

Falling Asleep, You Have Not Forsaken the World

At the time of her death, so it is believed, the Mother of God was living in the house of St. John on Mount Zion. The Twelve were preaching the Gospel in different parts of the world. But so that they might see the Virgin once again before her death, all of them except Thomas were carried miraculously on clouds to the Holy City. Besides the Twelve, the Apostle Paul, together with the bishops Dionysios the Areopagite, Hierotheos, and Timothy, were also present at her bedside. As they stood round her, the Holy Virgin commended her spirit into the keeping of her Son and God. He Himself descended from heaven and took her soul up with Him in His arms. Led by Peter, the apostles sang funeral hymns in her honor, and carried her body down to the valley of Cedron, close to Gethsemane, where she laid in a tomb specially

prepared for her. The Jews tried to interrupt the funeral procession, one of them even attempting to upset the bier. His hands were cut off by an angel, but he was subsequently healed. Thomas arrived on the third day after the burial. Since he was anxious to look for a last time on the Theotokos, the apostles opened the tomb – and found it empty.

Without insisting on the literal truth of every element in this account, Orthodox tradition is clear and unwavering in regard to the central point: the Holy Virgin underwent, as did her Son, a physical death, but her body – like His – was afterwards raised from the dead and she was taken up into heaven, in her body as well as in her soul.

*From the Festal Menaion,
Bishop Kallistos of Diokleia*

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Dormition -- August 15th

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Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Vespers: 6:30 p.m.

Day of Feast: 10:00am and 6:30 p.m.

Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.

August 9, 2020

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

This Sunday: Epistle 1 Cor 4:9-15

Gospel Matt 17:14-21

Next Sunday: Epistle 1 Cor 9:2-12

Gospel Matt 18:23-35

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday 8/10	8:30am Divine Liturgy: In St. Panteleimon Church (wood)
Tuesday 8/11	8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Lauren Tsafarides and baby-healthy pregnancy
Wednesday 8/12	8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Magdalene Florian by Family
Thursday 8/13	8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Fr. Radu and P-sa Adina Titonea
Friday 8/14	8:30am Divine Liturgy: For all in the Seeberger Family
Friday 8/14	6:30pm Vespers for Dormition of the Mother of God
Saturday 8/15	10:00am Divine Liturgy for Holy Day of Obligation
Sunday 8/16	10:00am Divine Liturgy Parastas – Ladies Auxiliary

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All scheduled services will be held and can be viewed and prayed with at stgeorge.click2stream.com. Make sure to click on the volume to unmute at the bottom right hand corner. Also, we are every Sunday on St. George Cathedral Facebook.

Sunday Collection: August 2, 2020

Sunday envelopes	\$2,595.00
<i>Unirea Canton</i>	\$140.00
St. Theodore in Alliance	159.25
Candles	<u>\$113.00</u>
Total	\$3,007.25

Online Donations **\$100.00**

Donation: +Yeona Hales by Jerry and Pat Woody **\$100.00**

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members	The Zagan Family
+Husband Dan Cseak	Natalie Cseak
+All family members and angel +Trisha	Del and Sandy
H/S All family members	Del and Sandy
Special Intention for Family	Doru Jacobs
+Patricia Galida	William Galida
H/S Bowen Spalding for baptism	The Bikis Family
H/S All our family members	Greg and Cheti Bikis
H/S Stella, Johnny and Adrian Lazar and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Rita Cristea and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Tony Orlando and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Suzie Dragos and Family	Mircea Cristea
Health and Salvation	Mihai and Elena Florea
Special Intention	Mihai and Elena Florea

H/S Bryan Shively
+Vasile, father (Aug. 1 birthday)
H/S Georgeta Barcutian
H/S Barbara Greavu
H/S Maria Poplacean
H/S Lil Lupsor
Special Intention
H/S Fr. Radu Titonea
Special Intention – P-sa Adina Titonea
H/S Ashley Brasco
H/S Jacqui Oprean and Family

Earl and Amparo Adkins
Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
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Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
Bob and Barbara Greavu
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Bob and Barbara Greavu
Tim Reichel
Tim Reichel

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Special Announcement:

Please pray for: Sr. Agnes Scalero, Earl Adkins, End to Corona Virus attack, Clore Family, Georgeta Barcutian, Grace Mary Fein, Barbara Greavu, Connie McAdams, Suzie Dragos, Doris Rotar, Virginia Rogers, Stella Lazar and all who need our prayers.

Sick and homebound: Magdalene Florian (Florida), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Ann Stimer (Home), Maria Poplacean (Canton Regency Rm.#256), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home) Natalie Cseak (St. Joseph, Louisville), Eugene Popa (St. Joseph, Louisville) and Irene Pontones (Chapel Hill Retirement Community)

For holy Baptism contact the parish office at least one month prior to the date requested.

