Welcome to those who are visiting today. We are happy to have you worship with us. If this is your first time here, please come downstairs to the Hall, introduce yourself, have some refreshments, and get to know the Community. If you have any questions about the Melkite Church and its traditions, please don't hesitate to ask Fr. Bryan.

<u>Weddings</u> — One year notice. Contact Fr. Bryan for Sacramental Preparation. <u>Baptisms</u> — One month notice. Contact Fr. Bryan for Sacramental Preparation.

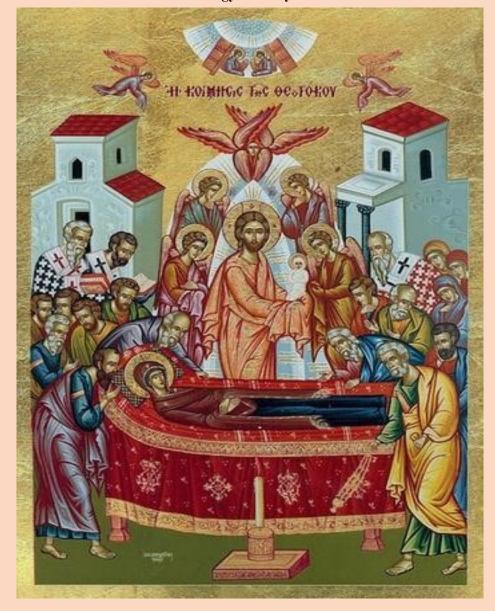
Please let Fr. Bryan know about anyone who is sick, in the hospital, or homebound so that he can visit and bring them the Eucharist on a regular basis.

Sayings from the Fathers

Dance with joy, O peoples! Clap your hands with gladness! Gather today with fervor and jubilation; Sing with exultation. The Mother of God is about to rise in glory, Ascending from earth to heaven. We ceaselessly praise her in song as truly Theotokos. - **Troparion for the Forefeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos**



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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 18, 2019

Antiphon (Feast of the Dormition)

1. Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful song. Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

2. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, His courts with praise; give thanks to Him, bless His name.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

3. As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of the Lord of Hosts, in the city of our God. **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.**

Entrance Hymn:

Priest: Come let us worship and bow down before Christ.

People: O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to you, Alleluia!

Resurrectional Troparion (Tone 1, Pg.38

After the stone was sealed by the Jews and the while the soldiers were watching Your spotless body, You rose, O Savior, on the third day, giving life to the world. Wherefore, the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of life: "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your economy, O You who alone are the lover of mankind!"

Troparion of the Dormition (Tone 1)

In giving birth, you have preserved your virginity, and in falling asleep, you did not forsake the world, O Mother of God. You have passed to life, being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death.

Kontakion of the Dormition (Tone 2)

Neither death nor the tomb could hold the Mother of God, our watchful Protectress and our unfailing hope. Since she is the Mother of Life, Christ who dwelt in her ever-virginal womb lifted her up to the eternal life.

Prokimenon

Reader: May Your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in You.
People: May Your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in You.
Reader: Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.
People: May Your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in You.
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People: For we have hoped in You.

Epistle: 1 Cor 4:9-16

Alleluia Verses

O God, You granted me retribution and made peoples subject to me, and saved me from my raging enemies.

Verse: Therefore I will proclaim You, O Lord, among the nations, and I will sing praise to Your name.

Gospel: Matthew Matthew 17:14-23

Kiss of Peace (Pg. 23): Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

<u>Hirmos (Dormition)</u> - All human generations bless you, O Mother of God. The laws of nature were bypassed in you, for your birth-giving left you a virgin and your death became the herald of your life. O you who remained virginal after having given birth, and alive after having died, O Mother of God, deign always to save your inheritance!

Kinonikon: "Praise the Lord..." (Pg. 32)

After Communion: We have seen the true light...

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

Aug 18 +Robert & Alice (Bollus) Najemy on the occasion of their wedding anniversary. Requested by Joe & Bonnie Najemy

Today's flowers are in memory of Robert and Alice Najemy Coffee and...sponsored by Joe and Bonnie Najemy

Aug 25 +Zakia Assaf (2 yr). Requested by Sam Francis and Family Coffee and...sponsored by Sam Francis and Family

Sep 8 +Bishop John Adel Elya (40 day). Requested by family of Annie & Salim Abraham
The Joseph and Nejaimey families, living and deceased. Requested by the Joseph Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Last Week's Attendance/Donations: 43/\$628
- Our annual Parish Picnic is **September 8**. Please return your donation/volunteer slip, if you have not done so. Your donations and volunteer efforts help to make the Picnic a success!
- Our Lady of the Cedars in Manchester, NH is having its annual Mahrajan this weekend. The final day is today from 12pm to 5pm. See flyer in the hall for more details.
- Workers Needed We can use volunteers to help with Bingo on Tuesday evenings. Please see Joe Najemy if you would like to volunteer.
- For those of you who have not heard, Very Rev. John Adel Elya, our former Eparchial Bishop, reposed in the Lord on July 19, 2019 in Lebanon. Bishop Nicholas has asked that all parishes in the Eparchy celebrate a forty day memorial on Sept, 8.

Bishop Nicholas' 30th Anniversary Celebration

On Thursday, **October 3rd**, Our Lady of Annunciation Cathedral will host a celebration in honor of Sayinda Nicholas' 30th Anniversary of episcopal ordination, 50th Anniversary of priestly ordination, as well as his 75th Birthday. The Divine Liturgy will begin at 5:00pm followed by a banquet at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$50 per person and must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. Please see the flyer in the most recent edition of **Sophia** for more details. There are also copies of the flyer in the narthex of the church. The deadline to purchase tickets is **September 20, 2019.** It would be wonderful to have a strong representation from OLPH at the Liturgy and Banquet.