

Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria (Aug 18)

The Martyrs Florus and Laurus were brothers by birth not only in flesh but in spirit. They lived in the second century at Byzantium, and afterwards they settled in Illyria [now Yugoslavia]. By occupation they were stone-masons (their teachers in this craft were the Christians Proclus and Maximus, from whom also the brothers learned about life pleasing to God).

The prefect of Illyria, Likaion, sent the brothers to a nearby district for work on the construction of a pagan temple. The saints toiled at the structure, distributing to the poor the money they earned, while they kept strict fast and prayed without ceasing.



Once, the son of the local pagan-priest Mamertin carelessly approached the structure, and a chip of stone hit him in the eye, severely injuring him. Saints Florus and Laurus assured the upset father, that his son would be healed.

They brought the youth to consciousness and told him to have faith in Christ. After this, as the youth confessed Jesus Christ as the true God, the brothers prayed for him, and the eye was healed. In view of such a miracle, even the father of the youth believed in Christ.

When the construction of the temple was completed, the brothers gathered the Christians together, and going through the temple, they smashed the idols. In the eastern part of the temple they set up the holy Cross. They spent all night in prayer, illumined with heavenly light. Having learned of this, the head of the district condemned to burning the former pagan priest Mamertin and his son and 300 Christians.

The martyrs Florus and Laurus, having been sent back to the prefect Likaion, were thrown down an empty well and covered over with earth. After many years, the relics of the holy martyrs were uncovered incorrupt, and transferred to Constantinople. In the year 1200 the Novgorod pilgrim Anthony saw them. Stephen of Novgorod saw the heads of the martyrs in the Pantokrator monastery around the year 1350.

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August 18, 2024

AFTER-FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

COMMEMORATIONS:

8TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW, FLOROS & LAUROS THE MONK-MARTYRS OF ILLYRIA, LEONTUS THE MARTYR, HERMOS THE MARTYR, JOHN & GEORGE, PATRIARCHS OF CONSTANTINOPLE, RELICS OF ARSENIOS THE RIGHTEOUS OF PAROS, CONSTANTINE THE NEW MARTYR OF CAPUA, MATTHEW THE NEW MARTYR OF GERAKARI

Tone 7 - Eothinon 8

Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:11-18

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 14:14-22

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 7 - Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross, thou didst open Paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim a warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy!

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION - Tone 1 - In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

TODAY: ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour After Liturgy

***Fr Noah is on vacation this week without his phone.
Please contact Fr James for pastoral issues and Jake with ministry
or operations issues.***

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Aug 25):
COFFEE HOUR:	Marquardt-Ukraine Donation Luncheon	Bagels
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Rachel C., Gabi & Catalin	John Child
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	Tinjale—Thanks to God
USHERS:	Todd Moody & Radu Chebeleu	Nick M. & Tom A.
CLEANING TEAM:	Justin & Kate G, Olena M., Midena S.	Serge, Alex & Sarah Kaminsky
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Miriam K., Conor M., Daniel C., Laura S.	Calvin S., Dale Y., Maria S.,

Mark Your Calendar:

Beheading of John the Baptist
August 29

Ecclesiastical New Year
September 1

Nativity of the Theotokos
September 8

International Food Festival
September 20-21

Festival Packets and Flyers, and Sign-up sheets, are in the Narthex! Help spread the word, get sponsors, & sign up to help!



AUGUST OUTREACH
COLLECTION:
Paper Products

Pray For:

Living	Departed
N.I. Daniel	Anna
N.C. Gabriel & Tabitha	
Faithful of the Holy Land	(August Parish Diptychs)
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	
Faithful of Ethiopia & Eritrea	+Mary
Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners	+Augustine
Elena	+Iwan
Kh. Joyce	+Victor
George	+Fr. Michael
Maria	+Myron
Patrick	+Fr. Boniface
Doris	+John
John	+Michael
James	
Victoria	
Steve	
Lasha	
Otari	
Tatiana	
Christine	
Anesia	
Timothy	
Alexandra	
Zotikos	
Salome	

Catechumens

Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, & all Missionaries
Nathan & family, John, & all seminarians
New & Expectant Mothers & their children
For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity
The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends —George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric

Lucretia
Andrew
Ryan
Michael
Daniel
Kassandra
Christian
David, Darby, & Easton
Rose
Jasper
Bryson
Catherine
Matthew
Matthew
Mary

SERVICE TIME CHANGE

The parish-wide survey indicated significant support for adjusting when our divine services start. As a direct result of your responses, beginning in SEPTEMBER, Orthros will start at 8:15 and Divine Liturgy will start at 9:30. Great Vespers will begin at 6PM starting on August 30!

This Week:

- Mon, Aug 19:** Church Office Open
- Tues, Aug 20:** Church Office Open
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Wed, Aug 21** Church Office Open
Confessions, 6:00 p.m.
Compline & Patristic Reading, 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, Aug 22:** Church Office Open
- Friday, Aug 23:** Church Office Open
Confessions, 6:00 p.m.
Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Aug 24:** Great VESPERS, 6:30 p.m.
Confessions, 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug 25:** Fort Washington Mission Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.
ORTHROS, 8:45 a.m.
DIVINE LITURGY, 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour after Liturgy

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 8/10: 59 Liturgy 8/11: 186
Festal Vespers: 154 Dormition Liturgy: 151
OFFERINGS 8/11: Candles, \$376. Collections, \$783.06. Book Shelf Ministry, \$76. Choir Fund, \$6,000. Needy Fund, \$100. Misson Chapel, \$120. Hospitality Fund, \$51. One-Time Projects, \$5,000. Stewardship, \$4,150. Total received: \$16,656.06.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!