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Sunday August 18, 2019 9th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST – Tone 8. Afterfeast of the
Dormition. Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria
(2nd c.). Martyrs Hermes, Serapion and Polyænus, of
Rome (2nd c.). Hieromartyr Emilian and with him
Martyrs Hilarion, Dionysius, and Hermippus (4th
c.). Ss. John (674) and George (683), Patriarchs of
Constantinople Ven. Macarius, Monk Repose of Ven.
John, Abbot of Rila (946). Ven. Sophronius of St.
Anne’s Skete (Mt. Athos). Ven. Arsenios of Paros
(1877).

This Week Schedule

Wednesday 8/21 Little Angels 9:30 a.m.

Saturday 8/24 Great Vespers 6: 00 p.m.*

Inquirers/Basics Class 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 8/25 Hours 8:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by Coffee Hour

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Aug 18	SKOMORUCHA	PECK	PECK
Aug 25	J PECK	SULPIZI	FINCK
Sep 01	SULPIZI	DORAZIO	CAREY
Sep 08	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 8 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, 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 4 Troparion *(Martyrs Florus and Laurus)*

Let us praise as is meet, you faithful,
the most comely, radiant and divinely wise martyrs:
Most blessed Florus and all venerable Laurus,
who proclaimed to all the uncreated Trinity.
Suffering unto bloodshed,
they were adorned with brilliant crowns.//
Entreat Christ our God to save our souls!

Tone 8 **Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected
Adam.
Eve exults in Your Resurrection,
and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly
Merciful One!

Tone 8 **Kontakion** *(Martyrs Florus and Laurus)*

Today all the world honors in glory the divinely wise Florus and
Laurus as pious martyrs who suffered for Christ.
Through their prayers may we receive grace and mercy
and be delivered from calamity and temptation, and from wrath and

sorrow on the Day of Judgment!

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 8 Prokeimenon (*Resurrection*)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)

v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)

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 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

*For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are
God's building.*

*According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise
master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it.
But let each one take heed how he builds on it.*

*For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid,
which is Jesus Christ.*

*Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious
stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the
Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire
will test each one's work, of what sort it is.*

*If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a
reward.*

*If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be
saved, yet so as through fire.*

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v : Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps 94/95:1)

v : Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps 94/95:2)

Tone 2

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

Gospel Matthew 14:22-34

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.

And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

*And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"
And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying,
"Truly You are the Son of God."
When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.*

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

Next Week's Vespers at 6 P.M. Just a reminder our Vespers service will begin at 6 p.m. next Saturday (8/24). Confessions will be available at 5 p.m. and our Basics Class will also shift to 7p.m. Thanks for your cooperation.

FAMILY PROMISE: St. Michaels volunteers will again serve meals to homeless families on Monday, 9/2 (Labor Day), Tuesday 9/3 and Thursday 9/5 at St. Philips Lutheran Church. Please volunteer to share our Lord's compassion and love with them and sign up on poster board in

the narthex. For questions talk with Ellen Gundersen or email: ellengundersen5@gmail.com.

Upcoming Parish Picnic We are planning to have our annual parish picnic on Sunday, September 1st. There will be food, drinks, and fun. Please see Julianna Peck for ways to help. We hope to see you all there!

Inquirer's/ Basics of Orthodoxy Class Fr. Barnabas will be offering an Inquirer's/Basics of Orthodoxy Class on Saturday evenings. The class will meet Saturday evenings following Vespers at 6:00 p.m. Any who are interested in finding out more or who are interested in becoming Orthodox should try to attend.

Study Group to Begin Please mark your calendars for the start of our Thursday Study Group. Our Study group will resume on Thursday, September 12th at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us!

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."

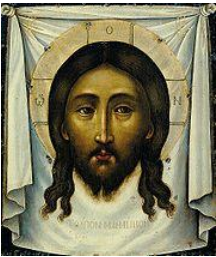
The icon of the Dormition shows the reason for hope. Death cannot have the final word, because Christ is taking His mother to heaven. The apostles are sad, but not prostrate with grief, because they know the fulfilled promise of the Lord. The angels in the icon show that those heavenly beings will be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

The hymns for the feast of the icon 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.

Mark 14:58 reads: "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands." This is the source of the title of the icon "Not Made by 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 icon's image came to be. The one traditionally accepted by many sources is related in the "Prologue from Ochrid." We read that 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.

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"In the end times a man will be saved by love, humbleness and kindness. Kindness will open the gates of Heaven; humbleness will lead him into Heaven; a man, whose heart is filled with love, will see God."

- St. Gabriel of Georgia, Confessor and Fool for Christ, a Georgian Orthodox monk venerated for his dedicated monastic life and piety (1929-1995)

Prayers for the Departed: Peter Melnik, Michael Sinovich, Marie Karawulan, Virginia Sekerak Marie Holowatch,, David Rex

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Archbishop Nikon, Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jan Kozak, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Lubov Baldychev, Stephanie Hojnicky, Laura Cristina Najemy, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
18-Aug	Riley/Souder	Hojnicky/Souder	Skomorucha/Lewis Kiflemarian	Maloney
25-Aug	Pacienza/George/Grishin	Telep/Baldychev	S. Peck	Gundersen
1-Sep	J. Peck/Weins	Bunitsky/Morjana	N Carey	Farrell
8-Sep	Hojnicky/Flynn/Roberts	Riley/Riley	Hines	Skomorucha
15-Sep	Gerissimakis/Bunitsky	Sulpizi/Finck	Baldychev/Shatley/	Maloney

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Parish Picnic (Church New Year) Sept. 1st

Nativity of the Theotokos Sept. 8th

Elevation of the Holy Cross Sept. 14th