

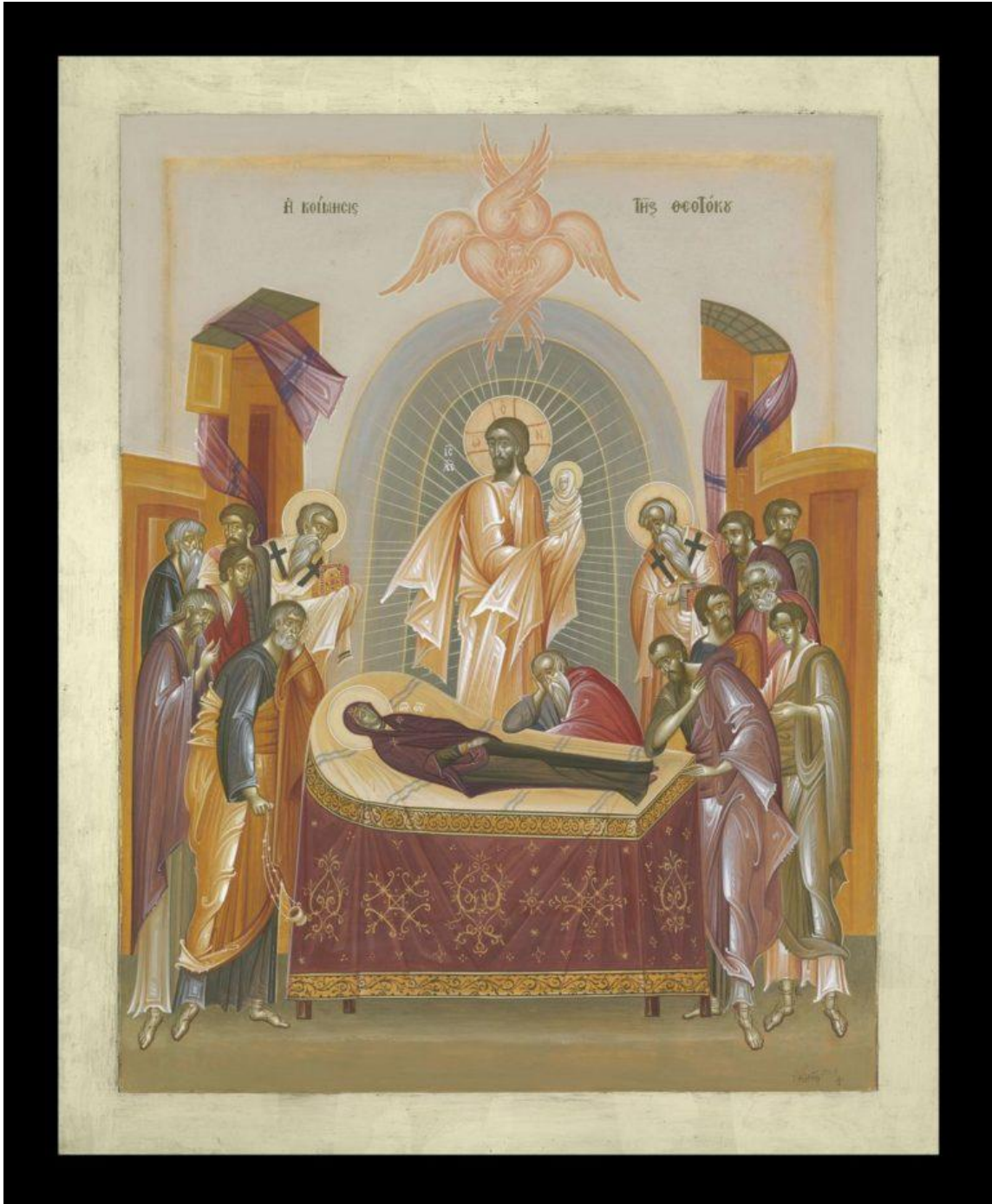
SUNDAY BULLETIN

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12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Martyr Patroclus and Holy Martyr Myron

(August 30th, 2020)



BLESSED FEAST!

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR BELOVED!!!

