

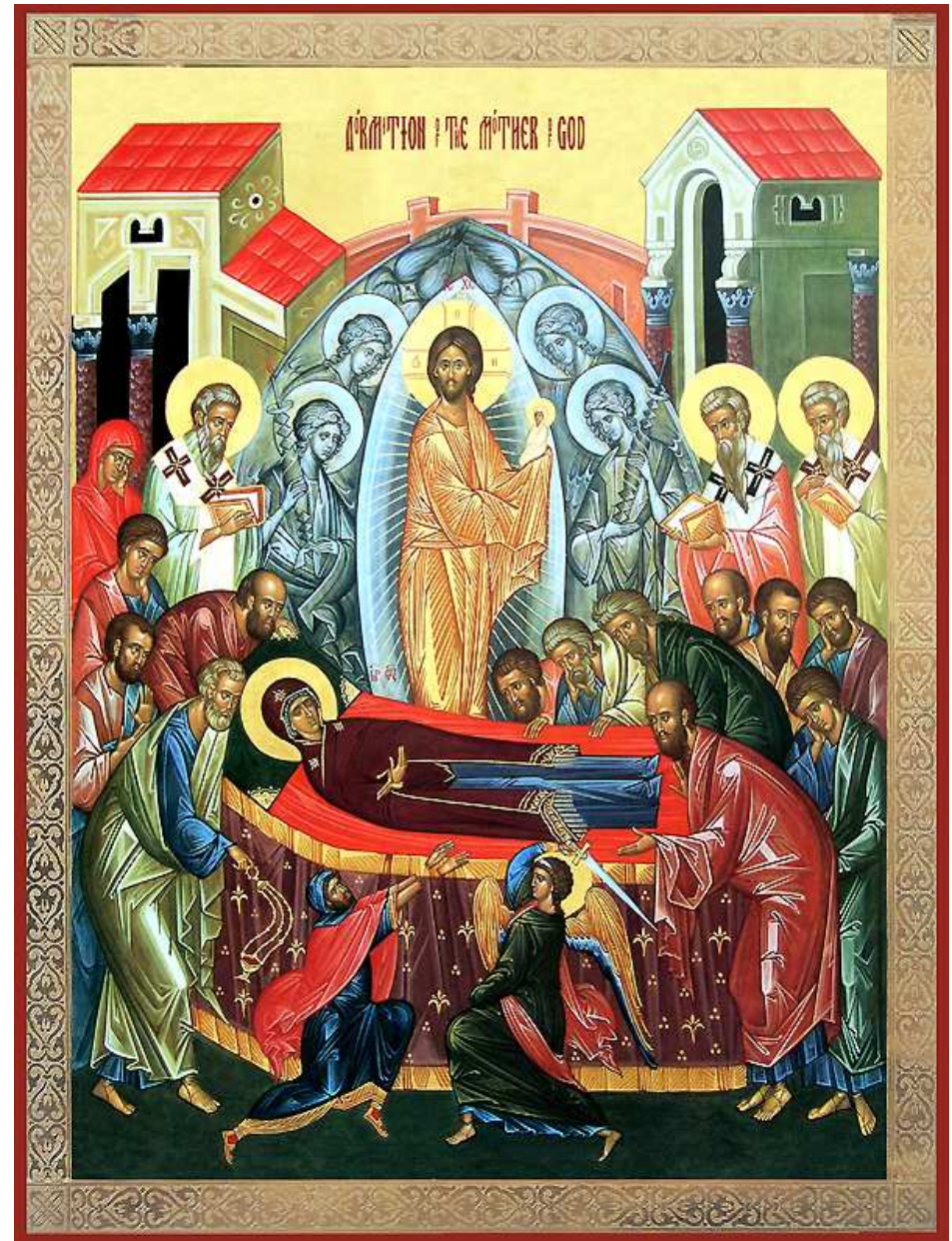
PROPHET MICAH

The Prophet Micah, the sixth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, was descended from the Tribe of Judah and was a native of the city of Moresheth, to the south of Jerusalem. His prophetic service began around the year 778 before Christ and continued for almost 50 years under the kings of Judah: Jotham, Ahaz, and Righteous Hezekiah.

He was a contemporary of the Prophet Isaiah. His denunciations and predictions were in regard to the separate kingdoms of Judah and Israel. He foresaw the misfortunes threatening the kingdom of Israel before its destruction, and the sufferings of Judah during the incursions under the Assyrian emperor Sennacherib.

