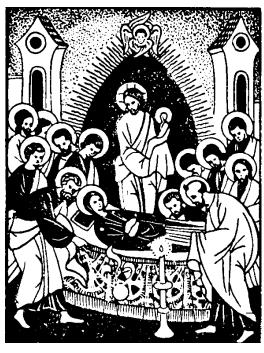
then saw her no more. At the age of three, the Birthgiver-of-God was dedicated to the temple, living there until she was betrothed to Joseph. When the Birthgiver-of-God was twelve years of age, Joachim died at the age of eighty. Thus was Anna left childless in her lone old age, and deprived of her purest earthly joy just when she needed it most. She humbly accepted the Divine Will and died at 79 years of age, in the home of Joseph and Mary after she had held her grandson Jesus.

The Dormition Fast begins next Sunday August 1 and continues until the feast of the Falling Asleep (Dormition), of the Most Holy Birthgiver-of-God and Ever-Virgin Mary. This is an ancient fast of the Church first mentioned and referred to as the Autumn Fast by Leo the Great. However, there were disagreements concerning the duration of this fast. The problem was the feast of Transfiguration on which many decided to eat meat because it, too, is such a great feast. Others decided to fast for 4 days, others for 8 days. This question was finally settled in a conciliar definition in 1166 during the reign of the Constantinopolitan Patriarch



Luke Chrysoberges. Since that time the fasting continued through the whole 15 days because it guides us to be spiritually transfigured also through the grace which results from prayer and internal circumspection. It also motivates us to imitate the Birthgiver-of-God who spent all her life in fasting and prayer. According to tradition, our heavenly Mother in preparation for her death prayed and fasted. In imitation of her and for proper spiritual preparation for the feast, the Church prescribes this fasting period which begins on the feast of the martyred Maccabees. It is also called the Savior's Fast. By fasting, we can imitate and grow to appreciate the sacrifices of the Birthgiver-of-God. She sacrificed much to give birth to our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ, to raise Him, and to be with Him during His ministry, His crucifixion, burial and Resurrection. In its severity this fast is much like the Great Fast. It is abated on Saturdays, Sundays, and on the feast of Transfiguration. The strict rules apply to this fast just like during the Great Fast; Only one meal a day and no animal products.

Consult the bulletin board in the Parish Hall, the Parish Facebook Page or the Parish website (www.StNicholasLakewood.org) for the latest breaking announcements. The bulletin for the month is always printed and available on the final Sunday of the previous month.



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Welcome to our parish. We invite you to worship with us again.

August, 2021

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!

Schedule of Services (July 25—September August 1, 2021)

Sunday, July 25

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 4; The Falling-Asleep (Dormition) of the Righteous Anna, Mother of the Most-Holy Birthgiver-of-God. Commemoration of the Holy 165 Fathers of the Fifth Ecumenical Council (553)

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth 40th Day Panakhida for +Helen Garcia

Sunday, August 1

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 5; Procession of the Honorable Wood of the Life-Giving Cross of the Lord; The Holy Seven Maccabean Martyrs: Abimus, Antoninus, Gurias, Eleazar, Eusabonus, Alimus, and Marcellus, their mother Solomonia, and their teacher, Eleazar (166 B.C.); Commemoration of the Baptism of Rus'-Ukraine (988 A.D.). [Beginning of the Dormition Fast]

9:30 a.m . - The Public Chanting of the Prayers of Preparation for the Holy Mystery of Repentance Followed by an Examination of Conscience and Concluded by Individual Absolutions

10:00 a.m . - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth for +Charles Thomas Lizanich

Panakhida for +John & +Julia Hendrick offered by the Hendrick and Largent Families

Friday, August 6

The Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

10:00 a.m.—The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth Blessing of First Fruits

Sunday, August 8

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 6; The Third Day of the Holy Transfiguration. St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus (813-820). St. Myron, Bishop of Crete (ca. 350)

10:00 a.m . - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, August 15

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 7; The Falling-Asleep (Dormition) of Our Most-Holy Lady the Birthgiver-of-God and Ever-Virgin Mary

10:00 a.m.—The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth Blessing of Flowers

Sunday, August 22

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 8; The Eighth Day of the Holy Dormition. The Holy Martyr Agathonicos of Nicomedia and his companions: The Holy Martyrs Zoticus, Theoprepius, Acindynus, Severian, Zeno, and others who suffered under Maximian (4th c.).

