



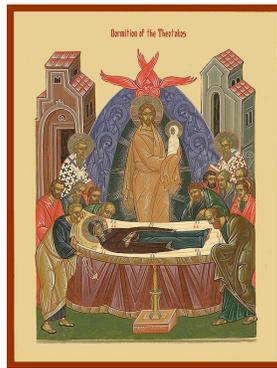
NEWSLETTER & DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

13th Week after Pentecost

Monday, August 31 — Sunday, September 6, 2020



Prophet Samuel



Apodosis of the Dormition



**Hieromartyr Eutyches,
disciple of Saint John the
Theologian**

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~ A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN ~

Greetings in the Lord

Christ is Amidst Us!

We look to the beginning of the Church New Year, where once again we make all our prayers known to God, asking for his Mercy for our lives, all our loved ones, for the City we dwell in and of course our whole world. During the past few months we have seen our personal freedom restricted because of the Covid-19 virus. So many families and individuals have been affected by the virus. Industries have suffered greatly, and people have lost their incomes. Homelessness is on the rise in large cities. In all this, we have managed to maintain the Sacramental Life in the Church. Marriages, Baptisms, Funerals, Holy Communion and Unction services continue to be held. We have seen a growth in new Catechumens, people who are coming forward because of the needs in their souls. At the base, it is all grounded in prayer, Lord Jesus Christ Son of God, Have mercy on me a sinner. This prayer will help keep us focused on what is truly important which is the Salvation of our Souls. We pray God keep us ever hopeful and moving toward His Heavenly Kingdom.

Glory to Jesus Christ: Glory Forever

~ “TWITTER SUMMARY” ~

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

We should let nothing bind us to this world. Instead, we find freedom in Jesus Christ. We need to become the living temples of God, like the apostles after Pentecost. Love God, love your neighbor, pray, fast, give alms: these are the basic commandments.

~ THOUGHTS FOR EVERY DAY ~

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

<p align="center">~ MONDAY~ (8/31)</p> <p>Holy Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 3:6-12</p> <p>Excerpt from the Menaion: Martyrs Florus and Laurus, Troparion of the martyrs, in Tone IV — O ye faithful, let us praise as is meet the all-blessed Florus and the most honored Laurus,/ the all-comely and divinely wise and most radiant twain,/ who earnestly and manifestly proclaimed the uncreated Trinity to all./ Wherefore, having suffered even unto the shedding of your blood/ and been crowned with most splendid crowns,// entreat Christ God, that He save our souls.</p> <p>Commemoration of the Day: Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria (2nd c.)</p>	<p align="center">~ TUESDAY~ (9/1)</p> <p>Holy Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5 Mark 3:13-19</p> <p>Excerpt from the Menaion: Troparion of the martyr Andrew, in Tone V — Leaving the glory of earthly rank behind,/ Thou didst inherit the kingdom of heaven;/ and Thou didst adorn crowns of incorruption as with all-wondrous stones,/ and didst lead to Christ an assembly of athletes./ With the choirs of the angels Thou didst find Christ, the never-setting Sun,/ in light unwaning, O holy general Andrew.// With those who suffered with thee ever entreat Him, that He save our souls.</p> <p>Commemoration of the Day: Martyr Andrew Stratelates and 2,593 soldiers with him in Cilicia (3rd c.)</p>
<p align="center">~ WEDNESDAY~ (9/2)</p> <p>Holy Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:12-10:7 Mark 3:20-27</p> <p>Excerpt from the Menaion: Prophet Samuel, Troparion in Tone II — Celebrating the memory/ of Thy prophet Samuel O Lord,// through him do we entreat Thee, save Thou our souls.</p> <p>Commemoration of the Day: Prophet Samuel (6th c. B.C.)</p>	<p align="center">~ THURSDAY~ (9/3)</p> <p>Holy Scripture: 2 Corinthians 10:7-18 Mark 3:28-35</p> <p>Excerpt from the Menaion: Apostle Thaddeus, Troparion in Tone III — O holy apostle Thaddeus/ entreat the merciful God// that He grant to our souls remission of transgressions.</p> <p>Commemoration of the Day: Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy (44)</p>
<p align="center">~ FRIDAY~ (9/4)</p> <p>Holy Scripture: 2 Corinthians 11:5-21 Mark 4:1-9</p>	<p align="center">~ SATURDAY ~ (9/5)</p> <p>Holy Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:6-9 Matthew 22:15-22</p>

Excerpt from the Menaion:

**Martyr Agathonicus and those with him,
Troparion in Tone IV —**

*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.*

Commemoration of the Day:

Martyr Agathonicus of Nicomedia and
his companions: Martyrs Zoticus,
Theoprepus, Acindynus, Severian, Zeno,
and others, who suffered under Maximian
(4th c.)

