

SUNDAY BULLETIN

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Venerable Isaac, Dalmatius and Faustus

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BLESSED FEAST!

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR BELOVED!!!

Liturgical Readings:

THE PROKEIMENON IN TONE II:

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

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

ST. PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

MATTHEW 18:23-35

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the torturers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION - TONE II:

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 OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – TONE VIII

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Your glory to Your Disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners,
through the prayers of the Theotokos! O Giver of Light, glory to You!

TROPARION -THE TRANSFER OF THE RELICS OF SAINT NICHOLAS - TONE IV:

The day of splendid solemnity hath arrived; * and the city of Bari doth rejoice, * and with it the whole world exulteth * with hymns and spiritual odes. * For today we celebrate the sacred feast * of the translation of the precious and much-healing relics * of the hierarch Nicholas the wonder-worker. * For like the never-setting Sun, * he shineth with brilliant beams of light, * driving away the darkness of temptations and misfortunes * from those who with faith cry aloud: * Save us, O Nicholas, ** for thou art our intercessor.

TROPARION TO THE MARTYR LAWRENCE – TONE IV

Victorious martyr of Christ our God, by the sign of the Cross you gave sight to the blind; you distributed the riches of the Church to the poor; you were tried by fire, and no evil was found in you. As you endured burning, may your prayers extinguish the flames of our many sins, blessed Archdeacon Lawrence!

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION - TONE II:

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 TO SAINT NICHOLAS – TONE III

Thy relics have moved like a star, from the East unto the West, * O holy hierarch Nicholas; * and the sea hath been sanctified by thy passage. * The city of Bari receiveth grace through thee, * for thou hast been shown forth for us * as a wonderworker: ** illustrious, most wondrous and merciful!

Glory...KONTAKION TO THE MARTYR LAWRENCE – TONE IV:

Your heart burned with divine fire, as the flames of the passions died within you. God-bearing martyr Lawrence, the pillar of those who struggle, you cried out in the midst of your contest: "Nothing can separate me from the love of Christ!"

Now and ever... KONTAKION TO THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION - TONE VII:

On the mountain You were transfigured, O Christ God, and Your Disciples beheld Your glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold You crucified, they would understand that Your suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that You are truly the Radiance of the Father.

Homily by Fr Rodney Torbic

We turn to the Lord God today in complete faith seeking the Kingdom of God. The peace that comes from God is ardently desired. The repudiation of sin and a God-pleasing life are the goals welcomed and embraced.

The Lord provides the path to eternal life. God gives the strength to repel sins. The heart and mind are open and willing to embrace and follow the teachings of the Lord.

Civil unrest, changes and temptations in earthly life are distracting and complete with the personal desire to be unified with the Lord Jesus Christ. The threat and impact of the coronavirus greatly affect personal life.

Believers need to exert themselves to see the light and hope radiating from the Lord God. The Lord is clearly present today. Eyes of the believers will see the Lord at work in daily life.

The Dormition Fast heightens believers' interest in repentance. The Mother of God is more prominently held in the thoughts of attentive believers during the Dormition Fast.

Hunger in the soul yearns for the fulfilment coming from the Lord. Prayers to the Mother of God facilitate addressing hunger in the soul. Joy arises when prayers are offered to the Mother of God for her intercession before the Lord.

Believers are required to struggle with the issues of each day. Each believer faces personal concerns. All believers must contend with the condition of the world as it affects their place of living.

Maintaining good physical and mental health are a primary concern during the time of the coronavirus. Good spiritual health occurs only when the believer rests the heart, mind and soul in the Lord.

The depressed state of the world is overcome when the eye of the soul looks to the Light of Christ. Christ's radiance shines through all moments of darkness. Christ's Light brightens the path to freedom from fear and concerns.

The Lord Jesus Christ warms the heart and fills the heart with love. Sins are washed away by the Lord's forgiveness. The present Gospel is a strong lesson on the power and value of forgiveness.

Forgiveness from the Lord is immeasurable. The Lord's forgiveness is the standard to be adopted by believers. Believers seeking forgiveness from the Lord are expected to be equally forgiving in personal relationships.

Family life and personal relationships improve when believers practice loving forgiveness. Work place environments get better when workers and employers forgive each other and seek anew to work together.

The Holy Gospel teaches believers practical lessons for daily life. God's Holy Church is the greatest place for learning. Every person is able to learn to the best of their ability from being in God's Holy Church.

The Church's liturgical year is nearing conclusion. The Dormition Fast is an opportune time for new beginnings in Christ. Prayers to the Mother of God will inspire and strengthen believers to begin anew.

The Mother of God is ever-present and attentive to believers seeking Her intercession before the Lord. Believers turning to the Mother of God in prayer are not disappointed.

Honoring the Dormition Fast keeps the believer attentive to the condition of the soul. Maintaining purity in the soul is a life-long struggle. Victory comes from following the Mother of God's example of purity and obedience.

The journey to the Kingdom of God continues throughout life. Believers experience God's mercy, love and forgiveness in God's Holy Church. Seeking forgiveness from God and being forgiving of others is essential in the journey.

Believers experience joy in the Lord as recipients of the Lord's immeasurable love. The Lord's love heals all ills in the soul and body. Now is the time to be forgiving as the Lord forgives and to be loving as the Lord loves.

Life in the Lord makes forgiving and loving entirely possible. Life in the Lord was fully accepted at Holy Baptism. Every day is the opportunity to fully honor the embracement of Christ until His glorious Second Coming.

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WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR THE LARGE CANDLES (\$25)

THANK YOU!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY at 7:45 PM - Evening Prayer through the Conference call (339) 207-6529

THURSDAY (August 27th) - Forefeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

6:00 PM - Great Vespers with Artoklasia (The Blessing of the Five Loaves)

NO EVENING PRAYER through the Conference Call

FRIDAY (August 28th) - Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY (August 29th)

6:00 PM - Great Vespers

SUNDAY (August 30th) - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

Liturgical Readings: Epistle (1. Cor 15, 1-11); Gospel (Matthew 19, 16-26)

Dear ones,

Please, keep in your hearted prayers our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ

- who suffer of cancer: Jenifer, Linda, Sandy (Sandra Simko)
- who pray the God for the restoration of health: Irine (Martinovich), Grace (Vuckovich), Ranka (Banda), Edward (Gartell), George (Momcilovic), Nektarios