



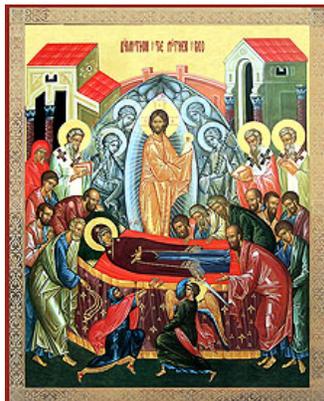
## NEWSLETTER & DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

**10th Week after Pentecost**

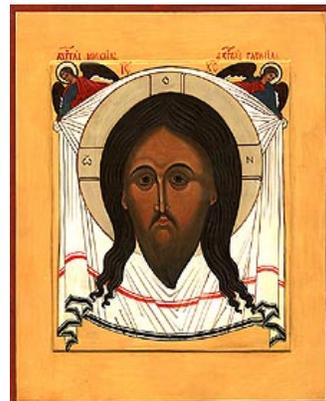
Monday, August 23 — Sunday, August 29, 2021



**St. Tikhon (Tychon), 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**

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## ~ A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN ~

"I cannot describe to you how much our Panagia likes chastity and purity. Since she The only pure Virgin loves virtue, when we struggle and as soon as we cry out to her she rushes to our help. You don't even finish saying, 'All-holy Theotokos, help me' and at once, like lightning, she shines through the nous and fills the heart with illumination. She draws the nous to prayer and the heart to Love." ~ Elder Joseph the Hesychast

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Fr. John

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## ~ TWITTER SUMMARY ~

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

Immediately after being delivered by God from slavery in Egypt, God's people turned to idols and forgot about God's goodness. Like them, we often forget about God's goodness as we go through life. Let us remember to put our trust and faith in God every moment.

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**~ THOUGHTS FOR EVERY DAY ~**

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>~ MONDAY ~</b> <b>(8/23)</b></p> <p><b>Holy Scripture:</b> 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 Matthew 21:18-22</p> <p><b>Excerpt from the Menaion:</b> <b>Holy Martyrs Archdeacon Laurence, Troparion, in Tone IV —</b> <i>In his suffering, O Lord,/ Thy martyr Laurence received an imperishable crown from Thee our God;/ for, possessed of Thy might,/ he set at nought the tormentors and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons.// By his supplications save Thou our souls.</i></p> <p><b>Commemoration of the Day:</b> Holy Martyrs Archdeacon Laurence and Pope Sixtus, Felicissimus and Agapitus, deacons, and others with them (258)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>~ TUESDAY~</b> <b>(8/24)</b></p> <p><b>Holy Scripture:</b> 1 Corinthians 15:29-38 Matthew 21:23-27</p> <p><b>Excerpt from the Menaion:</b> <b>Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus, Troparion, in Tone IV —</b> <i>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.</i></p> <p><b>Commemoration of the Day:</b> Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus of Catania (304)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>~ WEDNESDAY~</b> <b>(8/25)</b></p> <p><b>Holy Scripture:</b> 1 Corinthians 16:4-12 Matthew 21:28-32</p> <p><b>Excerpt from the Menaion:</b> <b>Martyrs Anicetus and Photius, Troparion, in Tone IV —</b> <i>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.</i></p> <p><b>Commemoration of the Day:</b> Martyrs Anicetus and Photius (Photinus) of Nicomedia (305)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>~ THURSDAY~</b> <b>(8/26)</b></p> <p><b>Holy Scripture:</b> 2 Corinthians 1:1-7 Matthew 21:43-46</p> <p><b>Excerpt from the Menaion:</b> <b>St. Tikhon, bishop of Voronezh, Troparion, in Tone VIII —</b> <i>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.</i></p> <p><b>Commemoration of the Day:</b> St. Tikhon (Tychon), bishop of Voronezh, wonderworker of Zadonsk and All Russia (1783)</p>

**~ FRIDAY ~  
(8/27)**

**Holy Scripture:**

2 Corinthians 1:12-20  
Matthew 22:23-33

**Excerpt from the Menaion:**

**Forefeast of the Dormition, Troparion, in Tone IV —**

*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.*

**Commemoration of the Day:**

Forefeast of the Dormition

**~ SATURDAY ~  
(8/28)**

**Holy Scripture:**

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

**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

**~ SUNDAY ~  
(8/29)**

**Holy Scripture:**

1 Corinthians 4:9-16  
Matthew 17:14-23

**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)

***“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/>

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## ~ PONDER THIS ~

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

### ON THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

<https://pravoslavie.ru/81669.html>

There are many feasts of the Mother of God, commemorating the events of her life, her intercessions for us after her death, and her innumerable miraculous icons. Her most significant and solemn feast is certainly her Dormition which includes her bodily Assumption, commemorated on August 15/28 and preceded by two weeks of fasting. The feast is often known as the “summer Pascha,” and is celebrated with great pomp throughout the Orthodox world. For instance, in Jerusalem on August 12/25 a Liturgy is served at Little Gethsemane, followed by a Molieben and a procession with her burial shroud to her sepulcher in Gethsemane proper, in which all the members of the Russian Spiritual Mission participate. On the morning of August 14/27 the clergy, monastics, and faithful embark upon a two-hour procession from the Jerusalem Patriarchate which culminates in the service of Lamentations[1] at the Gethsemane Skete, where is placed the burial shroud of the Mother of God amidst fragrant flowers and myrtle and adorned with precious coverings. On the Apodosis of the feast (August 23/Sept. 5) the burial shroud is returned in another solemn procession.[2] This is but one of the celebrations throughout the Orthodox world that could be described that demonstrate the great love for the Theotokos that resides in the hearts of the Orthodox faithful.

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## ~LOOK IT UP~

**Did you know:** During the time of the Iconoclast heresy, the defenders of the holy icons, who shed their blood for them, sang the Troparion to the Icon Not-Made-by-Hands. In proof of the validity of venerating icons, Pope Gregory II (715-731) sent a letter to the Byzantine Emperor, in which he mentioned Abgar's healing, and the sojourn of the Icon Not-Made-by-Hands at Edessa as a commonly known fact.

**Read more:**

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2018/08/16/102304-translation-of-the-image-not-made-by-hands-of-our-lord-jesus-chr>

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## ~ PRAYER CORNER ~

- Father John and Matushka Deborah.
- Sister Seraphima, memory eternal, and her family
- Healthcare workers and anyone at risk of contracting the COVID virus

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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!**