

Parish Bulletin

Župni Vjesnik

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GOING TOWARDS OUR LADY IDEMO USUSRET GOSPI

St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Parish
Hrvatska katolička župa sv. Jeronima

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YEAR OF FAITH²⁰¹²
2013



GODINA VJERE²⁰¹²
2013

Mass schedule • Raspored misa

Saturday • Subota

5:30 p.m. English

Sunday • Nedjelja

7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. English

11 a.m. Hrvatski

Weekdays • Kroz tjedan

7:30 a.m. English

Posjeta bolesnicima – uvijek

Sick calls – at any time

Krštenja – po dogovoru

Baptisms – by appointment

Ispovijedi – pola sata prije mise

Confessions – before Masses

Vjenčanja – najaviti 6 mjeseci ranije

Weddings – arrange 6 months in
advance

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Hrvatski Katolički Radio

Glas župe sv. Jeronima

Subotom od 10 do 11 sati (750 AM)

Croatian Catholic Radio

Voice of St. Jerome's

Saturday, 10 to 11 a.m. on 750 AM

 Monday, August 12 - *Ponedjeljak, 12. kolovoza*

7:30 a.m.

PRO POPULO – For all Parishioners – *Za župljane*

7 p.m.

† John "ish" Botica *Gen*
 † Jeff Grybas *family*
 † Ilija Pavljašević *John and Carol Segvich*
 † Milan Žolo *obitelj Toromanović*
 † Luka Botica *John Zekich*
 † Samuel Biamonte *Bonnie*
 †† Frank and Margaret Lauric *family*
 †† Frank and Anna Bozinovich *family*
 †† Edward and Joseph Bozinovich *family*
 †† iz obitelji Čondić *Duško*
 †† of Michael Iozzo family *Terri and Sam Babich*
 Na nakanu *Mirko i Olga*

 Tuesday, August 13 - *Utorak, 13. kolovoza*

7:30 a.m.

†† of Segvich and Becich families *family*

7 p.m.

† John „Ish“ Botica *Gen*
 † Marty Kraslen *Ellen O'Donnell*
 † Ilija Pavljašević *Louis and Mary Scalise*
 † Alex Mohovich *Debbie and Mary*
 †† Carmen and Josephine Tarantino *daughter Cathy*
 †† Dujo and Frances Bakovich *daughter Ann*
 †† Petar and Ana Schurla *Pete and Sandy Schurla*
 †† Jeannie and Lydia *Giggie*
 †† Sam and Ann Scalise *Niece Rosemary*
 †† John, Carmella and Vivian *sister Ann Green*
 †† iz obitelji Čondić *Duško*
 Intentions of Perisin family *the Perisins*

 Wednesday, August 14 - *Srijeda, 14. kolovoza*

St. Maximilian Kolbe – *sv. Maksimilijan Kolbe*

7:30 a.m.

† Johnny Grubisic *Irene and John Grubisich*
 Na nakanu *Valeria Babić*

7 p.m.

† John „Ish“ Botica *Gen*
 † Joseph Amato *wife Cathy*
 † Maria Ann Gazzi *Gazzi family*
 † Zvonko Čabo *N. N.*
 † Jago Soldo *Nevenka i obitelj*
 † Mary Grace Zekich *Ken, Jan and John Zekich*
 †† Joe and Jean Zekich *Ken, Jan and John Zekich*
 †† Bob and Josie Hanson *Michelle and Brian*
 †† iz obitelji Čondić *Duško*
 †† of Babich family *Terri and Sam Babich*
 †† of Botica, Butera, Cannatello and Hanson families
 *Cannatello family*
 Na nakanu *Milenka Lišnić*

 Thursday, August 15 - *Četvrtak, 15. kolovoza*
 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
UZNESENJE BDM - VELIKA GOSPA

7:30 a.m.

† JoAnn Passarelli *sister Grace Birnberg*
 † John Segvich *wife Helen*

9:00 a.m.

