

then saw her no more. At the age of three, the Birthgiver-of-God was dedicated to the temple, living there until she was betrothed to Joseph. When the Birthgiver-of-God was twelve years of age, Joachim died at the age of eighty. Thus was Anna left childless in her lone old age, and deprived of her purest earthly joy just when she needed it most. She humbly accepted the Divine Will and died at 79 years of age, in the home of Joseph and Mary after she had held her grandson Jesus.

The Dormition Fast begins next Sunday August 1 and continues until the feast of the Falling Asleep (Dormition), of the Most Holy Birthgiver-of-God and Ever-Virgin Mary. This is an ancient fast of the Church first mentioned and referred to as the Autumn Fast by Leo the Great. However, there were disagreements concerning the duration of this fast. The problem was the feast of Transfiguration on which many decided to eat meat because it, too, is such a great feast. Others decided to fast for 4 days, others for 8 days. This question was finally settled in a conciliar definition in 1166 during the reign of the Constantinopolitan Patriarch Luke Chrysoberges. Since that time the fasting continued through the whole 15 days because it guides us to be spiritually transfigured also through the grace which results from prayer and internal circumspection. It also motivates us to imitate the Birthgiver-of-God who spent all her life in fasting and prayer. According to tradition, our heavenly Mother in preparation for her death prayed and fasted. In imitation of her and for proper spiritual preparation for the feast, the Church prescribes this fasting period which begins on the feast of the martyred Maccabees. It is also called the Savior's Fast. By fasting, we can imitate and grow to appreciate the sacrifices of the Birthgiver-of-God. She sacrificed much to give birth to our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ, to raise Him, and to be with Him during His ministry, His crucifixion, burial and Resurrection. In its severity this fast is much like the Great Fast. It is abated on Saturdays, Sundays, and on the feast of Transfiguration. The strict rules apply to this fast just like during the Great Fast; Only one meal a day and no animal products.



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Welcome to our parish. We invite you to worship with us again.

August, 2021

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!

Schedule of Services

(July 25—September August 1, 2021)

Sunday, July 25

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 4; The Falling-Asleep (Dormition) of the Righteous Anna, Mother of the Most-Holy Birthgiver-of-God. Commemoration of the Holy 165 Fathers of the Fifth Ecumenical Council (553)
10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth
40th Day Panakhida for +Helen Garcia

Sunday, August 1

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 5; Procession of the Honorable Wood of the Life-Giving Cross of the Lord; The Holy Seven Maccabean Martyrs: Abimus, Antoninus, Gurias, Eleazar, Eusabonus, Alimus, and Marcellus, their mother Solomonina, and their teacher, Eleazar (166 B.C.); Commemoration of the Baptism of Rus'-Ukraine (988 A.D.). [Beginning of the Dormition Fast]
9:30 a.m. - The Public Chanting of the Prayers of Preparation for the Holy Mystery of Repentance Followed by an Examination of Conscience and Concluded by Individual Absolutions
10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth for +Charles Thomas Lizanich
Panakhida for +John & +Julia Hendrick offered by the Hendrick and Largent Families

Friday, August 6

The Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ
10:00 a.m.—The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth
Blessing of First Fruits

Sunday, August 8

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 6;
The Third Day of the Holy Transfiguration. St. Emilian the
Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus (813-820). St. Myron, Bishop
of Crete (ca. 350)

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, August 15

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 7;
The Falling-Asleep (Dormition) of Our Most-Holy Lady the
Birthgiver-of-God and Ever-Virgin Mary

10:00 a.m.—The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth
Blessing of Flowers

Sunday, August 22

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 8; The
Eighth Day of the Holy Dormition. The Holy Martyr Aga-
thonicos of Nicomedia and his companions: The Holy Mar-
tyrs Zoticus, Theoprepus, Acindynus, Severian, Zeno, and
others who suffered under Maximian (4th c.).

10:00 a.m.—The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, August 29

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 1;
The Beheading of the Holy, Glorious Prophet, Forerunner,
and Baptizer John (Strict Fast Day)

10:00 a.m.—The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, September 5

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 2;
The Holy Prophet Zechariah and Righteous Elizabeth, Par-
ents of St. John the Baptizer (1st c.); The Martyrdom of the
Holy Passion-Bearer Hlib, in Holy Baptism David (1015);
Virgin-Martyr Rhais of Alexandria (ca. 308)

9:30 a.m. - The Public Chanting of the Prayers of Preparation
for the Holy Mystery of Repentance Followed by an Examina-
tion of Conscience and Concluded by Individual Absolutions

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

August Milestones, Birthdays: 1, Fr. Dennis; 4, Nina Kostryk,
6, Kaylee Ann Hartman; 7, Marian Largent; 12, Naser (Victor) Hanna;
15, Thaissa Santos; Stacey Kuzda; 26, Farhan (Frank) Hanna & Nestor
Kostryk. **Anniversaries:** Fr. Dennis & Pani Barbara. May God grant
them and their families peace, health, salvation and longevity for many,
blessed years, на многая і благая літа!



We are still collecting for the **Rummage Sale**.
Please bring your treasures to the church and we will
store them in the garage until we are ready to set up the
Parish Hall. We thank Lilian Valli for coordinating this par-
ish fundraiser.

We are collecting Gift Cards for a Parish Fund-Raiser we are plan-
ning for October. Please give them to Maria Hejnal or anyone on the
Parish Council. More details will be forthcoming.

33rd Annual Lakewood Community Festival

Saturday, September 11, 11a-5p in Madison Park

Celebrate family, community and cultural heritage at the 33rd an-
nual Lakewood Community Festival on Saturday, September 11, 2021
at Madison Park, 13201 Madison Avenue. The day of fun and activities
for the entire family, rain or shine.

The festival is known for a delicious array of nationality foods in-
cluding stuffed cabbage, pierogis, cabbage and noodles, potato pan-
cakes and kielbasa with sauerkraut. There will be pizza, of course, and
other selections as well. Save room for kolaches, baklava, additional
traditional ethnic pastries, plus ice cream and other desserts.

**TODAY'S FEAST: The Falling-Asleep of St. Anna, Mother of the
Birthgiver-of-God:** Joachim was from the royal lineage of David, and
Anna from the priestly lineage of Aaron, brother of Moses. Anna's fa-
ther was Matthan, the priest, and her mother was Mary. They had three
daughters, Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, Anna, mother of the
Birthgiver-of-God, and Mary, mother of Salome. On every feast day,
Joachim and Anna gave money to the temple needs and also to the
poor. No couple was more pleasing to God. Even though they were
childless for their first 50 years of marriage, they zealously fasted and
prayed. Abraham and Sarah also waited into old age for their first born,
Isaac. On one occasion, the high priest of the temple reproached Joa-
chim for his childlessness, calling him unworthy, and would not accept
his gift. Humiliated, Joachim retreated to the desert, resolving not to
eat for 40 days, nor return home until God heard his prayers and visited
him. Anna, hearing all of this news, couldn't decide whether she should



weep first over widow-
hood, childlessness, or the
reproach of the people.
Joachim and Anna were
both visited by the Archangel
Gabriel saying that they
would receive a daughter
through whom salvation
would be granted to the
whole world. They met
then at the golden gate
of the temple as the
angel had instructed them,
and they glorified God.
But she had vowed her
daughter to God, to God
Mary had consecrated her-
self again, and to Him An-
na gave her back. Mary
was three years old when
Anna and Joachim led her
up the Temple steps, saw
her pass by herself into
the inner sanctuary, and