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11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

THE VOICE

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Scheduled Readers 2026

Sunday, August 16 - Subdeacon Daniel Slife
Sunday, August 23 - Bud Graham
Sunday, August 30 - Sandy Graham
Sunday, September 6 Reader Michael Luc

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2
Afterfeast of the Dormition. Translation of the Image "Not Made By Hands" from Edessa to Constantinople
Saturday, August 15
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25
Sunday, August 16
9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Subd. Daniel Slife
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Subdeacon Daniel Slife
Epistle: 1 Cor. 9:2-12
Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3
Leavetaking of the Dormition of theTheotokos.
Saturday, August 22
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20
Sunday, August 23
9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Bud Graham
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Bud Graham
Epistle: 1 Cor. 15:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN
Friday, August 28
6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, August 29 – *STRICT FAST DAY*

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the [1]seal of my apostleship in the Lord.**3** My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no [2]right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along [3]a believing wife, as *do* also the other apostles, [f]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 lock 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."

COLLECTION FOR
ST. IRENE'S ORPHANAGE
IN KENYA, AFRICA
August 2 – August 30

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, August 18 – 6:30 pm

PAN ORTHODOX GOLF OUTING
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
Elsworth Meadows Golf Club
1101 Barlow Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236
Check-in: 12:00 pm
18 holes Tee Off: 1:03 PM - $125 per person
9 Holes Tee Off: 3:18 PM - $85 per person
Sponsored by COCA

PARISH PICNIC: COLUMBIA WOODS PARK
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Please check for the covered dish sign-up sheet

5K MARATHON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
IOCC -INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES
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REMEMBERING THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr. Don and Popadia Donna
Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila
Christopher Barnhart, son of Diego and Chanelle

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

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