† Fr. Marko Kozina, OFM *Carol and Frano Marasovich*
 † Anna Kuchan *family*
 †† Joseph and Millie Bogetich *family*
 †† of Peso family *family*
 †† of Radman family *family*
 †† of Mikicich family *family*
 †† of Velcich family *family*
 †† of Bozich and Čerina families *Vera and family*

High Mass (noon)

† Bariša Šipić *Ante Sipich*
 † John "ish" Botica *Ken, Jan and John Zekich*
 † Zvonko Čabo *Ken, Jan and John Zekich*
 † Ivan Babić *Valeria Babić*
 † Robert Jurlina *obitelj Jurlina*
 † Ante Mišura *Jakov i Milenka Bilonić i obitelj*
 † Blaž Bilonić *Jakov i Milenka Bilonić i obitelj*
 † Toše Vasilj *brat Andrija i obitelj*
 † Stipe Šušnjara *Dujo i obitelj*
 † Petar Komar *Komar family*
 † Steven Brajković *Debbie Kodzoman*
 †† Vice i Mara Čuvalo *Ante i Danica Čuvalo i obitelj*
 †† Luka i Iva Majić *Ante i Danica Čuvalo i obitelj*
 †† Mirko i Mara Kosir *Ivo Kosir i obitelj*
 †† Stipe i Matija Šušnjara *Dragica Karačić*
 †† iz obitelji Rogić *Marta Spahija i obitelj*
 †† iz obitelji Matijašević *Ante i Danica Čuvalo*
 †† iz obitelji Čondić, Utrobičić i Šupuk *Duško*
 †† of Krolo, Bajić, Kevo and Beritić families *Diane Krolo*
 Na nakanu *Milenka Lišnić*

7 p.m.

† Ante Mišura *brat Dane Mišura i obitelj*
 † Zvonko Čabo *Maria and Miriam Rodriguez*
 † Marin Cokarić *kći Nela*
 † Tomislav Hostićka *obitelj Hostićka*
 †† iz obitelji Zelić *Ante Zelić i obitelj*
 †† iz obitelji Brajković *Neva Zelić i obitelj*
 Na čast Gospe Sinjske *Ivanka Šušnjara*

 Friday, August 16 - *Petak, 16. kolovoza*

7:30 a.m.

† Catherine Halambek *obitelj Penavić*
 †† Toni and George DeFilippes *Ann Contino*

 Saturday, August 17 - *Subota, 17. kolovoza*

7:30 a.m.

† Norma Reyes *Pat Riley*
 † Marlene Carioto *Louis and Mary Scalise*
 5:30 p.m.
 † Joe Bozich *wife and family*
 † Vinka Turčinović *Rich and Jan Ferro*
 † JoAnn Passarelli *Frank and Luanne Munizzi*
 † Hrvoje Pečuvčić *Neda i Dada*
 †† Vinko and Stana Delich *Mary Fratto*
 †† of Milicevic family *family*
 †† of Thompson and Iozzo families *Iozzo family*

Sunday, August 18 - *Nedjelja, 18. kolovoza*
 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 20. NEDJELJA KROZ GODINU

7:30 a.m.
 † Joseph Locasto *wife and sons*
 † Anna Falco *Carmella Parilli*
 †† William and Mary Catizone *children and grandchildren*
 †† Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine and Jozo Čondić *Duško*
 9:30 a.m.
 † JoAnn Passarelli *Toni Zaninovich*
 † Jane Haptas *Rich and Jan Ferro*
 † John Kostovich *Louis and Mary Scalise*
 † Christ Balich *obitelj Hostička*
 † Davorka Cokarić *Nela*
 † Ann Sexauer *sister*
 11 a.m.
 † Ivan Grdić *Dujo Šušnjara*
 † Augustin Rodić *Mickey Rodich and family*
 † Marija Galović *suprug Ante*
 † fra Tomo Buljan *Luca Zeba i obitelj*
 † Ilija Pavljašević *Jozo i Milena Badrov*
 † May Lord *obitelj Drobinčić*
 † Karmila Knezović *Cathy Amato*
 † Ivan Lerotić *Dujo i Mirjana Šušnjara*
 † Ivan Cvitanović *Kata Žigniće*
 † Jure Dugandžić *brat Pero i obitelj*
 † Mara Bilonić *Jakov i Milenka Bilonić i obitelj*
 † Stipe Pervan *supruga i obitelj*
 † Franjo Crnković *Ljuba Pervan i obitelj*
 † Ivica Vaniš *Ivan i Iva Mišetić i obitelj*
 †† Rafael Rogić i Jerina Lišnić *Marta*
 †† Mate i Cvita Čuvalo *Karlo i Dragica Karačić i obitelj*
 †† roditelji i ostali iz obitelji Čuvalo
 *Karlo i Dragica Karačić i obitelj*
 †† iz obitelji Čondić *Duško*
 †† iz obitelji Matijević *Luca Zeba i obitelj*
 †† iz obitelji Puljić i Cvitković *Borko i Olga Puljić*

