

"Enlightener of Minds" Icon of the Mother of God (Aug 15)

This unusual icon comes from the Russian town of Rybinsk, in Yaroslavl province. The Mother of God and the Divine Child are wrapped in what appears to be a priest's phelonion, and Angels are depicted on either side, holding lighted candles. Beneath the Virgin's feet and on her head Cherubim are depicted with outstretched wings. The model for this Icon is a statue in the town of Loreto in Italy, which is wrapped in a similar covering.



The "Enlightener of minds" Icon (Подательница ума) reflects the deep faith of Orthodox Christians in the power of the All Holy Virgin to intercede before God and His Son to bestow both temporal and spiritual blessings. Foremost among these is enlightenment of the mind and heart through Divine Truth.

For this reason, parents whose children are slow learners, either in matters of the Faith or in secular knowledge, often turn to the Most Holy Theotokos and her Divine Child, Who is the fount of the loftiest wisdom and knowledge, praying for their children's minds be strengthened and that they may retain what they are taught. People also entreat the Mother of God to help them overcome delusion and mental illness.

The Enlightener of Minds icon is commemorated on August 15.

(Taken from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/08/15/205406-enlightener-of-minds-icon-of-the-mother-of-god>)



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August 15, 2021

FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

COMMEMORATIONS:

ST. MACARIUS THE ROMAN
ICON OF SOPHIA, THE WISDOM OF GOD
"ENLIGHTENER OF MINDS" ICON OF THE MOTHER OF
GOD

Tone 7 - Eothinon 8

Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:11-18

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

**Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 10:38-42;
11:27-28**

RESURRECTION TROPARION - 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 OF THE THEOTOKOS - 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 & Confession 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.,
w/ Blessing of Herbs & flowers
Student Blessing & Special Guest
Coffee Hour
Parish Council 12:45 p.m.

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Aug 22):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	MaryLynne Black
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
USHERS:	Sdn. John & Rdr Nick Muz.	Steve K. & Bill H.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Todd & Kristi Moore	Justin & Kate; Olena M.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Kendra; Zach W.; Dale Y.	Angie; Conor; Nathan, Rebecca, & Teens

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a donation to the **St. Justin Academy** which, God willing, we will be starting as a Classical Co-op this fall. Ask Mindi, Denise Y, or Frank for more details. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

Mark Your Calendar:

Beheading of John the Baptist
August 29 – Strict Fast

Nativity of the Theotokos

Tuesday, September 7
Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.
Orthros 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 8
Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

Sunday School begins Sept 12

International Food Festival
September 17-18

Bp THOMAS Visit
October 2-3

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Joanne	+Victoria
Mona-Rebecca	+HM Nikolai
Patrick	
Suzanne (H)	(August Parish Diptychs)
Doris	+Mary
John	+Augustine
James	(Jerald)
Lasha B	+Iwan
Otari B	+Victor
Daniel H	+APr Michael
Peter	+Myron
Anesia	+APr Boniface
Anna	
George K. Volodymyr	
Priest Thomas, Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill, Elaine & all Missionaries	<u>Catechumens</u>
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Shaun, Laura, Taylor, Tim & Luke, Kate, Tyson,
For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	Joseph & Alana, Ryan, Michael, Tina

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$348. Collections, \$80. Youth, \$16. Book Shelf Ministry, \$103. Classical School Fund, \$602. Mission Chapel, \$264.50. Pastoral Discretion, \$100. Needy Fund, \$300. Icon Workshop, \$1,300. Stewardship, \$4,736.10. Total received: \$7,849.60.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS ARE CONTINUING!



Our 9th International Food Festival is scheduled for Sept 17-18. **All parishioners, your help is needed! Sign-up sheets to volunteer are in the Narthex.** Also, take a Festival Packet in the Narthex, and ask those who you do business with to be a sponsor. Let's work together to make this the best Food Festival yet!

This Week:

Bushelli Vacation this week – Fr. James on call

- Mon, Aug 16:** Church open
- Tues, Aug 17:** 6th Hour Prayers, 12 Noon
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
- Wed, Aug 18:** Little Compline 6:30 p.m.
Patristic Reading Group 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs, Aug 19:** Church open
- Friday, Aug 20:** Church open
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Aug 21:** Vespers 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, Aug 22:** **ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.,
Coffee Hour after Liturgy

AUGUST OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Paper Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”