



**St George the Great Martyr
Orthodox Church - Weekly Bulletin**

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**12th Sunday after Pentecost/Afterfeast of the Dormition Martyr
Andrew Stratelates**

Tone 3 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world// great mercy.

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 5 Troparion (*Marty Andrew Stratelates*)

Thou didst renounce the glory of earthly rank / and didst inherit the Kingdom of Heaven; / thou didst adorn thine incorruptible crown as with beautiful stones. / Thou didst lead an army of martyrs to Christ, / and with the Angels in the never-fading light / thou didst find Christ the never-setting Sun. / Together with those who suffered with thee, / holy General Andrew, // ever pray to Him that He may save our souls!

Tone 3 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, / leading us from the gates of death. / On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; / with the Prophets and Patriarchs// they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*) / I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. / (*Ps 115/116:13*) / Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Matthew 19:16-26 (Gospel)

Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Traditions For the Dormition of The Mother of God

The rite of the Burial of the Mother of God at Gethsemane begins customarily on the morning of August 14. A multitude of people with hierarchs and clergy at the head set off from the Jerusalem Patriarchate (nearby the Church of the Resurrection of Christ) in sorrowful procession. Along the narrow alley-ways of the Holy City the funeral procession makes its way to Gethsemane. Toward the front of the procession an icon of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos is carried. Along the way, pilgrims meet the icon, kissing the image of the All-Pure Virgin Mary and lift children of various ages to the icon. After the clergy, in two rows walk the black-robed monks and nuns of the Holy City: Greeks, Roumanians, Arabs, Russians. The procession, going along for about two hours, concludes with Lamentations at the Gethsemane church. In front the altar, beyond the burial chamber of the Mother of God, is a raised-up spot, upon which rests the burial shroud of the Most Holy Mother of God among fragrant flowers and myrtle, with precious coverings.

“O marvelous wonder! The Fount of Life is placed in the grave, and the grave doth become the ladder to Heaven...” Here at the grave of the All-Pure Virgin, these words strike deep with their original sense and grief is dispelled by joy: “Hail, Full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee, granting the world, through Thee, great mercy!” Numerous pilgrims, having kissed the icon of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, following an ancient custom, then stoop down and go beneath it.

On the day of the Leave-taking of the feast (August 23), another solemn procession is made. On the return path, the holy burial shroud is carried by clergy led by the Archimandrite of Gethsemane.

— *Copied from the OCA website*

During the feast, flowers are blessed in church, and people keep them in their homes. During times of family strife or illness, the flower petals are placed in the censer with the incense, and the whole house is censured. See the Prayer at the Sanctification of any Fragrant Herbage.

Calendar of Events – Starting today: August 19

Sunday	8/19	8:40 am - Hours 9:00am - Baptism and Divine Liturgy
Monday	8/20	
Tuesday	8/21	
Wednesday	8/22	2:00-5:00pm Office Hours
Thursday	8/23	
Friday	8/24	
Saturday	8/25	6:00pm - Great Vespers, confessions
Sunday	8/26	9:10am - Hours 9:30am - Divine Liturgy

Weekly announcements, looking ahead:

- ◆ Office Hours this Wednesday 2-5pm.
- ◆ On Saturday **September 15** our parish will be holding a carwash from 9am-12noon. Vespers will coincide with completion of the fund raising activities, so bring your car in for a shine, come help out, and pray with us.
 - ◆ We are having a special collection today, for money to purchase supplies.
- ◆ Our church school will resume the following **Sunday, September 23rd**. We are looking for a teacher to work with Matushka. Please speak with Father Michael.
- ◆ Thank you to all who have participated, made food, and helped out during our August Feasts!

**Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers during the week.
For good health and healing:**

The newly-illuminated Alina Catherine, her Godparents and family, Abram, Joseph, Souraya, Alice, Basil, Jacob, Collette, Christina, Connie, Eddie, Fred, Peter, Nikos, Gary, Gary, Georgia, Ruth.

For a new Job: Mario, Jason, Janice, Jamileh.

Special prayers: to the firefighters and those in fire areas. Lord Jesus Christ, please give them strength to persevere.