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*Sunday August 22, 2021 9th SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST – Tone 8. Afterfeast of the Dormition.*

*Martyr Agathonicus of Nicomedia and his companions:*

*Martyrs Zoticus, Theoprepus, Acindynus, Severian, Zeno,  
and others who suffered under Maximian (4th c.).*

*Hieromartyr Athanasius, Bishop of Tarsus in Cilicia, Ven.*

*Anthusa – Nun, and her servants, Martyrs Charesimus and  
Neophytus (3rd c.). Virgin Martyr Eulalia of Barcelona and  
the Martyr Felix (ca. 303).*

### *This Week's Schedule*

*Saturday 8/28 Great Vespers 5: 00 p.m.*

*Sunday 8/29 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Hours 8:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.*

*Followed by Coffee Hour*

*\*Please Note Services will also stream Online\**

### *Reader Schedule*

<u><i>DATE</i></u>	<u><i>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</i></u>	<u><i>6<sup>th</sup> Hour</i></u>	<u><i>EPISTLE</i></u>
Aug 22	WOJCIECHOWSKI	PECK	PECK
Aug 29	VOJACSEK	SKOMORUCHA	CAREY
Sep 05	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY

## *Hymns and Prayers*

### **Tone 8 Troparion**     *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!  
Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//  
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

### **Tone 1 Troparion**     *(Dormition)*

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity.  
In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos.  
Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life,//  
and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

### **Tone 4 Troparion**     *(St. Agathonicus)*

Thy holy martyr Agathonicus and his companions, 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 intercession, save our souls!

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

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.  
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,//  
and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful  
One!

### **Tone 1 Kontakion**     *(St. Agathonicus)*

Having received the good calling, O divinely wise one,  
thou didst abandon the cult of evil men, not fearing their tortures, O  
glorious Agathonicus.  
Therefore, thou hast inherited good things//  
and worthily received the incorruptible crown with thy fellow martyrs.

### **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. 75:10a*)

*V. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)*

**Tone 3 Prokeimenon** (*Song of the Theotokos*)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced 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. 94:1)*

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

**Tone 8**

V. *Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest, Thou and the Ark of Thy sanctification! (Ps. 131:8)*

**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:)***

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.

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

### **Communion Hymn**

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. 115:4*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

***A New Priest to Arrive*** Fr. Barnabas and family will be taking a leave from St. Michael's and retreat from full time ministry. Their last Sunday will be August 29<sup>th</sup>. To make sure St. Michael's continues to have a full uninterrupted cycle of services a new priest has been assigned. Our new priest Fr. Silouan Burns, "Madre" Emilia, and family will be arriving later this week! Please be sure to give them the help and support they need as they begin their new ministry in Wilmington.

We want to thank everyone for their prayers, support and help during this rapid transition.

***Upcoming Feasts*** Nativity of the Theotokos We will celebrate the first major feast of the new church year with the Nativity of the Theotokos (Sept. 8). The feast honors the birth of the Mother of God and the salvation that comes through her Son.

The second major feast of the new church year is the Elevation or Exaltation of the Holy Cross. 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 strongly 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.

### Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

*We have within us deeply rooted weaknesses, passions, and defects. This can not all be cut out with one sharp motion, but patience, persistence, care and attention. The path leading to perfection is long. Pray to God so that he will strengthen you. Patiently accept your falls and, having stood up, immediately run to God, not remaining in that place where you have fallen. Do not despair if you keep falling into your old sins. Many of them are strong because they have received the force of habit. Only with the passage of time and with fervor will they be conquered. Don't let anything deprive you of hope.*

*St. Nectarios of Aegina, Path to Happiness, 3*

*"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"*

*"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)*

*...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"*

*"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: Newly Departed Pearl Minnich***

***Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Daniel Kovalak, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke Wales, Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, Stephanie Hojnicky, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik, Alexandra Grishin, Sam Sylvest, Paula Daubert, Elizabeth Clause, Jamie Clause, David Telep, Ned Minnich, Jessica Bunitsky, Ellen Gundersen***

***Prayers for Catechmens, Kendreia Rhine***

<b>Date</b>	<b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>	<b><u>Service Duty</u></b>	<b><u>Church Cleaner</u></b>
<b>22-Aug</b>	Wojciechowsk/Dorazio	Hojnicky/Najemy	Farrell
<b>29-Aug</b>	Clause	Telep/Baldychev	Hines
<b>5-Sep</b>	Riley	Bunitsky/Morjana	Clause/Whalen
<b>12-Sep</b>	C. Peck	Riley/Riley	Schomar/Ashton/ Wojcie

***Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind***

***Church New Year.....Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>***

***Nativity of the Theotokos.....Sept. 8***

***Elevation of the Holy Cross.....Sept. 14***