



**Sunday August 14, 2016 8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7.** Translation of the Relics of Ven. Theodosius of the Kiev Caves (1091). Forefeast of the Dormition. Prophet Micah (8th c. B.C.). Ven. Arcadius of Novotorzhk (11th c.). Hieromartyr Marcellus, Bishop of Apamea (ca. 389).

**This Week's Schedule**

*Tonight          Dormition Vespers 7:00 p.m.*

*Monday 8/15          Dormition Liturgy 9:00 a.m.*

*Saturday 8/20          Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.*

*Sunday 8/21 Hours 8:40 a.m*

***Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m***

*followed by coffee hour*

**Reader Schedule**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>EPISTLE</b>
Aug 14	L SULPIZI	SOUDERS	BRASOWSKI
Aug 15	<b><i>DORMITION</i></b>		
Aug 21	S BUNITSKY	K BUNITSKY	S BUNITSKY
Aug 28	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
Sept 4	A RILEY	J RILEY	J RILEY

## **Hymns and Prayers**

### **Tone 7 Troparion**

*(Resurrection)*

By Your Cross You destroyed death.  
To the thief You opened Paradise.  
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.  
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,  
to proclaim that You are risen,//  
granting the world great mercy.

### **Tone 4 Troparion**

*(Forefeast)*

Dance with joy, O peoples!  
Clap your hands with gladness!  
Gather today with fervor and jubilantion;  
sing with exultantion!  
The Mother of God is about to rise in glory,  
ascending from earth to heaven.//  
We ceaselessly praise her in song as truly Theotokos.

### **Tone 7 Kontakion**

*(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive,  
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.  
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:  
“The Savior has come to those in faith://  
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

### **Tone 4 Kontakion**

*(Forefeast)*

Today the universe dances with joy at your glorious memorial,  
and cries out to you, O Mother of God:  
“Rejoice, O Virgin, pride of Christians!”

### **Tone 7 Prokeimenon**

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His  
people with peace. *(Ps 28/29:11)*

*v: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!  
(Ps 28/29:1)*

## **Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

*Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*

*For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you.*

*Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ."*

*Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?*

*I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name.*

*Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other.*

*For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

### **Tone 7**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. (Ps 91/92:1)*

*v: To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. (Ps 91/92:2)*

### **Gospel Matthew 14:14-22**

*And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.*

*When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."*

*But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."*

*And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me."*

*Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He*

*blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.*

*So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.*

*Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.*

*Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.*

## **Communion Hymns**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **This Week's Announcements**

***Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos*** The feast commemorates her glorification and salvation in Jesus Christ. Fr. John Hopko says that, "the feast of the Dormition is the sign, the guarantee, and the celebration that Mary's fate is, the destiny of all those of "low estate" whose souls magnify the Lord, whose spirits rejoice in God the Saviour, whose lives are totally dedicated to hearing and keeping the Word of God which is given to men in Mary's child, the Saviour and Redeemer of the world". According to tradition, while in prayer, an angel appeared to the Theotokos telling her that she would leave this world. As a token and promise that her Son awaited, the angel gave her a branch with flowers from Eden. So on this day in honor of the greatest flower of womanhood, and the first to receive the promise of the awaiting kingdom, flowers are brought for blessing. We will celebrate this feast tonight with Vespers at 7:00 p.m. and Divine Liturgy tomorrow (Monday) at 9:00 a.m. We will also be blessing flowers and seed.

***Study Group to Begin!*** Our Study Group will begin on Thursday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m. with the study of "The Ladder of Divine Ascent." We will be reading together and discussing this spiritual masterpiece. All are welcome to join us!

***Parish Family Picnic Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>*** All are welcome to join us for a Parish Family Picnic on Sunday Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> following the Divine Liturgy. There will be food, drinks, and fun. We will also be celebrating the beginning of the church school year. Make plans to be with us!

**Reminder!** In and Out should not be the traffic pattern by the back door during services. Use the restroom before coming to church. You shouldn't need to get a drink of water during the service (especially if you are taking Communion!) - come to pray. It should go without saying that adults and teens should be able to hold their place for the entire service, without moving around or going in and out of the nave during the time of the service.

### ***Two Icons Full of Love***

The icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos, shows the Mother of God lying on her deathbed. Jesus Christ, surrounded by angels, tenderly holds her luminous soul which in His glory He has taken to Himself. Her face is serene, and she is surrounded by the apostles.

"Dormition" means "falling asleep." Saint Paul writes in I Thessalonians 4:13: "I do not want you to be ignorant concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others do who have no hope."

The icon of the Dormition shows the reason for hope. Death cannot have the final word, because Christ is taking His mother to heaven. The apostles are sad, but not prostrate with grief, because they know the fulfilled promise of the Lord. The angels in the icon show that those heavenly beings will be there for us, too.