For First Reconciliation contact the parish office when your child turns 7.

For Weddings contact the parish office at least six months prior to the date requested.

To guarantee announcements for the bulletin, they need to be given to the office by Wednesday prior to the Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

To facilitate **accurate counting**, please use separate checks/cash for the special collection, candle and Sunday collection envelopes. Thank you for your attention to this detail!

Please let the office know if you have an upcoming surgery, illness, etc., so we can put you on our prayer list. Thank you!

Altar Candelabrum for August 2020 is donated by **the Craciun Family for the health of Mrs. Georgeta Barcutian and Mrs. Mary Cornea.**

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for August 2020 is donated by **Earl and Amparo Adkins for health.**

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for August 2020 is donated by ...

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for August 2020 is donated **Dave and Debbie Murari.**

If you would like to sponsor a candelabra for any month of the year in honor of a living member or in memory of any loved ones that have passed away, please get in touch with the Church office and Ann will be able to schedule it for you. Thank you for your continuous support of the Church!!!

Prescura for August 2020: Amparo Adkins, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Jacqui Oprean, Virginia Rogers, Patricia Wendt, Dodi Zbuka and Psa. Gabriela Marginean.

Announcements

Next week, we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule, especially our brothers and sisters in Romania. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week and use the enclosed envelope. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

Pete and Lauren Tsafarides are 15 weeks pregnant and feeling great! The due date is January 27, 2021. Congratulations! Please keep them in your prayers.

Thank you to Mircea Cristea for filling the propane tanks in preparation for the Curbside Festival!

The Cookie Room is in the process of being remodeled. Feel free to stop by and check it out, but please be careful about touching anything!

For the sick and homebound, St. George Cathedral offers a **live stream** of the Divine Liturgy which can be found at the following website: stgeorge.click2stream.com. Please make sure that you turn on the sound at the bottom right hand corner of the screen.

Amazon donates a percentage of your purchases to the charity of your choice when you go to smile.amazon.com. As you are shopping online, you can go to choose the St. George Cathedral. Thank you for using smile.amazon.com!

Parish events:

St. George Cathedral will host a **curbside Romanian Heritage Festival on Sunday, August 23. For guaranteed orders, all orders need to be placed by August 19 6:00pm at www.stgeorgeoh.org**. Payment needs to be made when placing the order. Online ordering is easily done, but if you have no access to a computer, orders can be placed over the phone by the office with payment made by credit card. Additional food may be available. There will be no booklet, no raffle. Sponsors for the Festival would be gratefully accepted! Please consider how you can help to make this the best Festival yet while maintaining social distancing!

Stewardship committee will meet on Wednesday, August 12 at 6:30pm. Contact Fr. Ovi if you are interested in attending.

Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, August 13 at 6:30pm. Contact Fr. Ovi if you are interested in attending.

To Tickle Your Funny Bone ☺

Hank: "God, I was wondering how long is a million years to you?"

God: "Son, a million years is like a second to me."

Hank: "God, how much is \$1000000 to you?"

God: "Son, a million dollars to me is like one penny to you."

Hank: "God can I have one of your pennies?"

God: "Just a second, son."

Word of Life

"Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage"*

For those grieving after a miscarriage:

May they be comforted by Christ's everlasting love

and His presence amidst their sorrow;

Let us pray to the Lord, Lord have mercy.

Happy Birthday! *La mulți ani!!*





Sylvia Stoffer – August 9th

Madison Ardelean – August 10th

P-sa Patricia Wendt – August 10th

Terrence Seeberger – August 14th

Congratulations to the following families for their children's baptisms:

-  James Walsh and Landin Rine for Iverson Walsh
-  Mario and Cassandra (Walsh) Sousa for Nora Sousa
-  Stephen and Jodie Spalding for Bowen Spalding
-  Nick and Melissa Greavu for Katherine Greavu

La mulți ani!!

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	Madison Paige		Abstinence		Vigil of Dormition.		
	Lawrence,				Holy Prophet Micah		
					Abstinence		
9am	Liturgy in St Panteleimon 8:30am - 9:30am	Liturgy: H/S Lauren Tsaftarides and baby-healthy pregnancy 8:30am - 9:30am	Liturgy: H/S Magdalene Florian by Family 8:30am - 9:30am	Liturgy: H/S Fr. Radu and P-sa Adina Titonea 8:30am - 9:30am	Liturgy: For all in the Seeberger Family 8:30am - 9:30am		
10am						Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am	Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am
11am							Parastas: +Ladies Auxiliary 11am -
12pm							Coffee: Ladies Auxiliary 11:30am
1pm							
2pm							
3pm							
4pm							
5pm							
6pm							
7pm			Stewardship Committee meeting Small hall 6:30pm - 8pm	Pastoral Council Meeting re: Curb-side Festival 6:30pm - 8pm	Great Vespers 6:30pm - 7:30pm		

“I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD” (Jn 8:12). These familiar words of the Lord Jesus reflect one of the most popular images in the Scriptures, but what do they mean? How is Jesus the Light of the world?

