



## St. Vladimir Orthodox Church

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### Prophet Habakkuk

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#### **Troparion – Tone 2**

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out:// “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

#### **Troparion – Tone 2**

We celebrate the memory of thy Prophet Habakkuk, O Lord; through him we beseech Thee:// “Save our souls!”

#### **Kontakion – Tone 2**

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

#### **Kontakion – Tone 8**

Divinely eloquent Habakkuk, thou didst announce to the world the coming forth of God from the south; from the Virgin. Standing on the divine watch, thou didst receive a report from the radiant Angel: “Thou didst proclaim the Resurrection of Christ to the world!” Therefore in gladness we cry out to thee:// “Rejoice, splendid adornment of the Prophets!”

#### **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.*

#### **Prophet Habakkuk**

The Holy Prophet Habakkuk, the eighth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, was descended from the Tribe of Simeon, and he prophesied around 650 B.C.

The Prophet Habakkuk foresaw the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple, the Babylonian Captivity and the later return of the captives to their native land. During the war with the Babylonians the prophet withdrew to Arabia, where the following miracle occurred. When he was bringing dinner to the reapers, he met an angel of the Lord, and instantly by the strength of his spirit he was transported to Babylon, where at the time the Prophet Daniel was languishing in prison. The food intended for the reapers assuaged the hunger of the exhausted Prophet Daniel (Dan. 14:33-37).

After the end of the war with the Babylonians, the Prophet Habakkuk returned to his homeland and died at a great old age. His relics were found at the time of Emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450), together with the relics of the Prophet Micah (August 14).

The Fourth Ode of the Psalter (“O Lord, I have heard thy report, and was afraid...”) is based on Habakkuk 3:2-19.

#### **Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17**

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore

take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

### **Gospel: Luke 18:18-27**

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

### **Service Schedule for the week of December 2**

**Today** – 9:00 AM Sunday School, 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall.

**Wednesday December 5** – 7:00 PM Vespers with Litya ST. NICHOLAS

**Thursday December 6** – 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy ST. NICHOLAS

**Saturday December 8** – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

**Sunday December 9** – 9:00 AM Sunday School, 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall.

### **Weekly Giving**

November 25 – 45 adults, 18 youth, \$1,835

### **Parish Announcements**

Matushka Mary is continuing her post-surgery rehab at Greenwood House, 53 Walter Street, Ewing. Visitors are welcome starting very early in the morning 6:00 AM until around 5 PM. Matushka goes for physical therapy around 9 AM for an hour or so.

Bible Study classes will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 PM in the church basement. The next class will be held on Wednesday on December 12. All are welcome to attend!

The church bake sale will be held on Saturday December 15 and Sunday December 16. Cookies may be placed in the freezers in the coatroom – please clearly mark if there are nuts or peanuts in the cookie, and also include your name.

The Sunday School Yolka program will be held on Sunday December 16 during coffee hour.

On Sunday December 16 the Senior R Club will have a soup sale.

Today is the last day the Senior R Club will be collecting funds to sponsor a Seminarian family from St. Vladimir's Seminary for the FOCA's Christmas Wish List Program. The Club will purchase gift cards for the family with the funds collected. Thank you for your generosity in the upcoming season celebrating the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A collection plate is on the small table behind the back pew.