The Festal hymns are also encouraging. The troparion and kontakion say that in her falling asleep, the Theotokos does not forsake the world but continues to pray for us. Just as Christ continues in His love for His mother, she is consistent in her loving concern for the world.

Today we remember the image of Christ "not made by hands." Its title comes from Mark 14:58—"I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands." John's Gospel records that "the temple He was speaking of was His body. After His resurrection His disciples recalled what He had said, and they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken" (John 2:20-1).

There are a few stories of how the image came to be. The one traditionally accepted by many sources is related in the Prologue from Ochrid: Prince Abgar of Edessa in Syria heard of Christ's miracles and healings. He sent a messenger to Palestine imploring Christ to come and heal his leprosy.

Rather than leave Palestine, Christ gave Ananias a cloth on which He had wiped His face, leaving a perfect impression. When Abgar kissed it, most of the leprosy fell away, and later when he received baptism from the apostle Thaddeus he was completely healed.

Abgar put the cloth in a gold frame and placed it at the entrance of the city of Edessa for people to venerate. Above it he wrote, "O Christ our God, everyone trusting in You shall not be put to shame."

When a grandson of Abgar fell into idolatry, believers hid the image to keep it from destruction. Centuries later, with the city under Persian attack, the Theotokos told the Bishop of Edessa where to find the long-forgotten icon.

He found it and processed around the city with it. The Persian army miraculously retreated.

Once again, the Theotokos did not forsake the world. Once again, the world was given a healing, loving image of Christ, Who is "the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15), the One who heals and loves us all.

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### **Wisdom from the Holy Fathers**

*"...In preparing for battle, do not think that you will always be victorious. Often there will be only hardship that will bring nothing but affliction. You will often see that with each desire to be careful, slips and blunders steal by and creep in. Know ahead of time that this is the way things are. You will encounter them, but do not be afraid. You are seeing all of this now beforehand; do not expect the life ahead to be anything other than one in the midst of all kinds of hostility, worries and misfortunes.*

*Provide yourself with only one thing, strong courage: no matter what happens, stay with what you have begun. This alone must now be established and set for life by commitment and by steadfast perseverance. No matter how life goes, whatever successes and failures there are, you should give all of this over to God's will."*

**St. Theophan the Recluse**  
**"The Spiritual Life"**

*'We carry about with us impassioned images of the things we have experienced. If we can overcome these images we shall be indifferent to the things which they represent. For fighting against the thoughts of things is much harder than fighting against the things themselves, just as to sin in the mind is easier than to sin through outward action.'*

***St. Maximos the Confessor***

*"Beloved Christians, you and your children shall appear at that Judgment of Christ, and you shall give account for them to the just Judge.*

*He will not ask you whether you have taught you children the arts or whether you have taught them to speak French, or German, or Italian, but whether you have taught them to live as Christians."*

***† St. Tikhon of Zadonsk***

*'He who is gentle in God's sight is wiser than the wise; and he who is humble in heart is stronger than the strong. For they bear the yoke of Christ with spiritual knowledge.'*

***St. Mark the Ascetic***

**Prayers for the Departed:** Irene Sulick, Elizabeth Walens, Harry Wujcik, Melanie Adomcio

**Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:** Fr. Vladimir Petorak, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Mat. Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Lemlem Resat, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Agnes Timchak, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, Maria Current, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke Wales, Nona Carey, Joseph Wojciechowski, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, , Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Caiton Tompkins, Michael Vannello, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, Alma Clothier, Rae Svecz, Andrew Kovolkavich, Pearl Minnich, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Carson, Stephen, Maria, Aiden, Peck Family, Harry Kutch, Stephanie Hojnicky

**Prayers for Women and the Children to be Born of Them:**  
Kristine

***Service Ministries***

<b>Date</b>	<b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>	<b><u>Service Duty</u></b>	<b><u>Church Cleaner</u></b>	<b><u>Library</u></b>
<b>14-Aug</b>	Sulpizi/ Skomorucha	Riley	Baldychev/ Shatley	Maloney
<b>21-Aug</b>	Elia/Gunersen/ Farrell	Sulpizi/ Finck	Hines	Lewis
<b>28-Aug</b>	Peck/ Wales	Hojnicki/ Souder	Sulpizi	Gundersen
<b>4-Sept.</b>	Hojnicki/Flynn/ Roberts	Sheeler/ Baldychev	Riley	Farrell

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>VESPERS and LITURGY</b>
Aug-14	Team Gabriel
Aug-15	DORMITION SHARED
Aug-21	Team George
Aug-28	Team Conover
Sept-4	Team Gabriel
Sept-11	Team George

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