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Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Mother of God August 20, 2017

Troparion – Tone 2

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out:// “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Troparion – Tone 1

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.

Troparion – Tone 2

We celebrate the memory of your prophet Samuel, O Lord; through him, we beseech you: “Save our souls!”

Kontakion – Tone 2

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You, and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

Kontakion – Tone 8

You were a precious gift given to God before you conception. You served Him like an angel from your infancy, O blessed one. You were granted the charism to announce beforehand future things. Therefore, we cry to you: “Rejoice, Samuel, Prophet of God and great high priest.”

Kontakion – Tone 2

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.

Prokeimenon – Tone 2

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

Prokeimenon – Tone 3

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

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The Church continues to honor the passage of the Most Holy Theotokos from death to life. Just as Christ once dwelt in the virginal womb of His Mother, now He takes Her “to dwell in His courts.”

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My

defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Service Schedule for the week of August 20

Today – 8:45 AM Hours, 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

Saturday August 26 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday August 27 – 8:45 AM Hours, 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Weekly Giving

August 13 – adults 34, youth 2, \$1,671

Parish Announcements

Catechumen/Orthodoxy classes are held every other Saturday unless otherwise announced. The next class will be held in the church on Saturday September 9 at 3:30 PM. Everyone is invited to the classes, but all Catechumens are required to attend.

The annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday September 24 at the church picnic grounds in Hamilton. There is an attendance sign-up sheet on the table across from the candle desk. We ask everyone to please sign up so we can properly prepare. There is also a space on the sign-up sheet to indicate what you may be willing to bring as the church will be providing the meats and beverages. The grounds will need some sprucing up prior to the picnic – we will announce the clean-up schedule in a few weeks.

There will be a Church School planning meeting next Sunday August 27 during Coffee Hour. Please attend if you plan to have your children attend Church School. If you plan on having your child(ren) attend Church School please notify either Father Volodymyr, Herman Meyer, or Melody Stavisky no later than September 3, and also sign up on the sheet on the table across from the candle desk.

On Sunday September 10 we will revert back to the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy schedule, Hours at 9:45 AM. Church School will commence this day as well, 9:00 AM in Daria Hall.