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Afterfeast of the Dormition; Translation of the Image "Not-Made-by-Hands" of our Lord Jesus Christ from Edessa to Constantinople

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services	Tues., Aug. 18th	**Akathist to the Theotokos** *(On the Anniversary of the Myrrh-Streaming Icon)*	**7 pm**
	Sat., Aug. 22nd	**Great Vespers with Confession**	**6 pm**
	Sun., Aug. 23rd	**Leavetaking of the Dormition; Martyr Lupus**	
		Hours	**9:15 am**
		Divine Liturgy	**9:30 am**

*Take time to read the Scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for next Sunday's Liturgy.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *(Resurrection)*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 19:16-26 *(Resurrection)*

Tone 2 Troparion *(Resurrection)* When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!" **Tone 2 Troparion** *(Image)* We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One; and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thine own will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the Enemy. Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: "Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world." **Tone 1 Troparion** *(Dormition)* In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity. In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life, and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.	**Tone 2 Kontakion** *(Resurrection)* Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever. **Tone 2 Kontakion** *(Image)* Uncircumscribed Word of the Father, as we behold the victorious image of Thy true incarnation, not made by hands, but divinely wrought in Thine ineffable and divine dispensation towards us, we honor it with veneration.	**Tone 2 Kontakion** *(Dormition)* Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb. **Tone 2 Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)* The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. *(Ps. 117:14)* *V. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death. (Ps. 117:18)* **Tone 4 Prokeimenon** *(Image)* Sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord hath done marvelous things! *(Ps. 97:1)*

Epistle

(1 Corinthians 9:2-12)

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.

Gospel

(Matthew 18:23-35)

"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."

Announcements:

A Note from Fr. Evan:

As part of our due honor, love, care, and reverence for the Mysteries, each person receiving Holy Communion is asked to wait for a server to wipe his or her mouth with the cloth before we do anything else (including venerating the chalice). I appreciate your love, care, and attention in this and please talk to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Your servant in Christ,

Fr. Evan

COMMEMORATION OF THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST – AUGUST 29.

This holy day is always observed as a solemn fast. Furthermore, it is a pious custom of the faithful throughout the Orthodox world to avoid eating any food served on a dish, plate or platter on this day out of respect for St. John. His head was retrieved from his place of execution at Salome's request and presented to Herod on a platter at his birthday banquet.

In addition to the 2 pews in the basement of the rectory that are looking for a new home, there are also a few other items: 1 wooden chest, misc. headboards and baseboards (not a complete bed set), misc. mirrors, a wooden highchair, 1 pulpit/display case, 1 jewelry box, 1 small round table, 1 coffee table, 1 large rug. If you are interested in any of these items, please let Father Evan or one of the Parish Council members know.

Did you lose something? If so, see Marie Dudzinski who is safely keeping it.

We are seeking to update the parish directory for the purpose of good pastoral care, community life, and communication and will be having parish directory forms for everyone to fill out (either individual, or the head of a household on behalf of the rest of the family) that will be available at the candlestand starting this Sunday through mid-September. The forms can be picked up and returned another week or filled out and returned same day. Alternatively, people can fill it out electronically through the below QR-code.

Very Important Note from Fr. Evan: Please drive carefully and reduce your speed. Its Summer and children are out playing and riding bikes. There are a lot of children in the neighborhood as well as in the Church. *Please take caution when driving to and around the Church.*

Note Date Changes!

HROC 2026 Festival

Mark your calendars for:

Sunday, September 20th starting at 12 noon until sell-out.

It's Festival time again! This year's **Annual Fall Festival** will be held on **Sunday, September 20th from 12 pm to 6 pm** or until we're sold out. This means that we are in need of volunteers to give of their time and talent at Saturday Sessions and especially on Festival day! Please become a member of our wonderful Kitchen Crew! Your help and cooperation is always needed and appreciated! All cooking sessions start at 7 a.m. on Saturdays unless otherwise noted. Come join in the fellowship while helping make Baba's specialties. See you then!

Festival Cooking Schedule: (all sessions begin at 7 am on Saturdays unless otherwise noted)

Aug. 22nd, Aug. 29th	**Potato & Cheese Perohi & Noodles**
Sept. 12th	Beef Stroganoff
Fri., Sept. 18th	Bread Baking & Pete Beans
Sept. 19th	Halupki Making & Festival Setup

ALSO -- When purchasing pop for your cookout this summer, please consider purchasing an extra case of pop and/or water and donating towards this worthy cause. ***Your donation(s) DIRECTLY contribute to the success of this endeavor!***

Holding area:::

HROC 2026 *Take Home & Enjoy* Festival

Our Annual Festival will be ***take-out only*** serving a limited number of Baba's favorites.

Mark your calendars for:

Sunday, August 27th starting at 12 noon until sell-out.

This year's festival still offers the challenges of supply chain issues and the availability/high cost of the food ingredients, which every Parishioner encounters when grocery shopping for their family. However, armed with Baba's recipes and the Grace of God, we will succeed!

Also Baba's "Bake Shoppe" will be up and running in "take-out mode"! In addition to offering Baba's famous plain, raisin and cinnamon breads, and nut and apricot rolls, we are asking our wonderful HROC bakers for help to fill the Bake Shoppe shelves. If interested, all that is asked is that you pre-package and price your baked goods at home. There will be plastic "clam-shell" containers available for your use. ***NO*** *packaging of bake goods will be done at the church!*

Everyone's help will be greatly needed and deeply appreciated in order to get this year's Take-out Festival up and running. Below is the cooking schedule. If cooking isn't your speed, ***YOUR PRAYERS ARE DEFINITELY NEEDED!*** God bless everyone and thanks for your consideration.

Festival Cooking Schedule: (all sessions begin at 7 am on Saturdays unless otherwise noted)

July 8	Potato & Cheese Perohi
July 15	Potato & Cheese Perohi
Aug. 5	Potato & Cheese Perohi
Aug. 19	Beef Stroganoff
Fri., Aug.25	Bread Baking & Pete Beans
Aug. 26	Halupki & Festival Setup

It's Festival time again! This means that we are in need of volunteers to give of their time and talent on Saturdays and Festival day! Please become a member of our wonderful Kitchen Crew! Your help and cooperation is always needed and appreciated! Let's start off the season with everyone's assistance! May the Lord bless our efforts!

We are calling upon all of our able body parishioners and friends to allow time in their schedule Festival week and especially for the Saturday prep session to give us a helping hand in our Church Kitchen! There is always more room for one more!

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Holding Area:

'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.' This past week, Fr. Stephan received a call from a neighbor in the Rostraver community who needs assistance with items in their house and getting around. If interested, please contact Fr. Stephan.

Local honey available at the Candlestand for $10 per bottle.
All proceeds directly benefit our church.
Pure Honey; NO additives.

Weather permitting, Grave Blessing Schedule for May 26th:

West Newton Cemetery	2 pm
Monongahela Cemetery	3:15 pm
Sacred Heart Cemetery	4:30 pm
Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora	5:15 pm
Grandview Cemetery, Monessen	6 pm