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August 15-16, 2020 – Dormition of the Mother of God. 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Schedule for the Coming Week

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Aug 17</i>	<i>Divine Liturgy. In memory of +George V. Jensen, by Deborah Owens</i>	<i>10 a.m.</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Aug 22</i>	<i>Vigil Divine Liturgy. In memory of +David Ortiz, by Renee Spooner</i>	<i>4 p.m.</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Aug 23</i>	<i>12th Sunday after Pentecost Divine Liturgy</i>	<i>10 a.m.</i>

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Last Weekend Attendance - 58

Eternal light candle is burning this week:

for the Health & Blessings of our parishioners

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Prayer to St Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Mass or Liturgy?

Let us begin with the most obvious thing that may stand out; what we call our Liturgy. In the Western church the congregation celebrate what they call a Mass. Within that mass there is the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Eucharist. You will not hear the Eastern church use the term "mass" to name our services. We simply refer to it as the Holy Liturgy. It still consists of the same two parts, liturgy of the Word and of the Eucharist. I am sure there is a deeper reasoning for the difference in terminology, but for the sake of elementary guidance into the church we will leave it there.

Believe it or not, there was a lot that the Western and Eastern church had in common before 1965 which marked the closing of the Catholic Church's Second Vatican Council. As a result of that council, the Roman Catholic church shifted a lot of practices in the Mass and a lot of changes started being adopted. To name a few the Mass introduced the priest facing the people, it opened the door to receiving the Holy Eucharist in one's hands, it introduced a more modern form of music that would be used. None of these, within the context of permission to adopt by the church magistrate, are of a grave matter for the laity, but does form what many modern Roman Catholics associate as the church norm for today.

What you experience in the Eastern Church today, however, is a holding to the ancient practices of the Liturgy. What we celebrate, and how we celebrate it is generally the same as it was going back 2,000 years of church history. Formed by great church forefathers like St John Chrysostom and St Basil the Great. We take great pride in holding to these practices and honoring God and Our Lady by our faithfulness to them. I sometimes ponder that while chanting the beautiful hymns and tones and prayers during liturgy that I am in union with my ancient relatives who repeated these exact words and sung the same tones as I am today. I am in union with them in Heaven as I am sure they are reciting the liturgy before the throne of the King of kings. Very awe inspiring if you think about it.

Our Liturgy throughout the year (referred to as a liturgical year) moves to celebrate the lives of many Eastern Catholic Saints and life events of our Lord Jesus the Christ. Each Sunday Liturgy, as well as weekday liturgies, will be about 75% the same in whatever season we are in, but for the other 25% we invoke prayers and chants honoring the feast we celebrate that week. These can be very easily followed on the liturgical calendar you can get from the church. It is a beautiful living movement that when practiced, will unite you spiritually with the church.

- Stephen Byers