



Sunday August 20, 2017 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Afterfeast of the Dormition. Prophet Samuel (11th c. B.C.). Hieromartyr Philip, Bishop of Heraclius, and with him Martyrs Severus, Memnon, and 37 soldiers in Thrace (3rd c.). Martyr Heliodorus (380).

This Week's Schedule

Saturday 8/26 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8/27 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by Coffee Hour

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6TH HOUR	EPISTLE
Aug 20	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	CAREY
Aug 27	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
Sep 03	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Sep 8	NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS		
Sep 10	SOUDER	LEWISCAREY	
Sep 14	ELEVATION OF THE CROSS		

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 2 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Tone 1 Troparion *(Dormition)*

In giving birth you preserved your virginity.
In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
You were translated to life O Mother of Life,//
and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Tone 2 Troparion *(Prophet Samuel)*

We celebrate the memory
of your prophet Samuel, O Lord;
through him, we beseech you:
“Save our souls!”

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with
You,//
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Prophet Samuel)*

You were a precious gift given to God before you conception.
You served Him like an angel from your infancy, O blessed one.
You were granted the charism to announce beforehand future things.
Therefore, we cry to you: “Rejoice, Samuel, Prophet of God and great
high priest.”

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Dormition)*

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,

who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.
For being the Mother of Life, //
she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

Tone 2 Prokeimenon

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.
(Ps 117/118:4)

v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.
(Ps 117/118:18)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (*Song of the Theotokos*)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
(Lk 1:46-47)

Epistle 1 Corinthians 9-2:12

If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

My defense to those who examine me is this:

Do we have no right to eat and drink?

Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?

Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working?

Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?

Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also?

For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about?

Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope.

If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things?

If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more?

Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

Tone 2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20:1)

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)

Tone2

v: Arise, O Lord, into Your resting place: You and the Ark of Your sanctification! (Ps 131/132:8)

Gospel Matthew 18:23-35

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.

The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'

Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'

So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'

And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.

So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done.

Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me.

Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'

And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Instead of "It is truly meet ..., " we sing:)

Tone 1

Refrain: The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

Heirmos: The limits of nature are overcome in you, O Pure Virgin: for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death; a virgin after childbearing and alive after death, you ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

(*Ps 115/116:13*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

Diocesan Women's Retreat A Women's Retreat, sponsored by the Department of Religious Education of the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern PA, will be held on Saturday, September 9, in the St. Tikhon's Monastery Dining Hall.

The topic for this year's retreat is: "Sisters on a Journey: Saints' Lives and Our Lives," presented by Mat. Valerie Zahirsky, chairman Orthodox Department of Christian Education, OCEC Representative, author of: "Encountering Women of Faith." The cost for the retreat is \$10 which includes lunch. It is open to all women 13 years and older.

FP School Supplies Collection Family Promise is collecting money for homeless children's "back to school" supplies. Will you please donate cash or check (to St. Michaels for family promise) in the basket after liturgy or during coffee hour? We'll use this to buy Walmart / Target gift cards to give to Family Promise children. Thank you for your kindness. see Ellen Gundersen with questions.

Upcoming Parish Picnic Please mark your calendars, we are planning on having our parish picnic on Sunday September 17th. We hope that

having the picnic after Labor Day the weather (God willing) will be a bit cooler and that more will be able to attend. Hope to see you there!

Choosing Martyrdom

This week we remember Saints Adrian and Natalia, a young married couple living in Nicomedia, part of the Roman Empire, in the early fourth century. Natalia was a Christian; her husband was not.

Visiting Nicomedia, the fiercely anti-Christian Emperor Maximian promised a reward to anyone willing to inform on Christians. Many people were willing to denounce their neighbors, and twenty-three believers hiding in a cave were informed on, captured, and tortured. Then they were brought before the Praetor or magistrate so that a scribe could record their names and statements.

Natalia and Adrian had been married for only a little over a year. But Adrian, at the age of 28, already had an important position as governor of the Praetorium. So, the tortured Christians were assembled before him, and he watched in astonishment as they not only kept their composure under questioning and threat, but refused to deny their faith. Finally Adrian felt compelled to challenge the Christians directly. He asked, "What do you hope for from this God of yours; what makes such suffering worthwhile?" The calm, sure answer came at once. The Christians declared that the rewards God is eager to bestow can hardly be imagined, let alone described.

Adrian's response reflects the day's Epistle reading: "Do not unite yourself with unbelievers; they are not fit mates for you. What has righteousness to do with wickedness? Can light consort with darkness?" (2 Corinthians 6: 14). He turned to the scribe and said, "Record my name with the rest. I too am a Christian."

No doubt Natalia had hoped that her husband would embrace the faith, but she would not have chosen these circumstances. Both of them were young, they had just begun a life together, and they were in love. What she did next would surprise many people, because she did not try to preserve her husband's life. Instead she urged him to martyrdom.

The Emperor, hearing of Adrian's action, said the young aristocrat must have lost his mind. But Natalia visited the prison and encouraged her husband, by now beaten and injured, to persevere to the end without losing heart, and never to doubt that the faith he had found was worth the price. Knowing that his determination might weaken if he saw others suffer, she even asked that her husband be first to be tortured to death. How many of us believe that there is nothing more important than preserving life, especially the life of young, healthy people with bright

futures? Would we give our lives for the faith? Would we urge our spouses, or perhaps our children, to do so? Could we explain to someone why some saints chose martyrdom?

We may never be called to do any of those things. But it's worth considering the next words from 2 Corinthians 6: "Can there be a compact between the temple of God and the idols of the heathen? And the temple of the living God is what we are."

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Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"The essence of sin consists not in the infringement of ethical standards but in falling away from the divine eternal life for which man was made and to which, by his very nature, he is called."

*Archimandrite Sophrony
"The Monk of Mt. Athos"*

'Obedience to the commandments is the resurrection of the dead, for by nature life follows upon virtue.'

St. Thalassios the Libyan

"We must not despair when we struggle and continuously see nothing but the slightest progress. We all do nearly nothing — some a little more, some a little less. When Christ sees our little effort, He gives us an analogous token; and so our "nearly nothing" becomes valuable, and we can see a little progress. For this reason we must not despair, but hope in God"

(Elder Paisios, 20th Century Staretz of Mt. Athos) [Sanctification]

Prayers for the Departed: Protodeacon Gregory Hatrack, Anwor Kawaja, William Hulik, Nabil

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, JamesHicks, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Michael Vannello, Catalina (Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Carson, George Coyle, Joanna Carey, Anthony, Nedwin & Pearl Minnich, Patricia, Ketevan, & Claramond Sensor, Beverly (Elizabeth) Hulik

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Elizabeth Clause, Mary (Misty) Robinson, Elizabeth Brasowski, Laura Cristina Najemy

Prayers for Catechumens: Stephanie Smiertka Riley

Prayers Newly Illumined/ Chrismated: Josephine Didonatos, Carolyn Peck, Johan Asfeha-Waters

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Clean</u>	<u>Library</u>
20-Aug	Pacienza/ George	Elia/Morjana	Hines	Lewis
27-Aug	Souder /Riley	Riley	Bunitsky	Gundersen
03-Sept	Pot Luck	Sulpizi/Finck	Farrell	Farrell
10-Sept	Peck / Wales	Hojnicki/Souder	Gerassimakis	Skomorucha
17-Sep	Parish Picnic	Sheeler/Baldychev	Clause/Whalen	Maloney

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Aug-20

Luke

Aug-27

Nicholas

Sep-03

Rafael

Sep-08

Roel (Nativity/Theotokos)

Sep-10

Roel