a little child, revealing that her death is really an entrance into the Kingdom, where she enters into the glory of her Son. A mandorla (almond-shape) encompasses them, revealing that this image expresses the true reality that lies beyond our normal sensory experience. In this way, the icon shows forth the hope of every Christian who waits for the hour of death as the passage into life, because of the victory of the resurrected Christ. Each death is a new and personal Pascha. (Adapted from *The Incarnate God* edited by Catherine Aslanoff; SVS Press, 1995; pp.232-3.)

SUMMER BOOK STUDY - ST. SERAPHIM OF SAROV

Our summer reading group is on hold for the next several weeks, but will resume with Chapters 5 and 6 of the book, *St. Seraphim of Sarov*, by Valentine Zander.

YARD SALE PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 10

We are planning a Yard Sale for Saturday, October 10, and will begin collecting goods in September. It is expected that limited assistance can be provided for sorting and picking up donations. Please stay tuned as plans for the Yard Sale develop. .

CONGRATULATIONS TO LENA AND PHILIP GRAYTON

Congratulations to Lena and Philip Grayton (and the girls!) at the birth of Matthew Philip on Friday, August 14. Matthew arrived at 2 am, a healthy 7 lbs - 12.5 oz, and 22 inches. Mom and Dad are doing fine!

LOOKING AHEAD

Aug 29	Saturday	Beheading of St. John the Baptist - Liturgy 9 am
Sep 1	Tuesday	Beginning of the Church Year
Sep 8	Tuesday	Feast of the Nativity of The Theotokos
Sep 13	Sunday	Sunday of Commitment for the New Year
Sep 14	Monday	Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross
Sep 20	Sunday	Next Parish Council Meeting
Sep 27	Sunday	Annual Memorial Panikhida by the Bell (followed by a coffee-hour luncheon)