To him belongs a prophecy about the birth of the Savior of the world: "And thou, Bethlehem, house of Ephratha, art too few in number to be reckoned with the thousands of Judah; yet out of thee shall come forth to Me, one who is to be a ruler in Israel, and His goings forth were from the beginning, even from eternity" (Micah 5:2). From the words of the Prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 26:18-19), the Jews evidently were afraid to kill the Prophet Micah. His relics were discovered in the fourth century after the Birth of Christ at Baraphsatia, through a revelation to the Bishop of Eleutheropolis, Zeuinos.

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Forefeast of the Dormition

Prophet Micah;

Hieromartyr Marcellus, Bishop of Apamea;

Translation of the Relics of Ven. Theodosius of the Kiev Caves;

Ven. Arkády of Novotórgsk;

The "CONVERSER" Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos

"Enlightened by the Spirit, your pure heart became the dwelling place of most splendid prophecy, for you saw things far off as if they were near. Therefore, we honor you, blessed and glorious Prophet Micah."

Kontakion, Tone IV

THE DORMITION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

Monday, August 15

"Neither the tomb, nor death could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life by the One who dwelt in her virginal womb."

Kontakion, Tone II

TODAY'S EPISTLE: I CORINTHIANS 3:9-17

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-34

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, August 14	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
Monday, August 15	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - The Dormition of the Theotokos Blessing of Flowers
Saturday, August 20	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, August 15	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28
Tuesday, August 16	I Corinthians 15:12-19	Matthew 21:18-22
	I Corinthians 15:29-38	Matthew 21:23-27
Wednesday, August 17	I Corinthians 16:4-12	Matthew 21:28-32
Thursday, August 18	II Corinthians 1:1-7	Matthew 21:43-46
Friday, August 19	II Corinthians 1:12-20	Matthew 22:23-33
Saturday, August 20	Romans 15:30-33	Matthew 17:24-18:4
(St. Alexander Hotovitzky)	Hebrews 13:7-16	Luke 12:32-40

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AUGUST:

21, Sunday

HTOC Annual Parish Family Picnic

COMING SOON!

At the last Council meeting, it was decided to prepare our Church School classrooms for the eventual resumption of Church School. We will be needing hands to clear rooms, clean and generally make the classrooms ready. Paula Svilar has volunteered to take on the blessed task of Church School Coordinator. Questions may be directed to her. Please offer your help. Contact Paula at paulasvilar@gmail.com ; or phone 216-372-1862.

PARISH PICNIC:

Join your HTOC parish family for our picnic on Sunday, August 21, following the Divine Liturgy. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided, and parishioners are asked to supply sides, desserts, condiments, etc. Help is needed for set-up and clean-up. Katie and Jared Griebel are once again organizing the day and will appreciate anyone who can support them. Details and sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall.

RUMMAGE SALE:

The Rummage, Bakery, Food and Jewelry Sale last week was a HUGE SUCCESS! A BIG thank you to all who organized, worked, donated items, participated in the sale in so many ways. Those who baked the delicious bakery, organized the jewelry - every detail involved you, our church family. Without the cooperation and participation, we wouldn't have had such success. We did better than last year by over \$2,000 more! THANK YOU, EACH ONE OF YOU.

COFFEE HOUR:

Thank you to all who have been hosting Coffee Hours!

We are in need of donors for August 28!

There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen for dates in the next few months. September is already filling up, but help is needed for the rest of autumn.

ENTHRONEMENT OF BISHOP DANIEL

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon has set the date for the enthronement of His Grace Bishop Daniel of Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest for Saturday, October 1, 2022, the Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos.

All diocesan clergy are encouraged to attend, and parishes are welcome to send at least one lay representative as well. The Enthronement has been scheduled for a Saturday so that priests who are traveling can return to their parishes for Sunday's Divine Liturgy. Given the importance of the Enthronement of a new bishop in the life of our diocese, His Grace has blessed parishes to cancel Vespers / Vigil services on Saturday evening or to provide for a reader service.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, 8/7/2022	\$ 2852.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	60.00
BUILDING FUND	689.00
CANDLES	165.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS	105.00
IN MEMORY OF MARY ANN MOGA	350.00
COFFEE HOUR, 7/31/22	20.00

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THE PRAISE AND GLORY OF MARY: A SIGN OF WHAT IS OFFERED TO US

Saint Andrew of Crete, best known for his Great Canon of Repentance which we sing during Lent, has left us with a collection of three homilies on the Dormition of the Theotokos. In his 3rd homily, he lauds the Mother of God in this lofty way:

“This [Mary] is the final goal of the covenants God has made with us; this is the **revelation of the hidden depths** of God’ incomprehensibility. This is the realization intended before all the ages; this is the crown of God’s oracles, the inexplicable, supremely unknowable will of Him **who has cared for humanity** since before creation began. This is the **first-fruit of God’s communion** with His creation, of **His identification, as Maker of all things, with what He has made.** This is the concrete, personal **pledge of God’s reconciliation with humanity**, the surpassing beauty of God’s own sculpture, the perfectly-drawn portrait of the divine model. This is the first step to all ascent, to all contemplation; the holy tabernacle of Him who made the world; the vessel that received the inexhaustible wisdom of God; the inviolate treasury of life. This is the spring of divine radiance, which can never be drunk dry; the impregnable stronghold raised so high over all of us in its purity that it can never be conquered by passion. Through this woman, **the pledge of our salvation has been made and kept**, in that this marvelous creature has both reached the limits of our lot and has paid the common debt proper to our nature. And if not all the features of her life were the same as ours, that is due simply to her nearness to God,” *Homily III, in On the Dormition of Mary: Early Patristic Homilies*

We are left noticing how closely the manifold blessings which we receive from our compassionate God are bound to Mary’s saying “yes” to receiving the Christ and the Lord within herself and her lifelong devotion to Him. She has become both highly-honored and a great means by which God reconciles with us men and women, and how in turn He honors them. And we also notice that St. Andrew actually shows us that Mary was not someone completely other than the rest of us. She is our great example, not the great exception. All these “features” listed above of how God has worked salvation to the world through Mary can be “the same as ours” if we would but draw near to God. And indeed, this is how the saint concludes his sermon, by urging us on a path similar to the Theotokos.

“It is no less accurate to say: He became human in order to make you wholly divine in the Spirit, to consume the worse in the better, to raise you up to Himself from the earth and to enthrone you among your ancestors. Be drawn up to Him, always, in your way of life and in your pure contemplation; live out a pattern of holy words and habits; see God, as far as that is possible, and let Him see you. Press on always to see Him clearly in flashes of prayerful insight and in the upward climb of virtue, so that you might be mature and solid on both sides - in action, that is, and in contemplation - and that you might come, in the end, “to full manhood, to the full measure of the maturity of Christ (Ephesians 4:13). To Him be glory and power for ages of ages!”

Glory indeed! God is raising each of us up in a unique way to His divinity! Crafting us to be enthroned rulers among His divine council in His eternal kingdom. Our response to such unfathomable blessings is a life of purity, a life of saying “yes” to God, a life of hearing the word of God and keeping it. Then at the end of our earthly life, we pray the Lord Jesus would accept our souls in His arms just as He did with His mother and continue us in our journey of blessedness. Wishing you a blessed feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos!

Fr. Christopher Moore



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To all Clergy and Faithful in the Diocese of the Midwest

Dear Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters,

S prazdnikom!

In the *Great Commission*, our Lord commands us to evangelize, to “*Go and make disciples of all nations...*” (Matt. 28:19). This command was given not only to the Holy Apostles and Disciples, but to every Christian and to every local Church. This is why it is imperative that every parish, no matter how young or old, small or large, understand itself as a community which evangelizes. Every Orthodox community is one which preaches the Good News of the Gospel and calls others to Christ through its life and witness. We should all understand that every parish or mission within our Diocese is a missionizing community. This is a priority we all share.

On a diocesan level, we do this by planting and nurturing new mission communities. Mission communities allow us to share the Gospel with those who live in areas often outside the reach of our Diocese’s current parishes. Mission communities invite new people to accept the Gospel and follow Christ in the Orthodox Church. History has shown that these young missions, as they flourish, often become some of our most vibrant parish communities.

Every parish can, in some way, help our mission planting effort to have a greater presence and a greater local impact. Visits to missions, words of support and encouragement, the sharing of material and educational resources, and any form of new mission planting efforts by parishes like yours are a significant help. All these efforts, established and built upon your prayer, can surely result in success.

I am asking each of our parishes to seriously consider the following four-minute video: <https://domoca.org/grow-a-mission/>. Please share it with your parish. View it and consider the discussion questions at the end of the video in your parish council and ministry groups. Use the discussion guide (<https://domoca.org/grow-a-mission/parish-response/>) to explore what assistance your parish might be able to offer. Then share your conclusions on the simple follow-up form with your Dean.

Grow-a-Mission

August 9, 2022

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At the very beginning of my archpastoral ministry as Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest, I want you all to know of the high priority I place upon the establishing of new missions. I am also committed to overseeing and encouraging the continued growth of well-established parishes as well as the renewal of parish life in some of our communities which might seem to be in decline. I ask your assistance in all these efforts.

At the celebration of a hierarchical Divine Liturgy, quoting from Psalm 80, the bishop intones, "Look down from heaven, O God, and behold and visit this vine which Thy right hand has planted, and establish it." May all our communities, new or old, be firmly established by the Lord Himself. May we all collaborate in this work of tending our corner of the Lord's Vineyard.

With love in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Daniel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D'.

+DANIEL

Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest