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### Church New Year September 1, 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 2**

O Creator of the Universe, Thou didst appoint times by Thine own power; bless the crown of this year with Thy goodness, O Lord! Preserve in safety Thy rulers and Thy cities:// and through the intercessions of the Theotokos, save us!

#### **Troparion – Tone 1**

Thou wast a pillar of patient endurance, having imitated the Forefathers, O Venerable One: Job in suffering and Joseph in temptations. Thou didst live like the bodiless hosts while yet in the flesh, O Simeon, our Father:// Beseech Christ God that our souls may be saved!

#### **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**

Seeking the things of the Highest, and having made a fiery chariot, thou wast joined to the heights. Therefore, thou hast become a companion to the angels, O venerable Simeon,:// and with them thou art praying incessantly to Christ God for us all.

#### **Kontakion – Tone 4**

O Creator and Master of time and the ages, Triune and Merciful God of all: grant blessings for the course of this year, and in Thy boundless mercy save those who worship Thee and cry out in fear:// O Savior, grant blessings to all mankind!

#### **Prokeimenon – Tone 3**

Great is our Lord and abundant in power! His understanding is beyond measure!

*v: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God.*

#### **Prokeimenon – Tone 7**

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

## **Church New Year**

The first day of the Church New Year is also called the beginning of the Indiction. The term Indiction comes from a Latin word meaning, “to impose.” It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine (May 21) saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on September 1.

According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2), the Savior proclaimed, “The spirit of the Lord is upon me; because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord...” This scene is depicted in a Vatican manuscript (Vatican, Biblioteca. Cod. Gr. 1613, p.1).

Tradition says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.

## **Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle – I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying – a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

## **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.

## **Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16**

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

## **Gospel: Luke 4:16-22**

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.” Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

## **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."

### **Gospel: Matthew 11:27-30**

All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

### **Service Schedule for the week of September 1**

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

**Saturday September 7** – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

**Sunday September 8** – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

### **Weekly Giving**

August 18 – 50 adults, 12 youth, \$1,501

### **Parish Announcements**

Bible Study classes are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 PM. The next two will be on September 11 and September 25.

Church School will begin Sunday, September 15 and will end June 6, 2020. Classes in Daria Hall start at 9:00 AM every Sunday. If you plan for your child(ren) to attend, please contact either Father Volodymyr, Herman Meyer, or Melody Stavisky TODAY.

On Saturday October 19 the Sunday School children will travel to St. Tikhon's Seminary for a day visit. Any adults interested in attending please see Father Volodymyr or Melody Stavisky. We will need parental chaperones as well.

All hands on deck – Nadja Nowicki is organizing a pierogi making session for Friday Oct. 4 and Saturday Oct. 5 as a church fundraiser; times will be announced at a later date. Many hands are needed to roll, pinch, cook, and pack the pierogies. Nadja is accepting monetary donations so she can purchase the ingredients. Thank you in advance for your help and support!

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex for the annual church picnic, which will be held at the church picnic grounds on Rt. 33 in Hamilton on Sunday September 22. The picnic will start approx. 1 hour after Divine Liturgy. Please make sure to sign up so we can prepare enough food for everyone to enjoy. Remember that this is an event for our church family so we respectfully ask that you do not invite your friends and neighbors. The church will provide the meats and we are asking for donations for all other items – paper goods, beverages, water, beer, wine, plastic cutlery, salads, pickles, rolls (hot dog and hamburger), condiments, desserts, chips, etc. Help will be needed to clean up the picnic grounds before hand – Father will announce a schedule. Help will also be needed the morning of the picnic to set up and start cooking. Please speak with Father or Herman to let them know your availability.

John Sabat, age 23, former Altar Boy and son of Joseph and Diane Sabat and grandson of former parishioners Joseph & Caroline Sabat, fell asleep in the Lord this past week. Services: Friday September 6 – viewing 6:00 PM and Panikhida at 7:00 PM. Saturday September 7 – Viewing 9:00 AM and funeral services at 10:00 AM. Our deepest sympathies to the Sabat family – Memory Eternal.