

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church
(Dormition of the Mother of God)**

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Sunday July 9 2017

Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina in Sicily; Hieromartyr Cyril, Bishop of Gortyna in Crete; Martyr Paternuthius of Egypt; Martyr Copres of Egypt; Martyr Alexander the Soldier of Egypt; Saint Theodore, Bishop of Edessa (see also July 19); Venerable Paternuthius the Ascetic of Egypt; Venerable Copres the Ascetic of Egypt; Venerable Dionysius the Orator of St Anne Skete of Mt Athos; Venerable Metrophanes the Disciple of the Venerable Dionysius; Saint Euthymius of Karelia; Blessed Peter, Hieromartyr of Cherevkov, Vologda; Martyrs Andrew and Probus; Saints Dionysius the Rhetorician and Metrophanes of Mount Athos; Righteous Paternuthius of Valaam and St. Alexander Nevsky Lavra; New-Martyr Michael; Saint Everild, virgin of Northumbria; Icon of the Mother of God of Koloch; Icon of the Mother of God of Cyprus. **Other events:** repose of Hierodeacon Melchizedek of the Roslavl forests

Services for the week of July 9

THERE WILL BE NO VESPERS ON SATURDAY, JULY 15

Parish News

WELCOME: to all of our guests today. We are so glad that you have come to enjoy our Orthodox worship. We invite you to come for coffee and sweets in our church hall and to enjoy fellowship with us. May God bless you!

OFFERINGS: July 2: \$622.38

PLEASE REMEMBER Janet Mikel and Martha Smith who have been receiving difficult treatments lately. Pray for their well-being and that of their families. May God bless them all!

REFLECTION

Many ask themselves, why God takes young men, young girls and children from this life and why does He not permit them to grow old and then take them through death to the other world? That is God's plan of Dispensation and that is the holy will of His Providence. However, there are some examples in the enormous experience of the Church that sometimes God does so according to the wishes and prayers of his chosen ones in the other world or of relatives. St. Ader (in monasticism Athanasius) appeared to his wife, whom he had suddenly left with three children and entered a monastery where he died. When the wife reached a state of despair first, because of her concern for the helpless children and second, because of her concern for her husband for she did not know where he was, her husband then appeared to her from the other world in a dream with a glowing face and in a radiant white garment and said to her: "Cease to cry and to cry out against me. Behold, I will take two of the children from you to myself and you, if you want, to concern yourself with the salvation of your soul." At the same time and in the same manner, he also appeared to St. Theodosius the Stylite and said to him: "In three days an old hermitess who lives near the monastery will go to the Lord and in that cell put my wife so that she may live an ascetical life as a nun. Let the youngest child remain with her until he grows up. He will walk in my footsteps and will be the successor to the apostolic throne in Jerusalem." And in truth, all this occurred as was foretold. On the third day the old hermitess died and so also did Ader's two older children and his wife assumed the cell of the old hermitess along with the youngest son who, when he grew up, became the patriarch of Jerusalem.