LECTORS - ČITAČI

5:30 p.m. – Joseph Magyar
 7:30 a.m. – Matthew Pesce
 9:30 a.m. – Kica DiVito
 11 a.m. – Mario Pehar, Ivan Jureta, Mario Ivančić

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
 IZVANREDNI POSLUŽITELJI SV. PRIČESTI

5:30 p.m. – Jan Ferro
 7:30 a.m. – Matthew Pesce
 9:30 a.m. – Rosemary Brcich
 11 a.m. – Tomica Šulentić

ALTAR SERVERS - MINISTRANTI

5:30 p.m. – Lucas Mizera, Michael Passarelli
 7:30 a.m. – Isabella Wroblewski, Olivia Wroblewski
 9:30 a.m. – Jasmine Esparza, Manuel Esparza, Natalia Ruich
 11 a.m. – Dominik Grgić, Luka Kosić, Emilijan Kosić,
 Kristijan Kosić, Darko Grgić Jr.

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Consider the variety of ways we use the word "service" to describe the work of different people. Those who work in government are said to have given themselves to public service. Members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines are all part of the armed services. Hotel and restaurant employees are said to work in the service industries, along with barbers, hair dressers, flight attendants, and entertainers, although it is a bit of a stretch to imagine folks like Jimmy Kimmel, Jay Leno, or Stephen Colbert in the same category as the hotel housekeeping staff. Every one of these service-oriented groups also has its caricature of the lazy, inefficient provider. There's the often joked about drivers' license examiner. And comedy skits about airline stewardesses or hotel maids abound. Yet all of these professions continue to distinguish themselves, despite the occasional "bad apple" that may turn up.

In the Gospel this Sunday Jesus makes it clear that a servant (that is, a believer) must be constantly vigilant. Peter asked directly, "Is the parable meant for us or for everyone?" Jesus did not answer him directly, but went on to add another parable describing the prudent, industrious servant and the lazy one.

We do not know when the Lord will return, and so we cannot rest on our laurels as though one good deed or one proclamation of the Gospel is enough. Yes, we have our employment, our family, our personal needs that we must attend to. But we are also servants of the Lord. When we get up in the morning, while we are preparing for the day and running through in our heads the list of everything we must accomplish that day, one of the things we can ask ourselves is, "What kind of a servant of God am I going to be today?" That can give us a sense of what can guide our actions as we work though the day.

TOWARDS VELIKA GOPSPA

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY - VELIKA GOPSPA - WILL BE CELEBRATED FOR THE 107TH TIME ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 15. Welcome to all who are returning year after year, as well as those who are coming for the first time.

- Today is our second Velika Gospa Raffle Early Bird drawing. The winners of last Sunday drawing were Drozd kids/Eleanore Drozd. Congratulations! The main drawing will be on August 15, at 10 p.m. Prizes are big: \$20,000 grand prize, \$5,000 second prize and 3 more \$1,000 prizes. If you need more tickets, stop by at the Parish Office. Proceeds from this Feast greatly helps our Parish and our School. Thank you for your participation and generous support!



- Today, August 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. there will be Rižot dinner, homemade bread, coffee and cake sponsored by Zumba and Walking Club.

