

SAINT E PREMTE



St. E Premte Albanian Orthodox Church

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Sunday Liturgy 10:00 Am

August

Schedule of Services

Divine Liturgy at 10:00am
June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th
July 7th, 14th, 21th, & 28th

College Students Blessings

August 11th

College students will be leaving home to start another academic school year. For some student it may be the first year of college. Father Yves will have a dedicated prayer for students at the end of the service. To add the students name, leave a voicemail 216-941-1508, email Victor at office@stepremte.org, or contact us through Facebook and Instagram pages.

Feast of Our St E Premte & Visit of Bishop Nikodhim on July 28th

On the weekend of July 27-28, His Grace Bishop Nikodhim traveled to Cleveland to celebrate the Feast Faithful of St. E Premte Church with our parishioners. He arrived at the parish on Saturday, serving the evening Vespers. On Sunday morning, we celebrated the Divine Liturgy in honor of our patron saint with the Bishop, and then shared a wonderful meal together in the parish hall.

Bishop Nikodhim, Father Yves, John, and Victor would like to thank each of you who celebrated the feast with us during the weekend and made it special with your presence.

In addition, our church would like to thank the team members that cooked for this special event Ela, Klara, Emi, Guire, Moza, Lona, Valentina, and everyone whose name is not on this list. Special thank you go to Mira for donating the St. E Premte themed cake.



Feast of The Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ August 6th

The Feast of the Transfiguration is celebrated each year on August 6 (o.s.). The feast commemorates the transfiguration, or metamorphosis, of Christ on Mount Tabor, when our Lord appeared in His divine glory before the Apostles Peter, James, and John shortly before his saving Passion. The Transfiguration is a theophany: a manifestation of God, especially of the divinity of Christ, through a display of His uncreated, divine energy. Many churches of Christianity celebrate the Transfiguration as a major feast day. Asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven.

Altar Wine



If anyone would like to donate to Altar Wine; \$10 for bottle in the name of a departed or the health of their family. Months available are: March, August, October and December. Please, contact Victor by a voicemail at 216-941-1508 or email at office@steprete.org .

Church Bread



If anyone, would like to donate \$20 for the Altar Bread in the name of a departed or the health of their family. Months available are: March, August and December. Please, contact Victor by a voicemail at 216-941-1508 or email at office@steprete.org

For the Health & Well-being of

Please remember them in your prayers. May God give them strength to endure and get well.

Paula Thomas and Christopher Thomas

NAME - To add the name to the prayer list, leave a voicemail 216-941-1508 or email Victor at office@stepremte.org

Departed

May their memory be eternal!

To add the name leave a voicemail 216-941-1508 or email Victor at office@stepremte.org

The Dormition of the Most-Holy Theotokos August 15th

Introduction

The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition and in the Greek kimisis) or "falling-asleep" of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.

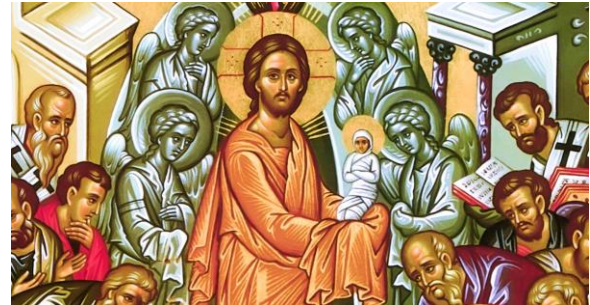
The Holy Scriptures tell us that when our Lord was dying on the Cross, He saw His mother and His disciple John and said to the Virgin Mary, "Woman, behold your son!" and to John, "Behold your mother!" (John 19:25-27). From that hour, the Apostle took care of the Theotokos in his own home.

Along with the biblical reference in Acts 1:14 that confirms that the Virgin Mary was with the Holy Apostles on the day of Pentecost, the tradition of the Church holds that she remained in the home of the Apostle John in Jerusalem, continuing a ministry in word and deed.

At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord who were preaching throughout the world returned to Jerusalem to see the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them including the Apostle Paul were gathered together at her bedside. At the moment of her death, Jesus Christ himself descended and carried her soul into heaven.

Following her repose, the body of the Theotokos was taken in procession and laid in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane. When the Apostle Thomas arrived three days after her repose and desired to see her body, the tomb was found to be empty. The bodily assumption of the Theotokos was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles.

Icon of the Feast

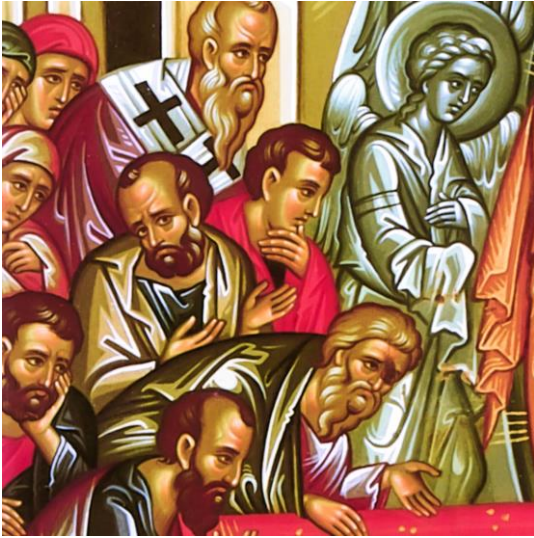


The Icon of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos shows her on her deathbed surrounded by the Apostles. Christ is standing in the center looking at His mother. He is holding a small child clothed in white representing the soul of the Virgin Mary. With His golden garments, the angels above His head, and the mandorla surrounding Him, Christ is depicted in His divine glory.



The posture of the Apostles direct attention toward the Theotokos. On the right Saint Peter censes the body of

the Theotokos. On the left Saint Paul bows low in honor of her.



Together with the Apostles are several bishops and women. The bishops traditionally represented are James, the brother of the Lord, Timothy, Heirotheus, and Dionysius the Areopagite. They are shown wearing episcopal vestments. The women are members of the church in Jerusalem.

In front of the bed of the Theotokos is a candle that helps to form a central axis in the icon. Above the candle is the body of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. Standing over His mother is Christ holding her most pure soul. Above Christ the gates of heaven stand open, ready to receive the Mother of God.

This great Feast of the Church and the icon celebrates a fundamental teaching of our faith—the Resurrection of the body. In the case of the Theotokos, this has been accomplished by the divine will of God. Thus, this Feast is a feast of hope, hope in Resurrection and life eternal. Like those who gathered around the body of the Virgin Mary, we gather around our departed loved ones and commend their souls into the hands of Christ. As we remember those who have reposed in the faith before us and have passed on into the communion of the Saints, we prepare ourselves to one day be received into the new life of the age to come.

We also affirm through this Feast as we journey toward our heavenly abode that the Mother of God intercedes for us. Through Christ she has become the mother of all of the children of God, embracing us with divine love

Other Items

Our church would like to have greeters and singers. Please see John Thomas.