Excerpt from the Menaion:

Troparion of the feast, in Tone I —

*In thy nativity thou didst preserve thy
virginity,/ and in thy dormition thou didst
not abandon the world, O Theotokos./ Thou
paskest over unto life, in that thou art the
Mother of Life;// and by thy supplications
thou dost deliver our souls from death.*

Commemoration of the Day:

Apodosis of the Dormition

**~ SUNDAY ~
(9/6)**

Holy Scripture:

1 Corinthians 16:13-24
Matthew 21:33-42

Excerpt from the Menaion :

**Hieromartyr Euty chius, Troparion in
Tone IV —**

*As thou didst share in the ways of the
apostles/ and didst occupy their throne,/
thou didst find thine activity to be a passage
to divine vision,/ O divinely inspired one./
Wherefore, ordering the word of truth,/
thou didst suffer for the Faith even to the
shedding of thy blood.// O hieromartyr
Euty chius, entreat Christ God, that our souls
be saved.*

Commemoration of the Day:

Hieromartyr Euty chius (1st c.), disciple
of St. John the Theologian

**“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/45664.html>

MANY CONFESS, BUT FEW REPENT

What is repentance and confession?

Confession is a God-given commandment, and it is one of the Sacraments of our Church. Confession is not a formal, habitual (“to be on the safe side”, or, “in view of upcoming feast-days”), forced and unprepared act, springing from an isolated duty or obligation and for psychological relief only. Confession should always be combined with repentance. A Holy Mountain Elder used to say: “Many confess, but few repent!” (Elder Aemilianos of Simonopetra Monastery, Mt. Athos)

Repentance is a freely-willed, internally cultivated process of contrition and sorrow for having distanced ourselves from God through sin. True repentance has nothing to do with intolerable pain, excessive sorrow and relentless guilty feelings. That would not be sincere repentance, but a secret egotism, a feeling of our “ego” being trampled on; an anger that is directed at our self, which then wreaks revenge because it is exposing itself and is put to shame—a thing that it cannot tolerate.

Repentance means a change in our thoughts, our mentality; it is an about-face; it is a grafting of morality and an abhorrence of sin.

Repentance also means a love of virtue, benevolence, and a desire, a willingness and a strong disposition to be re-joined to Christ through the Grace of the almighty Holy Spirit.

Repentance begins in the depths of the heart, but it culminates necessarily in the sacrament of divine and sacred Confession.

During confession, one confesses sincerely and humbly before the confessor, as though in the presence of Christ. No scientist, psychologist, psychoanalyst, psychiatrist, sociologist, philosopher or theologian can replace the confessor.

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~LOOK IT UP~

Did you know: According to the Church's calendar, developed during the Byzantine period and based on Biblical chronologies, September 1/14 marks the beginning of the ecclesiastical year. The Byzantine Creation Era, also "Creation Era of Constantinople," or "Era of the World" (Greek: Έτη Γενέσεως Κόσμου κατά 'Ρωμαίους also Έτος Κτίσεως Κόσμου or Έτος Κόσμου) was the Calendar officially used by the Eastern Orthodox Church from ca. AD 691 to 1728 in the Ecumenical Patriarchate, by the Byzantine Empire from AD 988 to 1453, and in Russia from ca. AD 988 to 1700.

Derived from the Septuagint version of the Bible, it placed the date of creation at 5,509 years before the Incarnation, and was characterized by a certain tendency which had already been a tradition amongst Hebrews and Jews to number the years from the foundation of the world (Latin: Annus Mundi/Ab Origine Mundi [AM]).[1] Its year one, the supposed date of creation, was September 1, 5509 BC to August 31, 5508 BC.

Suggested Sources: <https://pravoslavie.ru/97046.html>

~ PRAYER CORNER ~

- Father John and Matushka Deborah.
 - Please keep in prayer our older parishioners who, if they contract the COVID-19 virus, will be in greater risk of serious health complications.
 - Please keep in prayer our heroic parishioners who work in the health care profession and are on the front lines of our society's fight against the Novel Corona Virus and COVID-19 disease.
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~ THIS WEEK'S SERVICES ~

Tuesday	6pm - Vespers (Facebook Live)
Wednesday	8am - Liturgy 6pm - Vespers (Facebook Live) 6:30 - Akathist St. Nicholas the Wonderworker 7pm - Studies in the Faith Class (Facebook Live)
Thursday	8am - Liturgy

	6pm - Vespers (Facebook Live)
	6:40 - Akathist Joy of All Who Sorrow
Friday	6pm - Vespers (Facebook Live)
Saturday	7am - Matins
	8:30 - Divine Liturgy
	5pm - Vigil (Facebook Live)
Sunday	8:40am - 3rd/6th Hours
	9am - Divine Liturgy
	12pm - Vespers (Facebook Live)

~ BOOKSTORE ~

- New extra-large icons from Russia!
 - *The Heavenly Banquet: Understanding the Divine Liturgy* by Fr. Emmanuel Hatzidakis now in stock!
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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!