

But as Mary is no accident, so her parents are no accident, nor the entire history of Israel. It is all the economy of God, working out the salvation of mankind, through mankind and His grace. St. Anna was the daughter of the priest Matthan and his wife Mary. She was of the tribe of Levi and the lineage of Aaron. According to Tradition, she died peacefully in Jerusalem at age 79, before the Annunciation to the Most Holy Theotokos. The details we know about her life, and that of her priest-husband, Righteous Joachim, are from sources within the Tradition (though not within the Scriptures). They are often pointed to as one of the great examples of married saints. Their story, like many in the Old Testament, include a time of barrenness and no child, and the promise and gift of a child in the old age. This child, Mary, was chosen of God and appointed to be the mother of the Incarnate God.

Our salvation, of course, is accomplished and could only be accomplished through Christ Himself. And yet Christ Himself does not become incarnate except at the humble words of Mary, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to Thy word." By the same token, Mary is not an accident, a random choice from among the virgins of Israel, but is the culmination of Israel's history, according to the flesh. She stands in the place of Eve, offering to God a "yes," where our ancestor had offered "no." In the new life of the Kingdom, *she* is the mother of all living, just as Eve had been called by that name according to the flesh.

For seven years after they presented their daughter to the temple, Righteous Anna and Joachim visited Mary often at the temple until they died, leaving her an orphan at age ten. St. Joachim lived for 80 years and Anna for 79, and they both entered into the kingdom of God before the Annunciation to the Most Holy Theotokos. The Dormition feast day of St. Anna is celebrated on July 25.

St Anna, having been left a widow, moved from Nazareth to Jerusalem, and lived near the Temple. At Jerusalem she bought two pieces of property: the first at the gates of Gethsemane, and the second in the valley of Josaphat. At the second locale she built a tomb for the members of her family, and where also she herself was buried with Joachim. It was there in the Garden of Gethsemane that the Savior often prayed with His disciples. The most-pure body of the Mother of God was buried in the family tomb. Christians honored the sepulchre of the Mother of God, and they built a church on this spot. Within the church was preserved the precious funeral cloth, which covered Her all-pure and fragrant body.

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# Our Weekly Bulletin



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## Welcome to our Parish

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!  
 Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

### Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Week of July 25 to August 1, 2021

|                        |                             |                              |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, July 25</b> | 9th Sunday after Pentecost  | Rose Lutak<br>Happy Birthday |
| <b>July 26</b>         | No Liturgy                  |                              |
| <b>July 27</b>         | No Liturgy                  |                              |
| <b>July 28</b>         | No Liturgy                  |                              |
| <b>July 29</b>         | No Liturgy                  |                              |
| <b>July 30</b>         | No Liturgy                  |                              |
| <b>July 31</b>         | No Liturgy                  |                              |
| <b>Sunday, Aug 1</b>   | 10th Sunday after Pentecost | Michael Lutak                |

*If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.*

**9th Sunday After Pentecost  
Dormition of St. Anna**

1 Corinthians 3:9-47

Matthew 14:22-34

*Troparion (Tone 8)*

You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days for burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You.

*Troparion of Feast (Tone 4)*

O godly-minded Anna, you bore in your womb the pure Mother of God, who gave birth to Life. Rejoicing, therefore, in glory you have passed today to a heavenly inheritance, where those who exult have their dwelling. There you intercede for the forgiveness of sins of those who love you, O ever-blessed one.

Glory be...

*Kondakion of Feast (Tone 2)*

We feast the memory of the forebearers of Christ as with faith we beseech them to help us and rescue from every affliction those who cry out: Our God is with us, the God whose will it was to glorify them

Now and ever...

*Kondakion*

When You rose from the tomb, You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your resurrection, and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead, O most merciful One.

*Prokeimen*

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

*verse:* In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

*Alleluia*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Communion Verse*

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. (3)

## PARISH NEWS

**Weekly Collection** - July 18, 2021 - \$347.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Confessions** - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

**Vacation Bible School** - Vacation Bible School will begin tomorrow and run through Friday.

This year's theme: **Christ is Among Us**. The children will explore the Divine Liturgy and learn how to find Jesus and be with Him and worship Him. This is open to any school age child Kindergarten and up. Younger children may need to have a parent present if they should need help for any reason during Bible School.

**Potato Fest** - We will be participating in the 30th Potato Fest on September 25.

Donations to defray the costs will greatly be appreciated. This year, we will only be selling pyrohy, gobs and potato candy.

**Anniversary Celebration** - This October 3rd on the feast day of our parish we will celebrate our 95th Anniversary. A small event is in the planning. Kosta's is booked for 4:00PM.

Mark you calendars and save the date.

**Blessing of Vehicles**—Today, Fr. Andriy will bless vehicles following the Liturgy.

### Prayer List

**Parishioners:** Kathy Ott, Michael Yendzik, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family, Jeremiah Hunt

**Friends of the Parish:** Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Mark Prewitt, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Fr. Wolodymyr Woloszczuk, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Sherman family, the Williams family.

*To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.*

### Joke of the Day

One day a mother was out and the father was in charge of his 2 1/2 year old daughter. Someone had given her a "Tea Set" and it was one of her favorite toys. The dad was in the living room engrossed in a TV show when his daughter brought him a little cup of "tea", which was just water. After several cups and lots of praise for such yummy tea, the mom came home. The dad made her wait in the living room to watch her little girl bring a cup of tea to her dad. He said to his wife, "Isn't it just the cutest thing?" The wife waited, and sure enough, the girl walked down the hall with a cup of tea for daddy and she watched him drink it up. Then she said to her husband, "Did it ever occur to you that the only place that your daughter can reach to get water is the toilet?"