The rest of this verse sheds light on what is meant here. “*I am the Light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.*” Here and in a number of other places, Jesus is portrayed as **a Beacon**: one who guides along a right path, who illumines the way for us. He is the “Giver of light,” the One bringing light to our hearts. To say that He is light in this way is to talk about what he does.

But there is another way to see Christ as light. He is light, not only because of what He does for us, but because of what He is. “*God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all*” (1 Jn 1:5). God is not described here as light illumining our minds or hearts, but **as He is in Himself**: Light in His innermost being.

Based on the Gospel message, the Church proclaims the Lord Jesus as “Light from Light” (Nicene Creed), the “Joyful Light of the holy glory of the immortal Father, the Heavenly, the Holy, the Blessed: Jesus Christ” (third-century Vespers hymn). As God is Light in Himself, so too the incarnate Christ is the Light of the Father. “*I and the Father are one*” (Jn 10:30).

As far back as the third century, the Fathers used our experience of the sun to illustrate this mystery. Like others before him, St Cyril, the ninth-century teacher of the Slavs, reflected, “Do you see in the heavens the

brilliant sphere of the sun and how light is begotten and warmth proceeds from it? God the Father is like the sphere of the sun, without beginning or end. From Him is eternally begotten God the Son, like light from the sun; and just as there comes warmth together with light, the Holy Spirit proceeds. Each one is distinguished separately: the sphere of the sun, the light and the warmth – these are not three suns, but one sun in the heavens. So also, in the Holy Trinity: there are three Persons, but God is one and indivisible.”

The Light of Mt. Tabor

Christ was concretely manifested as light at His Transfiguration. “*His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as white as light*” (Mt 17:2) – “*white and glistening*” (Lk 9:29), “*such as no launderer on earth can whiten them*” (Mk 9:3). For a moment, His disciples glimpsed what had been hidden since the Incarnation: the Word of God, radiant with divine glory, in the person of Jesus.

In icons of the Transfiguration, this radiance is depicted by a geometric figure behind the representation of the Lord, called a **mandorla**. While depictions of Christ during His earthly ministry show His head surrounded by a cross and a halo, icons representing Him in moments beyond time and space (e.g. the Transfiguration, the Resurrection, the Dormition) envelop His whole body in this light of glory.

This same figure is found in icons of the conversion of St Paul. Christ, the “radiant

Light” was manifested to Saul of Tarsus (St Paul) on the road to Damascus as “*a light from the sky brighter than the sun*” (Acts 26:13). While this light briefly blinded Saul by its brilliance, it ultimately enabled him to see even more clearly “*the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed*” (Col 1:26).

In the Church, the light experienced by Saul has been identified with the light that shone on Tabor, the Radiant Light of the Father, Jesus Christ. As we sing on the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, “Christ, who had been radiant in light on the mountain, blinded your bodily eyes; but He allowed your soul to see the Trinity” (from the canon, ode 1).

The “Uncreated Light” of God

In the Gospels we find two seemingly contradictory understandings of our ability to know God. On the one hand, we are told, “*No one has seen God at any time*” (Jn 1:18). On the other hand we hear, “*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God*” (Mt 5:8). In the fourth century St Gregory of Nyssa showed how both statements are true.

He taught that the essence of God was unknowable. Like the sun in the imagery cited above, God in His deepest being is unapproachable. The energies of God – His “Light” and “Warmth” – have been made known to us and we can truly know God in His energies.

In the fourteenth century, St Gregory Palamas applied this teaching to the Transfiguration. He explained that, when the

Apostles witnessed the Transfiguration of the Lord on Mount Tabor, that they were seeing the actual uncreated light of God.

Reflecting the Divine Light

We too, Palamas insisted, can experience God's divine energies even though we can never know His essence: "for those who love each other, all nature is filled with the light which seems to radiate from the other." Many saints who have loved deeply have reflected this light. Perhaps the first was the Protomartyr St Stephen, who witnessed to Christ before the council of Jewish elders in Jerusalem, "*And looking steadfastly on Stephen, they saw his face as it had been the face of an angel*" (Acts 6:15).

St Simeon the New Theologian, writing in the eleventh century, described his own experience in similar words: "He gives Himself totally to me, unworthy as I am, and I am filled with His love and beauty. I am sated with pleasure and divine tenderness. I share in the Light. I participate also in the glory. My face shines like that of my beloved, and all my members become bearers of Light."

