

UNDER THE OMOPHORION OF HIS GRACE BISHOP NIKON, BISHOP OF BOSTON, NEW ENGLAND AND THE ALBANIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

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Welcome to Saint Mary's Assumption Albanian Orthodox Church. Check out St. Mary's web page @ stmarysalbanianchurch.org

Tone 2, Saints of the Day: Photius and Aniketos, the Martyrs of Nicomedia

Epistle: Corinthians 9: 2-12, Gospel: Matthew 18: 23-35

TODAY IS THE 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CHURCH SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS COMING WEEK:

- **Tuesday, August 14, Great Vespers for the Assumption of St. Mary. The service begins at 6:30 pm followed by a Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall. Please plan to attend. Area Orthodox clergy will participate and parishioners from other Orthodox parishes will be present.**
- **Wednesday, August 15, ...Divine Liturgy of the Dormition (Assumption of St. Mary) here at St. Mary's. The Service begins at 9:30 am.**
- **Wednesday, August 15,...Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity. The service begins at 9:30am.**

ANNOUNCEMENT

- **If you would like to arrange a Memorial Service, please call Father Dennis first. At the time you call, please provide Fr. Dennis with the names of those deceased family members you wish to commemorate. Then, for Memorial Wheat please call Gloria Simo at 508 791-0177. To sponsor a Coffee Hour please call Connie Vessio at 508 798-2720.**

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

- **The next Salutations for Health and Well-Being will be held on Monday, August 13 in the Saints Peter and Paul Chapel. The service begins at 7:00 pm. New forms are available in the narthex for listing the names of those you wish mentioned.**

- **The next Senior Social will be held on August 16, beginning at 11:00 am.**
- **Make your reservations now! On Saturday evening, August 18, a gala dinner will be held to commemorate the feast day of our Church, Saint Mary's Assumption. The evening will consist of an upscale cocktail hour, a delicious dinner, coffee and desert. For reservations, please call Diana Proгри at 508 873-5087. His Grace Bishop Nikon hopes to be present for the event.**
- **His Grace bishop Nikon is scheduled to pay an official visit to St. Mary's on Sunday, August 19. A Pontifical Liturgy will be celebrated. A Coffee Hour will follow in the Church hall .**
- **During the summer months of July and August, there is no assigned schedule for Altar Servers. Any Altar Server in attendance on Sundays is cordially invited to serve.**
- **A choir rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday, August 16 at 7:00 pm. All choir members please attend. Anyone interested in singing with the choir may also attend.**

DID YOU KNOW?

The Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God.

- **After the Ascension of her Son, the Theotokos remained in Jerusalem and was looked after by Saint John, into whose care Christ committed her when He was on the cross. When the time of her death drew near, the Apostles gathered in Palestine to bid her farewell. There shed died in their midst, in peace.**
- **Some who were not present for her burial went to her tomb to venerate her body. Upon their arrival, they found the tomb empty. Like her divine Son, Mary was raised and translated to life with Him in the Kingdom.**
- **At least since the 10th century, a fifteen day fasting has been observed preceding the feast day of the Dormition.**