

On the day of battle it was in the military chapel in the ranks of the soldiers, and set the Tatars to flight. In thanksgiving to the Most Holy Theotokos for Her mercy, manifest through the Don Icon. In 1592, the Don monastery was founded at the very place where it stood amid the soldiers. The wonderworking icon was placed in this monastery, and its feastday was established as August 19.

By established custom, once every four years His Holiness the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia performs the rite of the preparation of Holy Chrism in the small cathedral in honour of the Don Icon of the Mother of God. (oca.org)

This is just one of many icons that we have of the Theotokos. And it is only one of fifty three (53) icons of the Theotokos that we celebrate in the month of August.

While writing this I note that two (2) of those icons are celebrated in Catholic church, they are Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (in Australia) or Our Lady of Perpetual Help (in USA). These are two names for the same icon it used in the West, however, it is known in Orthodoxy as Our Lady of the Passions (*celebrated on 13 August*).

In the home I grew up in we had an icon of Our Lady of the Perpetual Succour and it was not uncommon for me to see it either at school or where ever. And today I have a better appreciation for it 's symbolism which gives meaning to the icon.



The other icon in Orthodoxy is Our Lady of the Seven Arrows, celebrated on 13 August, and it is known in the Catholic Church as Our Lady of Sorrows (*Latin: Beata Maria Virgo Perdolens*) or Our Lady of Dolours (the Mother of Sorrows) (*Latin: Mater Dolorosa*).

Just two icons that we celebrate their feasts on the same day in August and just two icons that we have in common with the Western Church.

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Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria

1st Sunday Church Charities/ 2nd Sunday Building Fund/3rd Sunday for the food bank

Times of Services

Aug 18 Sun	Celebration of Dormition
09:15 AM	Bible Study
10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
	Blessing of the flowers
11:15 AM	Panikhida for Alexandria Gregory (d. 07AUG16)

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				10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
			29		Feast of Beheading of St. John the Baptist
		Sep	01	Sun	09:15 AM Bible Study
					10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
			07	Sat	05:30 PM Vespers
			08	Sun	Feast of the Birth of the Holy Theotokos
					09:15 AM Bible Study
					10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
			14	Sat	Elevation of the Cross
					05:30 PM Vespers
					10:00 AM Divine Liturgy for Elevation of the Cross

Latest Scam

Some news outlets have advised that one of the latest scams is sending emails or leaving voice mail messages about a suspicious online purchase requesting the recipient to call and cancel the purchase by ringing Amazon at a toll free number that they provide. However, the number is not Amazon's it is the scammer's.



After calling the number given people are being asked for their credit card number and 3 digit security number so that the purchase can be looked up on their computer. That is their way of getting your information.

Don't fall for this trick. If a telephone call needs to be made use the toll free number written on the back of your credit card and speak to them only because they would know. Your credit card company can see what is being charged to the account and they can put an instant stop to any nefarious purchase.

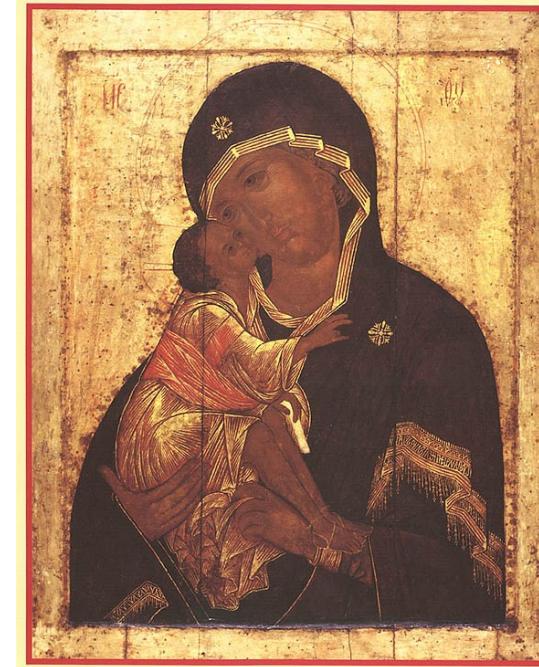
Also be aware when dialling if you get a recording asking if you or anyone in your household is over 65, hang up immediately because you dialled the wrong number! Don't be fooled by the foolish!

Parish Council Meeting

By mutual consent the parish council will not meet until after Labor Day, 2019. Should you have any concerns or questions please feel free to speak to the parish president, Mr. Jeffery Campbell or to the parish priest, Fr. Keith.

Intercession of the "Don" Icon of the Mother of God against the Tatars Attack

Commemorated on August 19



The Don Icon of the Mother of God was painted by Theophanes the Greek. On the day of the Kulikovo Battle (September 8, 1380, the Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos), the Icon was with the Russian army, giving it help, but after the victory it was passed on by the Don Cossacks as a gift to their commander, Great Prince Demetrius of the Don (1363-1389), who then transferred it to Moscow.

The Icon at first was at the Kremlin's Dormition Cathedral, and later at the Annunciation Cathedral (the Icon is now in the Tretyakov State Gallery). In commemoration of the victory on the banks of the River Don it was called the Don Icon.

In the year 1591, the Crimean Khan Nuradin and his brother Murat-Girei invaded Russia with a numerous army. Advancing on Moscow, they positioned themselves on the Vorobiev hills. A church procession was made around Moscow with the Don Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos in order to guard the city from the enemy.