10:00 a.m.—The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, August 29

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 1; The Beheading of the Holy, Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptizer John (Strict Fast Day)

10:00 a.m.—The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, September 5

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 2; The Holy Prophet Zechariah and Righteous Elizabeth, Parents of St. John the Baptizer (1st c.); The Martyrdom of the Holy Passion-Bearer Hlib, in Holy Baptism David (1015); Virgin-Martyr Rhais of Alexandria (ca. 308)

9:30 a.m. - The Public Chanting of the Prayers of Preparation for the Holy Mystery of Repentance Followed by an Examination of Conscience and Concluded by Individual Absolutions 10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

August Milestones, Birthdays: 1, Fr. Dennis; 4, Nina Kostryk, 6,Kaylee Ann Hartman; 7, Marian Largent; 12, Naser (Victor) Hanna; 15, Thaissa Santos; Stacey Kuzda; 26, Farhan (Frank) Hanna & Nestor Kostryk. Anniversaries: Fr. Dennis & Pani Barbara. May God grant them and their families peace, health, salvation and longevity for many, blessed years, на многая і благая літа!



We are still collecting for the **Rummage Sale**. Please bring your treasurers to the church and we will store them in the garage until we are ready to set up the Parish Hall. We thank Lilian Valli for coordinating this parish fundraiser.

We are collecting Gift Cards for a Parish Fund-Raiser we are planning for October. Please give them to Maria Hejnal or anyone on the Parish Council. More details will be forthcoming.

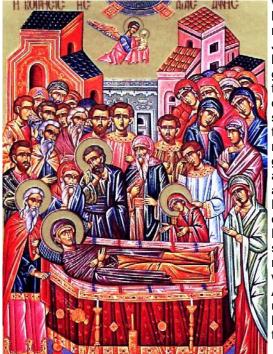
33rd Annual Lakewood Community Festival

Saturday, September 11, 11a-5p in Madison Park

Celebrate family, community and cultural heritage at the 33rd annual Lakewood Community Festival on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at Madison Park, 13201 Madison Avenue. The day of fun and activities for the entire family, rain or shine.

The festival is known for a delicious array of nationality foods including stuffed cabbage, pierogis, cabbage and noodles, potato pancakes and kielbasa with sauerkraut. There will be pizza, of course, and other selections as well. Save room for kolaches, baklava, additional traditional ethnic pastries, plus ice cream and other desserts.

TODAY'S FEAST: The Falling-Asleep of St. Anna, Mother of the Birthgiver-of-God: Joachim was from the royal lineage of David, and Anna from the priestly lineage of Aaron, brother of Moses. Anna's father was Matthan, the priest, and her mother was Mary. They had three daughters, Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, Anna, mother of the Birthgiver-of-God, and Mary, mother of Salome. On every feast day, Joachim and Anna gave money to the temple needs and also to the poor. No couple was more pleasing to God. Even though they were childless for their first 50 years of marriage, they zealously fasted and prayed. Abraham and Sarah also waited into old age for their first born, Isaac. On one occasion, the high priest of the temple reproached Joachim for his childlessness, calling him unworthy, and would not accept his gift. Humiliated, Joachim retreated to the desert, resolving not to eat for 40 days, nor return home until God heard his prayers and visited him. Anna, hearing all of this news, couldn't decide whether she should



weep first over widowhood, childlessness, or the reproach of the people. Joachim and Anna were both visited by the Archangel Gabriel saying that they would receive a daughter through whom salvation would be granted to the whole world. They met then at the golden gate of the temple as the angel had instructed them, and they glorified God. But she had vowed her daughter to God, to God Mary had consecrated herself again, and to Him Anna gave her back. Mary was three years old when Anna and Joachim led her up the Temple steps, saw her pass by herself into the inner sanctuary, and