



**Sunday August 12, 2018 11th SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST — Tone 2.** Afterfeast of the  
Transfiguration. Martyrs Anicletus and Photius  
(Photinus) of Nicomedia, and many with them (305-306).  
Hieromartyr Alexander, Bishop of Comana (3rd c.).

**This Week's Schedule**

*Tuesday 8/14 Dormition Vespers 7:00 p.m.*

*Wednesday 8/15 Dormition of the Theotokos*

*Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.*

*followed by blessing of Flowers, Herbage, Seed*

*Saturday 8/18 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.*

*Sunday 8/19 Hours 8:40 a.m.*

*Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.*

*followed by coffee hour*

**Reader Schedule**

| <b><u>DATE</u></b> | <b><u>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</u></b> | <b><u>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</u></b> | <b><u>EPISTLE</u></b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Aug 12             | WALES                             | WALES                             | WALES                 |
| Aug 15             | DORMITION                         |                                   |                       |
| Aug 19             | SOUDER                            | SULPIZI                           | FINCK                 |
| Aug 26             | LEWIS                             | PECK                              | PECK                  |
| Sep 02             | RILEY                             | RILEY                             | RILEY                 |

## Hymns and Prayers

### **Tone 2 Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,  
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.  
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,  
all the powers of heaven cried out://  
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

### **Tone 7 Troparion**      *(Transfiguration)*

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,  
revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it.  
Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners,  
through the prayers of the Theotokos!//  
O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

### **Tone 4 Troparion**      *(for the Martyrs)*

Thy holy martyrs Anicetus and Photius, O Lord,  
through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee,  
our God.  
For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries,  
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//  
Through their intercessions, save our souls!

### **Tone 8 Troparion**      *(for St Maximus)*

Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship,  
enlightener of the universe and the adornment of the hierarchs:  
all-wise Father Maximus, thy teachings have gleamed with light upon  
all things.//  
Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

### **Tone 2 Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

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

**Tone 2 Kontakion**      (*St Maximus*)

Maximus, divinely inspired champion of the Church,  
sure and illumined exponent of Orthodoxy,  
harp and trumpet of godliness,  
divine and holy adornment of monks;//  
never cease to intercede for us all.

**Tone 7 Kontakion**      (*Transfiguration*)

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God,  
and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it;  
so that when they should behold Thee crucified,  
they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary,  
and would proclaim to the world//  
that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

**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 4 Prokeimenon**

O Lord, how manifold art Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all! (*Ps 103/104:24*)

**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?*

*Whoever 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 thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! (Ps 19/20:1)*

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

## **Tone 8**

*v: The heavens art Thine; the earth also is Thine. (Ps 88/89:11)*

## **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:)***

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!

Thy childbearing was without corruption;  
God came forth from thy body clothed in flesh,  
and appeared on earth and dwelt among men. //  
Therefore we all magnify thee, O Theotokos.

### **Communion Hymns**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)  
O Lord, we will walk in the light of Thy countenance, and will exult in Thy name forever. (*Ps 88/89:15b*)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### ***This Week's Announcement***

***Dormition Fast and Feast*** Every year the Orthodox Church sets aside the first fourteen days of August in honor of the Virgin Mary. This fast period begins on August 1st and peaks on August 15th, when the Church gathers to celebrate the great feast of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos. We will celebrate the feast Tues. Aug 14<sup>th</sup> with Great Vespers 7:00 p.m. and Wed. Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. On this feast we traditionally bless fragrant herbage, flowers, and seed. Please be attentive to this final major feast of the liturgical year!

***Welcome Newly Chrismated*** Last evening we welcomed into the Church Rebecca (Ruby) Mackenzie by the Sacrament of Holy Chrismation. May

God grant the newly chrismated Rebecca, her sponsors, and family many blessed years!

***Upcoming Family Promise*** St. Michaels will co-host Family Promise the week of Sept. 2nd. Will you please sign up on the board to cook, serve & provide hospitality at St. Philips Lutheran Church, 5320 Limestone Road, Wilmington on these days: Monday, Sept. 3, Tuesday, Sept. 4 & Thursday, Sept. 6th. Contact Ellen Gundersen at 610.388.0695 or email at ellengundersen5@gmail.com. These families need and appreciate your compassion and understanding.