The most compelling witness to such an experience comes from Nicholas Motovilov. In 1831 he wrote of seeing St Seraphim of Sarov transfigured with the divine light. They had been discussing how a person can acquire the grace of the Holy Spirit, but Motovilov was puzzled: "I do not understand how I can be certain that I am in the Spirit of God. Finally, as he described it, "Father Seraphim took me very firmly by

the shoulders and said, 'We are both in the Spirit of God now, my son. Why don't you look at me?'" I replied, 'I cannot look, Father, because your eyes are flashing like lightning. Your face has become brighter than the sun, and my eyes ache with pain.'

"Father Seraphim said, 'Don't be alarmed, Your Godliness! Now you yourself have become as bright as I am. You are now in the fullness of the Spirit of God yourself; otherwise, you would not be able to see me as I am.'

"Then, bending his head toward me, he whispered softly in my ear: 'Thank the Lord God for His unutterable mercy to us. You saw that I did not even cross myself; only in my heart did I pray mentally to the Lord God and said within myself, 'Lord, grant him to see clearly with his bodily eyes that descent of Your Spirit which You grant to Your servants when you are pleased to appear in the light of Your magnificent glory.' And you see, my son, the Lord instantly fulfilled the humble prayer of poor Seraphim. How, then, shall we not thank Him for this unspeakable gift to us both!'"

For a moment the Apostles on Tabor saw the light of God which is Christ's by nature. Likewise, for a moment Nicholas Motovilov saw the light of God indwelling by grace in the person who is in Christ.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Fourth Day of the Transfiguration Feast



Seeing the Light of God

ROMANIAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE
Eparchy of St. George in Canton



Office of the Bishop

**RESTORE THE CHURCH
BUILD THE FUTURE**

July 15, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and I ask for your support for this important mission.

The collection helps our brothers and sisters like the people of Armenia, who have experienced persecution and displacement throughout their history and now live scattered throughout the world—many in areas of the former Soviet bloc countries such as Georgia, Russia, and other areas of Eastern Europe. Coping with difficult life circumstances and often isolated from their religious and cultural heritage, Armenian Catholic youth are particularly vulnerable.

In an earlier I noted that I am privileged to be a member of the committee of bishops that oversees this collection for the USCCB. Armenia is one of the countries I am responsible for, so I have been able to see firsthand how your generosity benefits our fellow Eastern Catholics there.

To address this situation in 2018, the Armenian Catholic Ordinariate of Eastern Europe, with help from our Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, hosted nearly 300 Armenian Catholic participants for a week of worship, study, pilgrimage, and fellowship. Not only did participants hear discussions on the theme “Identity, Belonging, and Witnessing,” but together they also participated in sessions on Catholic social teaching, witnessed ordinations and the clothing of seminarians in their vestments, and worshipped at monastic complexes. Your invaluable support of this effort helped build their faith, unity, and solidarity, thereby strengthening Armenian Catholic youth in Eastern Europe.

Please be generous to the collection, because your support helps foster nurturing communities in which youth can share and grow in faith, especially our brothers and sisters in Romania. For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

Sincerely in Christ-God,

(Most Reverend) John Michael Botean, DD
Bishop of the Eparchy of St. George

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SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE



RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE

Around the world, women who face unplanned pregnancies or who have experienced abortion or miscarriage suffer psychological stress. They need material and emotional support to help them to heal. This reality is especially true in Eastern Europe, where for decades, the Soviet system proposed abortion as a method of birth control. Today in this developing region of the world, many pregnant women face difficult financial situations, are abandoned by partners and family members, and confront other hardships that compound their circumstances. In the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius, however, women who previously would have been alone and vulnerable in such times now have access to assistance and support when they face challenging pregnancies or losses.

Since 2014, Krizinio Nėštumo Centras (Crisis Pregnancy Center) has provided a wide range of long-term help to hundreds of women: psychological counseling, job search assistance, training in infant care, life skills such as budget management, and group therapy for women who have experienced miscarriages and lost babies. Where few government resources are available to support these kinds of services, local organizations—with the help of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE)—are accompanying the most vulnerable women and helping them to choose life, even in their time of greatest need. Your contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe help to train staff and further grow this

pregnancy center, helping to build a culture of life, solidarity, and support for women and children.

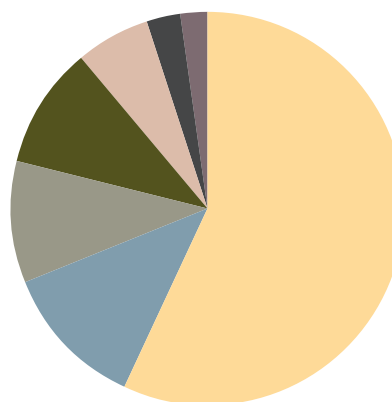
Help these Lithuanian mothers and children by supporting the collection today.

More information about the CCEE and the projects it supports can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

2018 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

Total Number of Grants Approved: 339

Total Amount Approved: \$8,147,983



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- Education, Formation, and Evangelization
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