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*Welcome to our parish!*

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

## AUGUST 18, 2024

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TONE 7

Afterfeast of the Dormition

Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria

Martyrs Hermes, Serapion and  
Polyænus, of Rome

## MARTYRS FLORUS AND LAURUS OF ILLYRIA

The Martyrs Florus and Laurus were brothers by birth not only in flesh but in spirit. They lived in the second century at Byzantium, and afterwards they settled in Illyria [now Yugoslavia]. By occupation they were stone-masons (their teachers in this craft were the Christians Proclus and Maximus, from whom also the brothers learned about life pleasing to God). The prefect of Illyria, Likaion, sent the brothers to a nearby district for work on the construction of a pagan temple. The saints toiled at the structure, distributing to the poor the money they earned, while they kept strict fast and prayed without ceasing. Once, the son of the local pagan-priest Mamertin carelessly approached the structure, and a chip of stone hit him in the eye, severely injuring him. Saints Florus and Laurus assured the upset father, that his son would be healed. They brought the youth to consciousness and told him to have faith in Christ. After this, as the youth confessed Jesus Christ as the true God, the brothers prayed for him, and the eye was healed. In view of such a miracle, even the father of the youth believed in Christ. When the construction of the temple was completed, the brothers gathered the Christians together, and going through the temple, they smashed the idols. In the eastern part of the temple they set up the holy Cross. They spent all night in prayer, illumined with heavenly light. Having learned of this, the head of the district condemned to burning the former pagan priest Mamertin and his son and 300 Christians. The martyrs Florus and Laurus, having been sent back to the prefect Likaion, were thrown down an empty well and covered over with earth. After many years, the relics of the holy martyrs were uncovered incorrupt, and transferred to

Constantinople. In the year 1200 the Novgorod pilgrim Anthony saw them. Stephen of Novgorod saw the heads of the martyrs in the Pantokrator monastery around the year 1350.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Archpriest Matthew, Michelle, Larissa, Cristina, Jerry, Davide

CATECHUMEN: Brooke

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

BIRTHDAYS: Ruth and David Shoffner

### NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH SCHOOL: Please note that Church School will resume on Sunday, September 7. If you are interested in teaching, even once a month, please speak with Fr. A.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: Please note that our next Women's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, August 24, at 8:30am. Location TBA.

FALL TEEN RETREAT: The Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania is sponsoring a Fall Teen Retreat at Camp Halifax in Hebron, PA on October 18-20. The cost for this is \$200 per person but the Archdiocese of Washington will be providing either full or partial scholarships, depending on the number of our applicants. If you are interested, speak with Fr. Alessandro by August 30 or at your earliest convenience.

## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Aug 18, Sun  
9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

Aug 17, Sat  
8:30 AM  
5:00 PM  
6:00 PM

Men's Breakfast  
Great Vespers  
Choir Rehearsal

Aug 18, Sun  
9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

## MINISTRY ROTATIONS

**Aug 18**

**Aug 25**

*Coffee Hour:*

Class

Margheritino

*Reader:*

Easton

Barr

*Fr. Alessandro is available for Confession on Saturday after  
Vespers or by appointment*