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Venerable Thomas of Mt. Maleon

July 7, 2019

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 4

O God of our Fathers, always act with kindness towards us; take not Thy mercy from us, but guide our lives in peace// through the prayers of Saints Thomas and Acacius!

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 2

Forsaking the world, thou didst follow Christ from childhood. Emulating His voluntary humility, thou didst cast down the prideful tyrant. All-wise and venerable Acacius, unceasingly pray for us all!

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.

Venerable Thomas of Mt. Maleon

Saint Thomas of Mt. Maleon was a military commander before he became a monk. Strong and brave, he had participated in many battles, and brought victory to his countrymen, for which he gained glory and esteem. But, striving with all his heart towards God, Thomas abandoned the world and its honors, and he took monastic vows. With great humility he visited monastic Elders, asking for guidance in the spiritual life. After several years Thomas received the blessing for solitary wilderness life and, led by a pillar of fire at night by the holy Prophet Elias, he settled on Mount Maleon (on the eastern part of Athos). Dwelling in complete seclusion, Saint Thomas fought with invisible enemies with as much courage as he had displayed against the visible enemies of his country.

The life and deeds of Saint Thomas could not be concealed from the surrounding area. People began to flock to him seeking spiritual guidance, and even those suffering from sickness, since he received from God the blessing to heal infirmities.

Many believers received help through the prayers of the holy monk. Even after his death, he does not cease to heal those who seek his aid, from every passion and sickness.

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Service Schedule for the week of July 7

Today – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Panikhida for Helen and Andrew Hunchar, and Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

Saturday July 13 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by potluck supper in Daria Hall

Sunday July 14 – 9:30 AM Greeting of Archbishop Michael, 10:00 Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by banquet in Daria Hall. The banquet will be followed by Vespers with Litya.

Monday July 15 – ST. VLADIMIR FEAST DAY 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy followed by lunch in Daria Hall

Weekly Giving

June 30 – 40 adults, 10 youth, \$1,359

Parish Announcements

Sign-up sheets for our St. Vladimir Day banquet and potluck supper are on the table in the back of the church. Please sign up so we can prepare the proper amount of food. *Please make sure to make a food selection of either salmon, pork, or mushrooms – only one entrée per person.*

We will need everyone's assistance in cleaning up after the banquet on Sunday July 14. Please plan on remaining to help. Thank you!

Bible Study classes will be held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 PM. The next classes are July 10 and July 24. All are welcome to attend.

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday July 9 at 7:00 PM.

The church has a Facebook page! Please see the website information on the front page of the announcements. Ask your family friends to "Like" St Vladimir Orthodox Church! Continuing thanks to Nancy Mitsos for keeping our website updated and to Natasha Shynkarenko for setting up our Facebook page and keeping it current!