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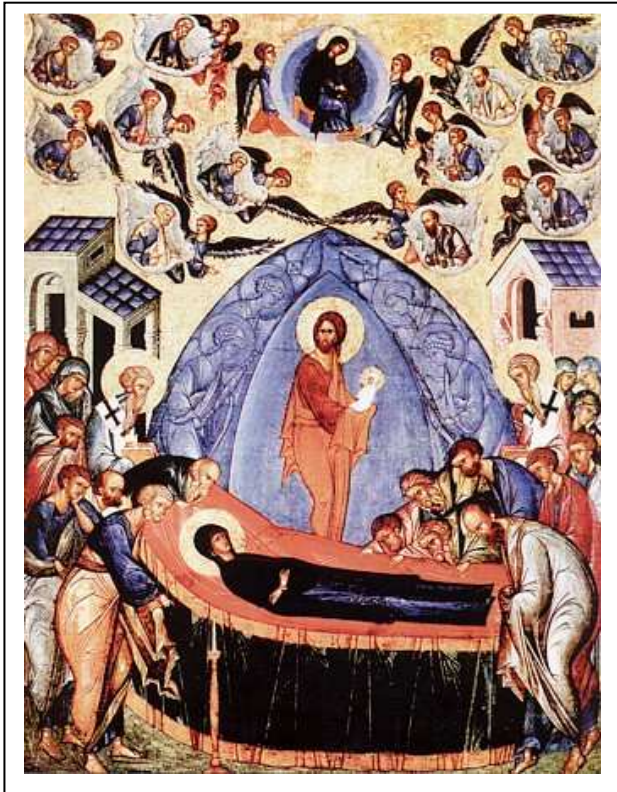
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**Sunday, August 28, 2022
Divine Liturgy Sundays at 9:00 AM
Confessions 8 - 8:50 AM**

Успение Богородицы Dormition of the Theotokos

Please Note: Beginning this Fall we will begin Divine Liturgy Sundays at 9:30 AM instead of 9 AM. We will announce when, beforehand. Thank you



*В молитвах Неусыпающую
Богородицу/ и в предстательствах
непреложное упование/ гроб и
умерщвление не удержаста:/ якоже
бо Живота Матерь/ к животу
престави// во утробу Вселившийся
приснодевственную.*

*The grave and death could not hold
the Theotokos, * who is sleepless in
her intercessions and an unfailing hope
in her mediations. * For as the
Mother of Life she was translated
unto life * by Him Who dwelt in her
ever-virgin womb. (Kondak of the Feast)*

Успение Божией Матери

Успение – слово славянское, значит, что Божия Матерь уснула, как говорили в древности, сном земли, умерла. Но в слове “умереть” много горечи, чувства поражения. В слове “успение” -- чувство покоя. И действительно, в празднике Успения мы радуемся о том, что Божия Матерь, Чьей верой Христос пришел на землю, Чьей верой Он был свободен совершить Свой трагический путь, уснула сном земли, и что в этот момент Она снова

оказалась лицом к лицу с воскресшим и вознесшимся на небо Своим Сыном и Своим Богом.

В Успении, как во всякой смерти, есть трагедия: человек не рожден для того, чтобы умереть, -- но есть и дивная встреча, встреча живой души со своим Богом. Каждый из нас, умирая, так встретит Бога. Но все мы, в той или другой мере, отуманены, осквернены грехом. Божия Матерь, Пречистая Дева Богородица могла войти в вечность и вступить в свет вечности, не внося в него

никакой тени. Она вошла в жизнь, будучи Матерью Жизни вечной на земле, и мы ликуем о Ее Успении и радуемся о том, что, по преданию церковному, земля не удержала Ее останков, что Она и плотью воскресла и что Она – первенец из мертвых после Христа Воскресшего.
(*Мит. Антоний Сурожский*)

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Mary was greatly blessed as the mother of the One who became the Christ, and finally in 431 A.D., she was officially given the title “Theotokos” by the 3rd Ecumenical Council which met in Ephesus. This council decreed that Mary should be honored by this name which confirms Orthodox belief in the incarnation: that Christ was both true God and true man.

Mary’s life on this earth was special and so was her leaving it. On August 15/28 we commemorate her Falling asleep. This day is also sometimes called the Dormition, meaning passage through death and Assumption, which means ascension into heaven. At the beginning of Christianity, the

whole Christian world used the term “Falling Asleep of the Mother of God.”

There are no relics of the Mother of God. Their existence has never been mentioned. St. John of Damascus gave several sermons on this (749). He tells how the East Roman Emperor Marcian (457 AD) and his wife Pulcheria asked the Bishop of Jerusalem at the Council of Chalcedon in the year 451AD to have the relics of the Mother of God brought to Constantinople. The Bishop is said to have answered, “Mary died in the presence of the Apostles; but her tomb, when opened later, on the request of St. Thomas, was found empty, and thus the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up into Heaven.”

In another sermon, St John clearly expresses the same belief: “Your sacred and happy soul, as nature will have it, was separated in death from your most blessed and pure body; and although the body was duly interred, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay... Your most pure and sinless body was not left on earth but you were transferred to your heavenly throne, O Lady, Queen, and mother of God in truth.”