- Our spiritual preparation (Novena) for the feast of Our Lady continues this evening. Rosary starts at 6:30 p.m. and Mass at 7 p.m. There will be a priest available for the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) from 6 p.m. and on. Come, bring your friends, your family and your intention for the Novena.

- FLOWERS. If you wish to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, please, see Louis and Mary Scalise, Ken and Jan Zekich, or Ivan and Vesna Jureta.

- FOOD ORDERS. If you wish to order a whole lamb or half a lamb, please, call our Parish Office. Order forms for other foods are in the lobby of the church.

- VISITING THE SICK. We would like to visit sick and homebound parishioners on Monday, August 12. Please, call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

- Blessing of the new Big Rosary, made by the Marian Society, will be on Monday, August 12, on the end of Novena Mass. This rosary will be carried in the Velika Gospa Procession.

- Please, join us in the School Hall on Tuesday, August 13, at 10 a.m., for preparation and cutting of vegetables that will be used for Velika Gospa lunch.

- Annual Velika Gospa Bake Sale will be on Tuesday, August 13. Baked goods include Povitica, Burek and Strudel. There will be coffee and other goods as well as T-shirts Sale.

- On the feast day, Wednesday, August 15, the Great Procession will begin at 10:15 a.m. in front of the church. Following the Procession, the Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Edvard Punda, a Spiritual Director in Archdiocesan Seminary in Split, Croatia.

• WE WELCOME ALL OUR GUESTS:

- Most Reverend Alberto Rojas, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago
- Fr. Edvard Punda OFM, Split (Croatia)
- Fr. Jerko Valković, Krk (Croatia)
- our local priests
- representatives of the Republic of Croatia:
- Jelena Grčić Polić, Consul General and staff of Consulate
- other guests and friends

- On the feast day, Wednesday, August 15, a movie about our parish "They Never Walked Alone" will be broadcast on the WTTW Prime (PBS) at 2 p.m.

ST. ROCCO 93RD ANNIVERSARY

St. Rocco will be celebrated on Sunday, August 18, with a 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Theresa Church and the traditional procession.

10TH VELIKA GOPSPA GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Sunday, August 18, we will have a Velika Gospa Golf Tournament for the 10th time. This event will be held at The Links at Carillon in Plainfield, IL. 18 holes shotgun style will be played. Dinner will be served with a special program. All are welcome. If you don't play golf, join us then for the banquet. The proceeds will go for a children in need. For reservations call Miro Planinić at 773-983-9818.

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY HILL, WI

Our annual pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians in Holy Hill, WI will be on Saturday, August 24. There will be a bus going from our parish. If you will like to join us on the bus, please, call our Parish Office.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR PARISHIONERS DOING WELL

St. Laurence High School

A Honor Roll Marco Rodriguez

LET US PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Alexander D. Mohovich, 62. Father of Nicole, Celina and Dominic Mohovich. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, August 8. May he rest in peace.

MAP "HISTORIC CROATIAN LANDMARKS OF CHICAGOLAND"

In our Parish Office you can find a new product of Maria Dugandžić-Pašić: a map "Historic Croatian Landmarks of Chicagoland" showcasing 33 interesting sites.

SAVE THE DATE

- Thursday, August 15
Velika Gospa
- Saturday, August 17
Croatian School Picnic
- Sunday, August 18
Velika Gospa Golf Tournament

USUSRET VELIKOJ GOSPI

PRIBLIŽAVA SE JOŠ JEDNA PROSLAVA MARIJINA UZNESENJA - VELIKE GOSPE, koju u našoj župi osobito častimo kao Čudotvornu Gospu Sinjsku.

- LUTRIJA. Danas je drugo izvlačenje. Dobitnici prošlotjednog izvlačenja su Drozd kids / Eleanore Drozd. Čestitamo! Glavno izvlačenje će biti 15. kolovoza, u 10 sati prijepodne. Prva nagrada je \$20,000, druga nagrada je \$5,000 a treća, četvrta i peta su po \$1,000. Dobitak od proslave Velike Gospe i ove lutrije uvelike pomaže našu župu i našu katoličku školu. Hvala na sudjelovanju.

