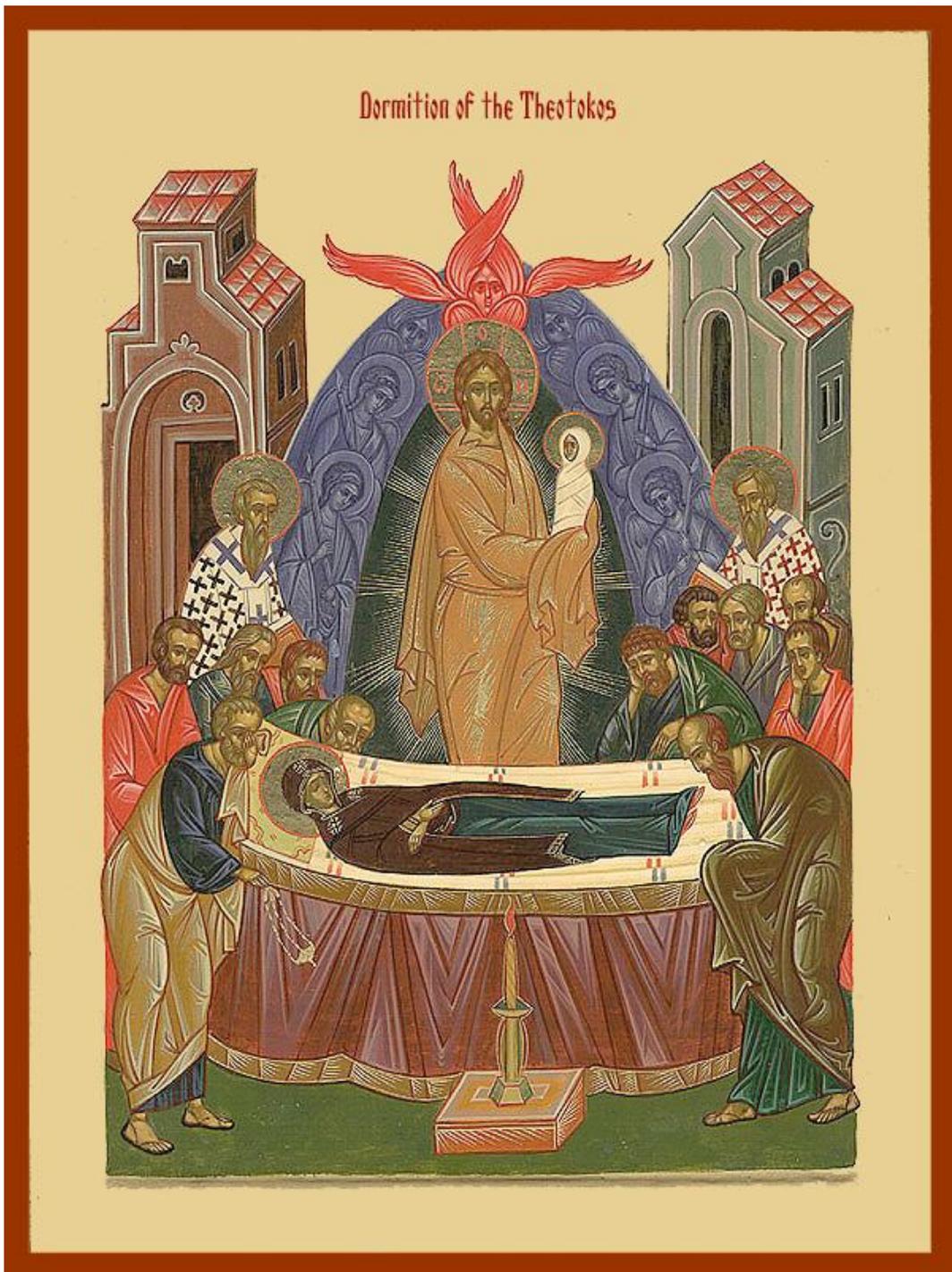


HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, August 23, 2020

11th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 2

**Leavetaking of the Dormition of the Most-Holy Theotokos
Saint Irenaeus of Lyons, the Hieromartyr**

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES:

*Most Services May Be Joined by Live Stream at
Web Address www.facebook.com/htocelmiraheights
or www.youtube.com/user/frdavidcowan*

Today

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, followed by Outdoor Fellowship Hour

Friday, August 28

6:30 PM Great Vespers & Litya for the Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Saturday, August 29 – Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy – Beheading of St. John the Baptist

5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, August 30

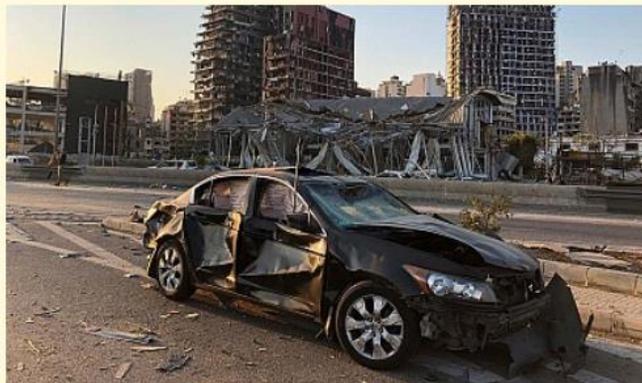
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AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP REBUILD HOMES IN BEIRUT

In recent news you have no doubt read of the massive explosion that devastated the city of Beirut, the capital of Lebanon, on August 4 – killing at least 170 people and causing billions of dollars in damage.