### ***Godly Grief and Worldly Grief***

*In II Corinthians 7: 1-10 Saint Paul expresses his joy at being reconciled with the believers who belong to the church in Corinth.*

*There had been a serious breach between Paul and the Corinthian Christians. When a member of the church leveled false accusations against him, some of the other members sided with the accuser, causing Paul great pain not only personally but also because of his concern for the salvation of anyone who would take part in slander.*

*Now, however, the accuser has repented and has been punished by the majority of the church's members in some way that isn't described. It was apparently not the most serious punishment they could have meted out, since other members wanted to impose a more severe penalty on him.*

*But Paul has shown his loving and generous heart by advising the Corinthians now to "turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow" (2:6).*

*It has been an unpleasant period for Paul. He writes of being "afflicted at every turn—fighting without and fear within" (7:5). The "fighting" probably refers to difficult confrontations not only with pagans but with some in the Macedonian churches. The inner "fear" refers to his uncertainty about the Corinthians. He had written them a "stern letter" about the accusations against him, and is not sure how they have taken it. We see that, like many of us, Paul is not always sure he has done the right thing. He says, "For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it (though I did regret it), for I see that that letter grieved you..." (7: 8).*

*Paul's momentary regret at having written the letter is overcome by his love and care for the Corinthians. He is relieved and glad that the church members want reconciliation, but rejoices even more that the letter did what he hoped it would: it "grieved" them in a way that led to*

*repentance. Here Paul writes about the distinction between godly grief and worldly grief.*

*Godly grief leads us to realize we have sinned not just against other people, but against God. We put ourselves under judgment, we repent, and then we can turn from the sin we now hate and trust God to guide us and forgive us. This grief enables us, like the Corinthians, to be reconciled with everyone.*

*Worldly grief makes us regret our sin because it pains us—it brings us punishment, or upsets our life. We don't recognize that in sinning we are opposing and rejecting God, and so we work to escape the pain, but not to turn toward God.*

*Paul could hardly be more blunt about the difference between the two kinds of grief. Worldly grief leads, quite simply, to death. But godly grief, the kind he was so happy to see in the Corinthians, "produces a repentance that leads to salvation and brings no regret" (7: 10).*

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

*“Through the Holy Spirit comes our restoration to paradise, our ascension into the kingdom of heaven, our return to the adoption of sons, our liberty to call God our Father, our being made partakers of the grace of Christ, our being called children of light, our sharing in eternal glory, and, in a word, our being brought into a state of all “fulness of blessing,” both in this world and in the world to come, of all the good gifts that are in store for us, by promise hereof, through faith, beholding the reflection of their grace as though they were already present, we await the full enjoyment.”*

+ *St. Basil the Great*

**Prayers for the Departed:** Mat. Mary Dirga, Maria Proch, Mark Gundersen, John Berket, Anthony Greer, George Sarmousakis, Alfred Mokhiber

**Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:** Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Dimitry Perez, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Benjamin, Patrica, Lubov, Stephanie Hojnicky, Anastacia Sarmousakis, Ioana

**Prayers for Women and the Child to be born:** Stephanie Riley, Catalina Mary Finck

| <b>Date</b>   | <b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b> | <b><u>Service Duty</u></b> | <b><u>Church Clean</u></b> | <b><u>Library</u></b> |
|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>12-Aug</b> | Sulpizi/Skomorucha        | Hojnicki/Souder            | Bunitsky                   | Lewis                 |
| <b>19-Aug</b> | Peck/Wales                | Telep/Baldychev            | Farrell                    | Gundersen             |
| <b>26-Aug</b> | O. Arshinova and Julia    | Bunitsky/Lewis             | Hines                      | Farrell               |
| <b>2-Sep</b>  | POT LUCK                  | Elia/Morjana               | Clause/Whale               | Skomorucha            |
| <b>9-Sep</b>  | Najemy/Kendall/Baldychev  | Riley/Riley                | Finck                      | Maloney               |