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### August 5, 2012

### Dormition Fast

**9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Forefeast of the Transfiguration**

- 8:30am – Order of Confession, Hours
- 9:00am – Divine Liturgy  
*Epistle: 1 Cor. 3:9-17*  
*Gospel: Mat. 14:22-34*
- Coffee Hour – Please come downstairs for a fellowship following the Divine Liturgy.
- 6:00pm – Great Vespers with Litya and Blessing of Fruits

### Schedule of Services

**MONDAY, AUGUST 6 – TRANSFIGURATION**

9:00am – Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Fruits

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 11**

6:00pm – Great Vespers, Confessions

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12**

8:40am – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hour, Confessions

9:00am – Divine Liturgy

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## A Saint Who Was the Mother, Wife and Aunt of Saint

*On August 5 the Church remembers Saint Nonna, who is often chiefly identified as the mother of Saint Gregory the Theologian. She was indeed his mother, but there is much more to know about her.*

*Raised in a Christian family, Nonna learned early to love Christ. She was also a dutiful daughter. So when her family arranged an "advantageous" marriage to a wealthy landowner, Gregory of Arianzus, she obediently accepted him as her husband.*

*But the marriage was a source of pain to her, because she loved Gregory and worried about his salvation. He was a member of a pagan sect, and a fire worshipper.*

*Nonna prayed fervently that her husband would come to the true faith. Her son Gregory, in his writings, describes the way in which her prayers were answered. His father, he writes, had a dream in which he was singing the first verse of Psalm 122 (121): "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.' "The dream was so vivid that it made the elder Gregory actually want to go to church. This was the beginning of his conversion to Christianity.*

*In the early years of their marriage, Saint Nonna concentrated on raising her children as strong Christians, while also seeing to their education. The brilliance of her son Gregory, both as a theologian and as a philosopher, is the best evidence of her success. His written words about her also show his love and admiration for her: "What time and place of prayer ever eluded her? She was drawn to this each day before anything else, and she had complete faith that her prayers would be answered."*

*The elder Gregory attended the Ecumenical Council of*

## Intercessory Prayer

### THE LIVING:

Eva Benda, Valentina Benda, Cathryn Christensen, Olga DeMay, Marianne Guagenti, George Hook, Peter Mazula, Walter Milk, Helen Pirniak, Stephen & Lillian Sokol, Faith Verona, Elizabeth Zuber, Olga Stecher.

### THE DEPARTED:

Peter Kalada, Benedict Benda, Georgette Saba, Matilda Skripak, Andrew Bacsik, Helen Pawlush, Mary Milk, Antonina Rotko, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini, Marianne Benda.

*Nicaea and was baptized there. He was ordained to the priesthood, and later was made Bishop of Nazianzus. Nonna was made a deaconess. Both of them gave tireless and loving service to the people around them. Their nephew Amphilocius became Bishop of Iconium, joining them in faithful service.*

*In her later years, Nonna experienced the greatest loss a mother can have, not once but twice. In the space of two years, her youngest son died, and then her daughter. Though she bore these deaths as God's will, her distress affected her once-vigorous health so that she became weak and had little appetite for food.*

*Her son Gregory describes a dream which restored his mother's health: "It seemed to her that I...had appeared to her suddenly by night with a basket of the whitest bread. Then I blessed these loaves with the Sign of the Cross, as is my custom, and I gave her to eat, and with this her strength increased." Saint Nonna lived for several more years, spending most of her time praying in church after her husband's death.*

*In a reading for today, Saint Paul writes (1Corinthians 3: 9) that "we are God's fellow workers." Saint Nonna, in her many roles, fulfilled that one as well.*



## Today's Memorial Offering

- *St. John's Cross* – in memory of John Yendrey, on Anniversary of Birth – by Mary Macinsky.
- *St. Nicholas Cross* – in memory of John DeMay, on Anniversary of Birth – by Olga DeMay.



## Announcements

❖ We are now in **Dormition Fast** – for two weeks we keep fasting in honor of the Falling Asleep of the Most Holy Theotokos. The fast ends on the day of the Feast – August 15.

❖ A new issue of "The Orthodox Church" magazine is available at the candle desk. Due to a limited number, please pick one per household.

❖ To find the nearest Orthodox Church, when traveling or vacationing, go to: [OrthodoxyinAmerica.com](http://OrthodoxyinAmerica.com). A "Prayer for Travelers" may be requested at the end of the Liturgy, ask Father Igor when you venerate the Cross

## Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to Valentina Benda and to all who celebrate their birthdays in the month of August. May God grant you good health and happiness for Many Years! Mnogaya Leta!

## Welcome Visitors

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy. It is our joy to have you with us today. If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross, receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and for fellowship in our Church Hall after the service.