The faithful of the Diocese are offered the opportunity to help, via a GoFundMe campaign called **Glass for Lebanon**, whose goal is purely to help restore the more than 300,000 homes damaged in Beirut that can accommodate window installations. New windows will not bring loved ones back, but they would mean the world to many who are in crisis. **Each donation will be tripled by a 100 percent match from both GoX (www.goxapp.com) and Colgate (www.colgate.com).**



To donate, visit: <https://gf.me/u/yncrtx>

The nation of Lebanon is home to about 7 million persons, including an estimated Orthodox Christian population of nearly 600,000. Lebanon has been in economic and social turmoil for the past 8 months as the country has descended into poverty, despair and chaos.

We will be using all the funds raised to purchase 6mm Tempered Glass from Saint-Gobain (<https://www.saint-gobain.com>), a manufacturer of building and high-performance materials for sustainable constructions, and have the glass shipped to Lebanon as soon as possible.

IT'S TIME TO GIVE THE CHURCH BASEMENT A CLEAN-UP

Volunteers are sought to clean the Church basement in the next several days. The basement has of course not been used since March, and it is time to give our once-and-future fellowship space some "TLC". If you are available to participate in this effort, please contact Fr. David. *Thank you!*

SUBDEACON SHAWN MICHAEL TO BE ORDAINED A DEACON – SEPTEMBER 12

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 12**, when His Eminence, Archbishop Michael, will visit us and ordain Subdeacon Shawn Michael Karney to the Holy Diaconate. More details to come!

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Luke Kluchko (son of Fr. John Kluchko, former Rector of our parish, + 8/22); Vyacheslav; Barbara, Daniel, Diane (+8/12), Charles, Elena, Robert, Joy, Dorothy, Nina, Yvette, Archpriest Joseph Allen, Protopresbyter Boris Bobrinskoy, Robert, Joy, Dorothy, Archimandrite John, Maria, Zinovia, Jhon, Child Maxim, John, Vladimir, Irina. All those taken from us by the Coronavirus, by sickness, violence, and accidents.

For Health: Archpriest Jason, Archpriest Nicholas, Archpriest Daniel Kovalak, Archpriest Herman, Archpriest John, Archpriest Ken James, Rdr. Thomas & Mildred, Rdr. William, Mat. Cynthia, Mat. Anastasia, Mat. Anastasia; Peggy; altar server Andrew; Ryan; expecting mothers Larissa, Elena, Juliana, Ashley & Lauren; Jane Ann, Susan, James, James, Child Hannah, Joshua, Chloe, Helen, Nadezhda, Kathleen, Sherri, Ruth, Harriett, Katherine, Kristen, Anastasia, Sierra, Maria, Michael, Kate, Rachel, Lorraine, Abigail. **In the Diocese:** Metropolitan Theodosius, Fr. John; Fr. Andreja; Matushka Janet; Matushka Frances; Matushka Elizabeth; child Quentin; Ann; Dasha; Susan; Stephanie, Constance; Anna; Gabriella; Olga; Tanya; Diane; Gregory; Dada; Vera; Ann; Sub-deacon Peter, Olga, Gabriella, Barbara, George, John, Mary, Helen, Alexander, June, Alexandra, Susan, Michael, Anne, Ilia, Ludmilla, Sheila, Heather. Drs. Carol & Steven, Adam, Anna, Sdn. Shawn, Officers Luke, Boris & Charles, and all of the healthcare and public safety personnel in our parish and our communities; all those afflicted with the Coronavirus and those caring for them, those afflicted by sickness and injury. **Name Day:** Natalie Karney (St. Natalia of Nicomedia, 8/26).

Parish Children:

Lucia	Hannah	Jeremiah	Andrew	Myra	Anthony	Anysia
Lydia	Natalie	Emilia	Patrick	Sophia	Dmitri	Jonah
Gabriel	Angelina	John	Thomas	Nikolai	Melania	Alexei
Larissa	Julianna	Nadia	Nathan	Justus	Gabriel	

College Students:

Anna McKane – Duke University Katherine McKane – Sarah Lawrence College
Please give prayer requests to Fr. David or to a Subdeacon or Reader.
Typically, prayers for Newly Departed and Health
remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise. Thank you.

PRAYER CONCERNING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible: In thine ineffable goodness, look down upon us, thy people gathered in thy Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. Thou knowest our weakness. Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who lovest mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of the Corona Virus. Send thine angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians and preserve those who are healthy. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace; that together we may glorify thy most honorable and majestic name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

PRAYER IN A TIME OF CIVIL UNREST

Our Father, great and glorious God Who art in Heaven, yet Who dost look upon the earth with compassion, meting out Thy justice and Thy mercy upon nations: look down upon our earthly and temporal homeland, the United States of America, which is now divided by strife, and send Thy Spirit, the Spirit of peace, upon us like a heavenly Breeze, to restore peace to our cities, our countrysides, and our hearts. May He, the Spirit of truth Who leads the saints into all truth, teach us the truth, that we may abide in it, repenting of our error and ignorance. May He, the Spirit of righteousness, lead us in the way of righteousness, that we might cast aside and forever reject all hatred and bigotry. May He, the Spirit of Justice, strengthen us to restore justice to our land, that we may root out all corruption. O Father Almighty, adorn our rulers with a spirit of wisdom; adorn our civil authorities and the police and all who enforce the law with a spirit of mercy and restraint; and adorn all who dwell in our land with a spirit of love for one another, regardless of race or class. O Father without beginning, Who at the breathing of Thy Spirit didst cause dry land to appear out of the churning waters of chaos when the world was founded: deliver our earthly homeland from disorder, and grant us all to stand firmly on the ground of Thy justice and Thy mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom is due all worship, together with thee, the God and Father, and the All-holy Spirit, the Comforter, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

EPISTLES 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 Brethren: If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

Philippians 2:5-11 (Dormition) Brethren: Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPELS Matthew 18:23-35 The Lord said: "Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Dormition) At that time, Jesus and His disciples entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"