- Tijekom godina ova župa je postala poznata po odazivu mnogih u pripremi i uspješnoj proslavi. Fra Stipe i ja (fra Ivica) očekujemo vašu podršku i ove godine, budući da je ovo prva naša godina u organiziranju ove veličanstvene proslave. Unaprijed vam srdačno zahvaljujemo na tome. Molimo, upišite se na listu na dnu crkve.

- RIŽOT. Danas, 11. kolovoza, od 5 do 7 sati navečer ćemo imati rižot, domaći kruh, kavu i kolače što će pripremiti Zumba i Walking Club.

- DEVETNICU nastavljamo večeras po rasporedu, kao i drugih dana. Krunica počinje u 6:30 a sv. misa u 7 sati navečer. Bit će prilike i za sv. ispovijed.

- CVIJEĆE. Ako želite darovati za cvijeće u spomen na svoje pokojne, javite se Louisu i Mary Scalis, Kenu i Jan Žekich, ili Ivanu i Vesni Jureta.

- NARUDŽBA HRANE. Ako želite naručiti pola ili cijelo janje, nazovite Župni ured.

- POSJET BOLESNICIMA. Planiramo posjetiti sve stare i bolesne u ponedjeljak 12. kolovoza. Molimo, javite nam da se dogovorimo za posjet.

- BLAGOSLOV NOVE VELIKE KRUNICE, koju su izradile članice Marijinog društva, bit će u ponedjeljak 12. kolovoza, na kraju devetnice i sv. mise. Ta krunica će se nositi u procesiji na Veliku Gospu.

- Pridružite nam se u Školskoj dvorani u utorak 13. kolovoza u 10 sati prije podne da bismo pripremili i povrće koje će se koristiti za ručak na Veliku Gospu.

- VELIKA PRODAJA KOLAČA će biti u utorak 13. kolovoza. Bit će izobilja povitice, bureka i štrudli, kave i ostalih slastica a moći će se nabaviti i prigodne majice.

- Na samu svetkovinu, u četvrtak 15. kolovoza, započet ćemo s procesijom u 10:15 sati prije podne. Sv. misa će početi kad se vratimo s Gospinom slikom u crkvu. Sv. misu će predvoditi don Fr. Edvard Punda, duhovnik u bogoslovnom sjemeništu u Splitu, u Hrvatskoj.



PIKNIK HRVATSKE ŠKOLE

Piknik Hrvatske škole će biti u subotu 17. kolovoza kod franjevačkog samostana na Drexelu. Piknik će početi u 10 sati prije podne. Bit će prilike za upis u novu školsku godinu. Također, djeca i odrasli će moći uživati u nogometu, bućanju i drugim sportovima, u lijepoj prirodi i ugodnome društvu. Ručak će biti 1 sat poslije podne.

10. HRVATSKI DOBROTVORNI GOLFSKI TURNIR *VELIKA GOSPA*

U nedjelju 18. kolovoza organizira se po deseti put Hrvatski dobrotvorni golfski turnir koji će se održati na The Links at Carillon u Plainfieldu, IL (21200 S. Carillon Dr.). Prijava počinje u 12:30 sati poslije podne. Igra kreće u 12:30 pa sve do 6 sati navečer. Nakon igre bit će svečana večera. Cijena je \$150 u što je uključeno igranje golfa, otvoreni bar, svečana večera i druženje. Ako ne planirate igrati golf, a želite nam se priključiti, možete nabaviti ulaznice (\$40) samo za večeru i druženje. Sav prihod će ići za pomoć siromašnoj djeci u Hrvatskoj i BiH.



HODOČAŠĆE NA HOLY HILL, WI

Godišnje hrvatsko hodočašće u svetište Gospe od Milosti na Holy Hill, WI će biti u subotu 24. kolovoza. Sv. misa će biti u 11 sati prije podne a Put križa te blagoslov u 2:30 poslije podne. Prijavite se u Župni ured ukoliko planirate ići s nama autobusom.

