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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 St. Jacob of Alaska 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours 9:00AM Divine Liturgy 10:30AM Monthly Service for the Departed	27	28	29	30 7:00PM Orthodox Catechism	31	1 Dormition Fast 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
2 Dormition Fast 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours 9:00AM Divine Liturgy 11:30AM Crafty Creators	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Dormition Fast Adopt a Seminarian St Herman of Alaska 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours 9:00AM Divine Liturgy	10	11	12 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid) 6:00PM Great Vespers for Transfiguration 7:00PM Adult Ed: A Primer on the Psalms	13 Transfiguration of our Lord 8:30AM 3rd Hour & Festival Divine Liturgy for Transfiguration w/ Blessing 7:00PM Orthodox Catechism	14 6:00PM Vigil for Dormition	15 Dormition of the Mother of God 8:30AM 3rd Hour & Festival Divine Liturgy for Dormition w/ Blessing of Flowers & Herbs 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
16 Charity Collection 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours 9:00AM Divine Liturgy	17	18 7:00PM Parish Council Meeting	19 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid)	20 7:00PM Orthodox Catechism	21	22 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
23 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours 9:00AM Divine Liturgy 10:30AM Monthly Service for the Departed	24	25	26 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid)	27 7:00PM Orthodox Catechism	28	29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist & Forefathers Strict Fast Day 8:30AM 3rd Hour & Divine Liturgy 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
30 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours 9:00AM Divine Liturgy	31	1 Church New Year Day of Prayer for Creation Righteous Joseph, the Son of Nun	2 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid)	3 7:00PM Orthodox Catechism	4	5 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection

Greeters

Evening

Aug 1
Valerie L

Aug 5
John T

Aug 8
Lisa B

Aug 14
John T

Aug 15
Val L

Aug 22
Lisa B

Aug 29
Valerie L

Morning

Aug 2
Marina, Jaclyn

Aug 6
Viorica R

Aug 9
Valerie, Jaclyn

Aug 12
TBD

Aug 15
Viorica R

Aug 16
Susan, Marina

Aug 23
Susan, John

Aug 29
Viorica R

Aug 30
Sarah, Marina

Divine Liturgy Readers

Aug 2 - Rdr Roman S

Aug 6 - Linda K

Aug 9 - Nate C

Aug 12 - George R

Aug 15 - Erik W

Aug 16 - Rdr Jim S

Aug 23 -Rdr John K

Aug 29 - TBD

Aug 30 - Dale F

Questions? Bill Moision

Koliva/Kutya

Aug 23 - Iulia T

Candle Stand

Aug 2 -Vincent P

Aug 9 - James S

Aug 16 - Dakota W

Aug 23 - Florin T

Aug 30 - Michael G

Questions? Contact Gene Francello

Electronic Sign

August - Jaclyn W

Altar Servers

Morning

Aug 2 TBD

Aug 6 TBD

Aug 9 TBD

Aug 12 TBD

Aug 15 TBD

Aug 16 TBD

Aug 23 TBD

Aug 29 TBD

Aug 30 TBD

Questions? Sbdn Ken (Herman) Telles

Evening

Aug 1 TBD

Aug 5 TBD

Aug 8 TBD

Aug 14 TBD

Aug 15 TBD

Aug 22 TBD

Aug 29 TBD

Handmaidens

8/2 - TBD

8/9 - TBD

8/16 - TBD

8/23 - TBD

8/30 - TBD

Questions? Contact Desiree G or Sally M

Commemoration Loaves

Aug 16 - Sullivans

Aug 23 - Iulia T

Questions? Contact Fr Michael

Aug 30 - Justin G

Aug 2 - Ken T

Aug 9 -Tanya

Counters

Aug 2 - Ken T, Mike W Aug 16 - Terry M, Linda K
Aug 9 - Jaclyn W, Linda K Aug 23 - Dmitriy P, Jaclyn W
Aug 30 - Margie H, Terry M

Questions? Contact Fr Michael

Scrip

Aug 2 - Erik W Aug 16 - Valerie L
Aug 9 - Carmen B Aug 23 - Gene G
Aug 30 - Erik W

Questions? Contact Erik Worth (408) 497-5223

Prosphora

Aug 2 - Pdn George Aug 15 - Pdn George
Aug 5 (litya) - George R Aug 16 - Pdn George
Aug 6 - Pdn George Aug 23 - Pdn George
Aug 9 Pdn George Aug 29 - Pdn George
Aug 12 - George R Aug 30 - Pdn George
Aug 14 (litya) - George R

Questions? Contact Fr Michael

The feast of the [Dormition of the Theotokos](#) is the celebration of the fact that all men are “highly exalted” in the blessedness of the victorious Christ, and that this high exaltation has already been accomplished in Mary the Theotokos. The feast of the Dormition is the sign, the guarantee, and the celebration that Mary’s fate is, the destiny of all those of “low estate” whose souls magnify the Lord, whose spirits rejoice in God the Saviour, whose lives are totally dedicated to hearing and keeping the Word of God which is given to men in Mary’s child, the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

Finally it must be stressed that, in all of the feasts of the Virgin Mother of God in the Church, the Orthodox Christians celebrate facts of their own lives in Christ and the Holy Spirit. What happens to Mary happens to all who imitate her holy life of humility, obedience, and love. With her all people will be “blessed” to be “more honorable than the cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim” if they follow her example. All will have Christ born in them by the Holy Spirit. All will become temples of the living God. All will share in the eternal life of His Kingdom who live the life that Mary lived.

In this sense everything that is praised and glorified in Mary is a sign of what is offered to all persons in the life of the Church. It is for this reason that Mary, with the divine child Jesus within her, is called in the Orthodox Tradition the Image of the Church. For the assembly of the saved is those in whom Christ dwells.

It is the custom in some churches to bless flowers on the feast of the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos.