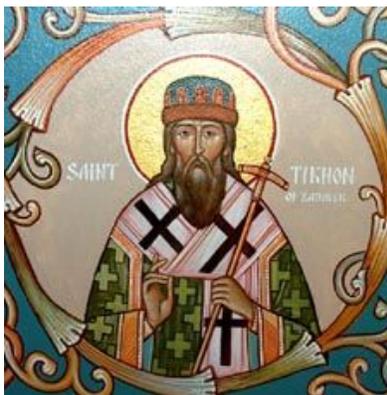




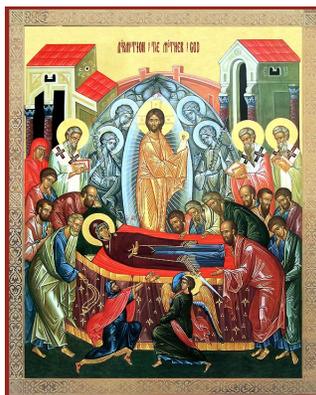
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**12th Week after Pentecost**

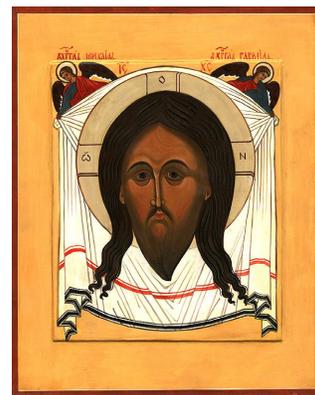
**Monday, August 24 — Sunday, August 30, 2020**



***Saint Tikhon, Bishop of Voronezh, Wonderworker of Zadonsk and All Russia***



***The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary***



***Translation of the Image "Not-Made-By-Hands" of our Lord Jesus Christ from Edessa to Constantinople***

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## ~ A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN ~

The glory of the Transfiguration illuminates our hearts, minds and souls. It is a peek at the promise that awaits us. Our Lord shows the Apostles a glimpse of what will come once they are truly converted. At the end of the Gospel of St. John, our Lord asks Peter, “Lovest thou Me more than these?” Peter answers, “Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I Love Thee.” Jesus says, “Feed my sheep.” (St. John 21:15-16). Our responsibility is to feed His sheep. In order for a human soul to do that, they must first deny themselves and follow Him. In Baptism, we die to this world and are reborn. Once we are reborn, we live our life to fulfill His Commandments. This means to Love God and to Love our neighbors. To love means to forgive and pray for the souls of everyone. We should pray in each moment, as our lungs breathe in and breathe out, the prayer, “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.” When we pray this prayer, the darkness recedes from us as it burns the demons. It allows us to see clearly. Let us rejoice as we approach the Dormition of the Mother of God, who is the greatest example of following Christ’s Commandments. In this Feast we conclude the Great Feasts of the year and prepare to embrace the new year.

Glory to Jesus Christ; Glory forever!

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## ~ “TWITTER SUMMARY” ~

### ***The main points from Sunday’s sermon, in 280 characters or less!***

We want God to forgive us, but we do not always forgive others. There was once a man who wanted to be a monk on the Holy Mountain, but was rather slothful in his practice. As he lay dying, he seemed very joyous. When asked why he was unconcerned with his pending judgement, he explained that God will judge him with the measure that he’d judged others, and he had never judged anyone.

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**~ THOUGHTS FOR EVERY DAY ~**

*Scripture and liturgical readings to enrich your prayer life every day of the week*

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| <p align="center"><b>~ MONDAY~</b><br/><b>(8/24)</b></p> <p><b>Holy Scripture:</b><br/>2 Corinthians 5:10-15<br/>Mark 1:9-15</p> <p><b>Excerpt from the Menaion:</b><br/><b>Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus,</b><br/><b>Troparion, in Tone IV —</b><br/>In his suffering, O Lord,/ Thy martyr Euplus received an imperishable crown from Thee, our God;/ for, possessed of Thy might,/ he set at nought his tormenters, and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons.// Through his supplications, save Thou our souls.</p> <p><b>Commemoration of the Day:</b><br/>Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus of Catania (304)</p>   | <p align="center"><b>~ TUESDAY~</b><br/><b>(8/25)</b></p> <p><b>Holy Scripture:</b><br/>2 Corinthians 5:15-21<br/>Mark 1:16-22</p> <p><b>Excerpt from the Menaion:</b><br/><b>Martyrs Anicetus and Photius,</b><br/><b>Troparion, in Tone IV —</b><br/>In their sufferings, O Lord,/ Thy martyrs received imperishable crowns from Thee our God;/ for, possessed of Thy might,/ they set at nought the tormentors and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons.// By their supplications save Thou our souls.</p> <p><b>Commemoration of the Day:</b><br/>Martyrs Anicetus and Photius (Photinus) of Nicomedia (305)</p> |
| <p align="center"><b>~ WEDNESDAY~</b><br/><b>(8/26)</b></p> <p><b>Holy Scripture:</b><br/>2 Corinthians 6:11-16<br/>Mark 1:23-28</p> <p><b>Excerpt from the Menaion:</b><br/><b>St. Tikhon, bishop of Voronezh,</b><br/><b>Troparion, in Tone VIII —</b><br/>From thy youth thou didst love Christ, O blessed one; and thou wast an example unto all by word, life, love, spirit, faith, purity and humility. Wherefore, thou hast made thine abode in the heavenly mansions, where, standing before the throne of the All-holy Trinity, do thou pray that our souls be saved, O holy hierarch Tikhon.</p> <p><b>Commemoration of the Day:</b><br/>St. Tikhon (Tychon), bishop of Voronezh, wonderworker of Zadonsk and All Russia (1783)</p> | <p align="center"><b>~ THURSDAY~</b><br/><b>(8/27)</b></p> <p><b>Holy Scripture:</b><br/>2 Corinthians 7:1-10<br/>Mark 1:29-35</p> <p><b>Excerpt from the Menaion:</b><br/><b>Forefeast of the Dormition, Troparion, in Tone IV —</b><br/>Leap up in anticipation, O ye people,/ clapping your hands with faith,/ and assemble with love,/ all rejoicing today and exclaiming with splendor;/ for the Mother of God, whom we ever glorify with hymns/ as the Theotokos,// will gloriously pass over from those on earth to those on high.</p> <p><b>Commemoration of the Day:</b><br/>Forefeast of the Dormition</p>      |

~ FRIDAY ~  
(8/28)

**Holy Scripture:**

Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

**Excerpt from the Menaion:**

**Dormition of the All-holy Mother of God,  
Troparion, in Tone I —**

*In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity,/ and in thy falling asleep thou hast not forsaken the world, O Theotokos./ Thou hast been, translated to life, as thou art the Mother of Life.// And by thy supplications thou dost deliver our souls from death.*

**Commemoration of the Day:**

The Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

~ SATURDAY ~  
(8/29)

**Holy Scripture:**

1 Corinthians 1:26-29  
Matthew 20:29-34

**Excerpt from the Menaion:**

**Troparion of the Holy Icon Not Made  
with Hands, Troparion, in Tone II —**

*We bow down before Thine all-pure image, O Good One,/ asking forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God;/ for Thou wast well pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh of Thine own will,/ that Thou mightest save what Thou hadst created from slavery to the enemy./ Wherefore, we cry out to Thee in thanksgiving:// Thou hast filled all things with joy, O our Savior, Who hast come to save the world.*

**Commemoration of the Day:**

Translation of the Image  
Not-Made-By-Hands of our Lord Jesus  
Christ from Edessa to Constantinople (944)

~ SUNDAY ~  
(8/30)

**Holy Scripture:**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Matthew 19:16-26

**Excerpt from the Menaion :**

**Kontakion of the martyr Martyr Myron  
of Cyzicus, in Tone IV, "Having been lifted  
up on the Cross..." —**

*Having loved Christ from childhood/ and observed His divine commandments, O all-glorious one,/ thou didst make haste to Him wholly, O most honorable Myron,/ and dost pray earnestly with the angels.// Entreat forgiveness of sins for all who honor thy memory.*

**Commemoration of the Day:**

Martyr Myron of Cyzicus (250)

**"Their sound hath gone forth into all  
the earth, \* their  
words unto the ends of the world."**

[Prokeimenon of Pentecost, Tone  
8, Liturgy]

**To read more:**

<https://www.holytrinityorthodox.com/calendar/>

## ~ PONDER THIS ~

*A few thoughts to ponder in light of this week's lessons and sermons.*

<https://pravoslavie.ru//38700.html>

### THE DORMITION FAST

St. Symeon of Thessalonica writes that, “The fast in August [Dormition fast] was established in honor of the Mother of God the Word; Who, foreknowing Her repose, ascetically labored and fasted for us as always, although She was holy and immaculate, and had no need for fasting. Thus, She especially prayed for us in preparation for being transported from this life to the future life, when Her blessed soul would be united through the Divine spirit with Her Son. Therefore, we also should fast and praise Her, emulating Her life, urging Her thereby to pray for us. Some, by the way, say that this fast was instituted on the occasion of two feasts—the Transfiguration and the Dormition. I also consider it necessary to remember these two feasts—one which gives us light, and the other which is merciful to us and intercedes for us.”

*(... TO CONTINUE READING, CLICK ON THE LINK ABOVE)*

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## ~LOOK IT UP~

Did you know: In 1934, at to the command of the founder of the Turkish Republic Kemal Ataturk, the Orthodox cathedral Hagia Sophia became a museum, and now by the decree of the president of Turkey Erdogan, it's status was changed once more—it has turned into a mosque again.

**Suggested Sources:** <https://orthochristian.com/133442.html>

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## ~ PRAYER CORNER ~

- Father John and Matushka Deborah.
- Please keep in prayer our older parishioners who, if they contract
- Please keep in prayer our heroic parishioners who work in the health care profession and are on the front lines of our society's

the COVID-19 virus, will be in greater risk of serious health complications.

fight against the Novel Corona Virus and COVID-19 disease.

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To submit **commemorations for the next Divine Liturgy**, to make an appointment with Fr. John to give **confession by telephone**, to alert us to any pastoral needs, to submit an item for the **Prayer Corner**, or just to chat, please contact Fr. John or Mat. Deborah using the following contact information:

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**Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!**