



**Sunday September 9, 2018 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6.** Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Uncovering of the Relics of St. Theodosius, Archbishop of Chernigov (1896). Sunday before Elevation. Holy and Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna. Martyr Severian of Sebaste (320). Ven. Joseph, Abbot of Volótsk (1515). Ven. Theophanes the Confessor and Faster, of Mt. Diabenos (ca. 300). Martyrs Chariton and Straton. (431).

**This Week's Schedule**

Thursday 9/13 *Eve of Elevation of the Holy Cross*

*Great Vespers 7:00 p.m.*

Friday 9/14 *Elevation of the Holy Cross*

*Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.*

Saturday 9/15 *Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.*

Sunday 9/16 *Hours 8:40 a.m.*

*Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.*

*followed by Parish Picnic & Church School Molieben*

**Reader Schedule**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>EPISTLE</b>
Sep 09	SOUDER	LEWIS	CAREY
Sep 14	ELEVATION OF THE CROSS		
Sep 16	WALES	WALES	WALES
Sep 23	SULPIZI	SOUDER	PECK
Sep 30	RILEY	LEWIS	FINCK

## Hymns and Prayers

### **Tone 6 Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;  
the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Your grave,  
seeking Your most pure body.  
You took captive hell, //  
not being tempted by it.  
You came to the Virgin, granting life. //  
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

### **Tone 4 Troparion**      *(Nativity of the Theotokos)*

Your nativity, O Virgin,  
has proclaimed joy to the whole universe!  
The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God,  
has shone from you, O Theotokos.  
By annulling the curse,  
He bestowed a blessing. //  
By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

### **Tone 1 Troparion**      *(Joachim and Anna)*

Since you were righteous under the law of grace, O Joachim and Aнна,  
you gave birth to the God-given infant for our sake.  
Therefore, the divine Church radiantly keeps feast today,  
Joyfully celebrating your honorable memory and giving ^glory to God, //  
Who has raised up a horn of salvation from the house of David.

### **Tone 6 Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

When Christ God the Giver of Life,  
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,  
He bestowed resurrection on the human race. //  
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

### **Tone 2 Kontakion**      *(Joachim and Anna)*

Aнна is now no longer barren  
and nurses the All-Pure One.  
She rejoices and calls us all to sing a hymn of praise to Christ, //

Who from her womb gave mankind the only ever Virgin Mother.

**Tone 4 Kontakion**     *(Nativity of the Theotokos)*

By your nativity, most pure Virgin,  
Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness,  
Adam and Eve -- from the corruption of death.  
And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and  
sing to you://  
“The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of  
our Life.”

**Tone 6 Prokeimenon**

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance! (*Ps 27/28:9*)

*v: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps 27/28:1)*

**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** Galatians 6:11-18 (*Sunday before the Elevation*)

*See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!  
As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would  
compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution  
for the cross of Christ.*

*For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to  
have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.*

*But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

*For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails  
anything, but a new creation.*

*And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon  
them, and upon the Israel of God.*

*From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of  
the Lord Jesus.*

*Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.*

## **2 Corinthians 4:6-15**

*For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

*But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.*

*We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;*

*persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed –*

*always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.*

*For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.*

*So then death is working in us, but life in you.*

*And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you.*

*For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.*

### **Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v. I have exalted one chosen out of My people. (Ps 88/89:20)*

*v: For My hand shall defend him and My arm shall strengthen him.  
(Ps 88/89:22)*

### **Tone 8**

*v: Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear! (Ps 44/45:10)*

### **Gospel John 3:13-17 (Sunday before the Elevation)**

*No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.*

*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,*

*that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

*For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

### **Matthew 22:35-46**

*Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying,*

*“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”*

*Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’*

*This is the first and great commandment.*

*And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’*

*On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”*

*While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “The Son of David.”*

*He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying:*

*‘The LORD said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool’?*

*If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son?”*

*And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.*

***(Instead of “It is truly meet ...,” we sing:)***

### **Tone 8**

Magnify, O my soul, the most glorious birth of the Mother of God!

Virginity is foreign to mothers;  
childbearing is strange for virgins.

But in you, O Theotokos, both were accomplished./

Therefore all we nations of the earth unceasingly magnify you.

### **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***

***Elevation of the Holy Cross*** The second major feast of the church year is the Elevation or Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Truly, the Nativity of the Theotokos is seen as the beginning of our salvation, and the Cross is seen as the culmination of our salvation. By Christ's death on It, our salvation was accomplished. Mary is also closely associated with the Cross, for she was the mystical paradise in whom the Tree of Life sprouted; this Tree of Life, Christ our Savior, then planted on earth the life-creating Tree of the Cross (from the Feast). And as He suffered and died on the Life-giving Tree of the Cross, so too we are called upon to take up our own crosses on our shoulders and to die daily for the sake of Him Who died for us. We will celebrate with Great Vespers on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Divine Liturgy Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Join us!

***Calling all Church School Teachers*** We are looking for volunteers, teachers, and substitutes for the upcoming 2018-19 church school year. All those interested in helping with church school please see Fr. Barnabas. Our church school will kick off with our parish picnic on Sunday Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. The Moliben for the beginning of church school will be offered as others prepare and set up for the picnic.

***Upcoming Parish Picnic*** We are planning to have our annual parish picnic on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Once again, this year 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!

***Royal Saints & Tea*** On Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> we will host a Royal Saints & Tea at 10 am. Everyone is welcome. We will learn about several Royal Saints & Families & our Royal Priesthood prior to Tea. You may come dressed as princes & princesses. Parents are especially encouraged to participate as a special princess guest joins us after tea. Please see me Catalina Finck for more details.

***Study Group to Begin*** Please mark your calendars for the start of our Thursday Study Group. Our Study group will resume this Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. We will be reading and discussing the Gospel of St. Matthew with commentary from the holy fathers. All are welcome to join us!

***Family Promise*** We are very grateful and thank all you for your continued ministry to Family Promise. It was another job well done. Thank also you to Ellen Gundersen for taking the lead in this ministry!

***Wisdom from the Holy Fathers***

*Intimacy with the Lord is not a matter of physical kinship; rather, it is achieved by cheerful readiness to do the will of God.*

*St. Basil the Great*

*No one draws closer to a knowledge of the truth than he who has advanced far in the knowledge of divine things, and yet knows that something always remains to be discovered.*

*St. Leo the Great*

*Prayer purifies us, reading instructs us. ... If a man wants to be always in God's company, he must pray regularly and read regularly. When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us.*

*St. Isidore of Seville*

*Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.*

*St. John Chrysostom*

**Prayers for the Departed:** *Mat. Mary Dirga, Maria Proch, Mark Gundersen, John Berket, 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 Hojnicki, 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 Cleaner</u></b>	<b><u>Library</u></b>
<b>9-Sep</b>	Najemy/Kendall	Riley/Riley	Finck	Maloney
<b>16-Sep</b>	<b>Parish Picnic</b>	Sulpizi/Finck	Skomorucha/Lewis	Lewis
<b>23-Sep</b>	Oberto/Peck	Hojnicki/Souder	Peck/Peck	Gundersen
<b>30-Sep</b>	Finck	Telep/Baldychev	Baldychev/Shatley/S	Farrell
<b>7-Oct</b>	POT LUCK	Bunitsky/Lewis	Suplizi	Skomorucha