Liturgical Readings:

THE PROKEIMENON IN TONE III:

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Verse: *Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy.*

THE PROKEIMENON IN TONE III:

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

1 CORINTHIANS 15: 1-11

Brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you - unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed

MATTHEW 19: 16-26

At that time, a young man came to Jesus and said, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, 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." When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION - TONE III:

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the firstborn of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy!

THE DORMITION TROPARION - TONE ONE:

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 -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 HOLY MARTYR MYRON – TONE IV:

Your holy martyr, Myron, O Lord, through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God. For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through his intercessions, save our souls!

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION - TONE III:

On this day You arose from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the prophets and the patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power!

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 HOLY MARTYR MYRON – TONE TWO:

From childhood you longed for Christ, all-glorious one, keeping His divine commandments and running to Him with all your being, all-honored Myron. Now you zealously pray with the angels, asking remission of sins for those who celebrate your memory.

NOW AND EVER... THE DORMITION KONTAKION – TONE TWO:

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.

Homily by Fr Rodney Torbic

God's Holy Church presents believers with the Gospel at each Divine Liturgy. The Gospel is the life-enriching and life-changing message of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Attentive hearers of the Gospel take the message to heart. Serious believers seek to conform to Christ's teachings. Life changes for the better when conformed to the Gospel teachings.

The present Gospel makes it clear that heeding Christ's teachings necessitates defining actions. Following the basic commandments including loving thy neighbor and giving to the needy are essential.

Believers are to constantly evaluate their relationship with Jesus Christ. Honesty with the self is required to make the necessary changes in personal life. The Christ-filled heart, mind and soul lead to eternal life.

Willingness to rid the self of that which is not of Christ and embrace Christ more are necessary for change to occur. The mind, heart and soul make greater room for Christ when the focus is on Christ.

The mind is required to reject thoughts contrary to Christ if eternal life is to be achieved. Believers benefit by evaluating personal goals and desires to ensure they conform to Christ's teachings.

Current society encourages accumulating material possessions and wealth. Personal incomes and material possessions of prominent figures in the news often exceed the imagination.

The Gospel gives lessons and guidance in handling material possessions.

Jesus taught: "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Mt. 6:20)

Filling the heart, mind and soul with Jesus Christ brings peace and joy. The love of Christ puts concerns and illnesses in perspective. Christ eradicates darkness in the mind. (Mt.11:28-30)

God's Holy Church offers entry into the life in Christ. The Church is the Kingdom of God on earth. The mind, heart and soul giving way to Christ result in the person becoming new in Christ. (2 Cor. 5:17)

The Holy Gospel strengthens newness in Christ. Following Baptism, the relationship with Christ is renewed through repentance, confession and partaking of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ.

Worldly cares are put behind the believer resolute in Christ. Peace and joy in Christ are all-consuming. The holy martyrs filled with peace and joy while facing their deaths are timeless examples.

Material wealth and possessions are of limited value. Lasting values rest in Jesus Christ. Jesus told the man in the present Gospel to divest himself of his goods and give them to the poor to gain life.

Personal wealth has many dimensions. Believers at every moment decide how much time or treasures they will give to God. Daily decisions reflect whether believers are loving and charitable to others in life.

Giving includes giving from the heart with purity of purpose. Giving with love for Christ and neighbor makes a difference. (2 Cor. 9:7) The man in the present Gospel was tethered to his material wealth more than to Christ.

The Church proclaims the present Gospel each year. Listeners to the Gospel are to assess their relationship with their material wealth and their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Possessions holding believers back from following Christ are to be given to the needy. Believers are free to follow Christ when they release possessions to the needy.

The inhibiting weight of personal possessions being released gives new energy to the believer to follow Christ. The believer's strength is renewed when following Christ.

Today is the day to rejoice and give thanks for the opportunity to live in Christ. May we ever be grateful for the Lord's blessings and share them freely with others we meet in daily life.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

SATURDAY (September 5th)

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

SUNDAY (September 6th) – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Liturgical Readings: Epistle (1. Cor 16, 13-24); Gospel (Matthew 21, 33-42)

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