KONCERT TAMBURAŠKOG SASTAVA "DYACO"

Tamburaški sastav "Dyaco" i Gordana Ivanjek iz Hrvatske dolaze u Chicago u sklopu turneje Hrvatske bratske zajednice. Oni će nastupati u Hrvatskom kulturnom klubu u Jolietu, IL (1503 Clement St.) u petak 23. kolovoza s početkom u 7:30 sati navečer. Ulaz je \$20.

KARTA "HISTORIC CROATIAN LANDMARKS OF CHICAGOLAND"

Karta "Historic Croatian Landmarks of Chicagoland" Marije Dugandžić-Paišić prikazuje 33 najznačajnija povijesna hrvatska mjesta u Chicagu i okolici. Ovu kartu možete nabaviti u Župnom uredu.

TREBAMO UČITELJE HRVATSKOG JEZIKA

Hrvatska škola traži nove učitelje i učiteljice hrvatskog jezika. Nastava hrvatskog jezika se održava subotom od 8:30 sati ujutro do 12:15 sati poslije podne. Javite se članovima odbora Hrvatske škole ili izravno fra Ivici.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

On November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the 6th century. In following centuries the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However, by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names: Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption from at least the 5th or 6th century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Bible does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testament, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory. Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20 Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to belief in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

UZNESENJE MARIJINO

Posljednje u Marijinom životu kao i u životu svakog kršćanina je smrt. U Svetom pismu ne čitamo ništa o toj smrti, pokrivena je šutnjom. No, pobožnost se, od najranijih vremena, za to zanimala i ima nam što o tome pripovijedati. Najljepše svjedočanstvo ovog razmišljanja je svetkovina Marijina uznesenja koje se, također, naziva i Marijin odlazak kući. Tek u novije vrijeme stara misao o Marijinom uznesenju u nebo postala je službenim naukom Crkve. Time je ova časna vjernička misao čvrsto formulirana. Pri tome se, na poseban način, pazilo da se naglasi da je Marija u svojoj smrti dušom i tijelom, na čudesan način, uznesena u nebesku slavu. Što to sve znači?

Marija je trebala umrijeti, kao što je i Isus trebao umrijeti, kao što i svi mi trebamo umrijeti. Izgleda da je ona sasvim tiho išla na svoj zadnji put. Ali isto, trebamo znati da je ova smrt ispunjenje njezinog majčinskog i vjerničkog zajedništva s Isusom. Ona mu je bila blizu od začeca, preko rođenja do smrti. Ona mu je, na jedan nov način, bila blizu nakon njegova uskrsnuća. I bila je ispunjena njegovom blizinom, zajedno sa mladom Crkvom, po dolasku Duha Svetoga. U ovoj majčinskoj, vjerničkoj, Duhom ispunjenoj blizini, ona je ostala i u vlastitoj smrti. Ona je umrla s Isusom i u Isusovom Duhu svoj život položila u ruke Očeva. Tako je nju smrt vodila u Očevo srce.

Otac ju je uzeo, zajedno s Isusom i on ju je uzvisio kao Isusovu dragu majku i primio u svoje srce.

Kažemo, ona je uzvišena u nebo. Nebo je srce Božje ili svjetlo ili čista širina Očeva. Nebo je, također, zajednica sve djece Božje koja su našla mjesta u njegovom srcu. Kao što vidljivo nebo, na ovome svijetu, obuhvaća sve ljude, tako će, ali i još ljepše, nevidljivo nebo srca Božjega, obuhvatiti one koji mu pripadaju. Nebo je, naime, domovina svih ljudi, tajanstveno, široko mjesto svjetla, kojemu mi pripadamo, jer nam ga je Bog od početka namijenio. Zato smo, ovdje na zemlji, bez mira na putu.

Marija je ušla u domovinu, u domovinu svih nas, onda kad je umrla. To je bio odlazak Marije u domovinu, to je slika i našeg vlastitog odlaska u Domovinu.

