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TODAY'S SAINTS

Forefeast of Elevation of the Holy Cross. Commemoration of Dedication of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem; Hieromartyr Cornelius the Centurion; Martyr Chronides of Alexandria and Companions; Martyrs Macrobius and Gordian of Tomi; Martyr Julian of Galatia; Great-martyr Ketevan, Queen of Georgia; St. Peter of Atroe; St. John of Prisolop; St. Hierotheus the Younger of Iveron Monastery (Mount Athos); St. Philip of Rome (father of St. Eugenia of Rome); St. Litorius, Bishop of Tours; St. Maurilius, Bishop of Angers; St. Nectarius, Bishop of Autun; St. Amatus, first Abbot of Remiremont Abbey; St. Hedwig, Abbess of Herford Abbey; St. Wilfrida, Abbess of Wilton Abbey

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FIVE

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

TROPARION OF FOREFEAST IN TONE FOUR

We offer in supplication / the life-creating Cross of Thy goodness, O Lord, / which Thou hast granted to us / although we are unworthy. / Through the Theotokos, save all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of mankind.

TROPARION OF FOUNDING OF HOLY SEPULCHER IN TONE FOUR

Thou hast revealed the beauty of the holy dwelling place of Thy glory on earth / to be like the splendor of the heavenly firmament, O Lord. / Through the prayers of the Theotokos, / strengthen it for ever and ever / and accept our supplication / which we ceaselessly offer to Thee therein, / the life and resurrection of all.

TROPARION OF ST. CORNELIUS IN TONE FOUR

O Blessed Cornelius, / you were distinguished in works of righteousness. / You received the enlightenment of godliness, / and were a fellow-laborer with the Apostles, / for you shared in their work, / preaching Christ's incarnation to all. / With them pray that all who honor your memory may be saved!

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

KONTAKION OF FOREFEAST IN TONE FOUR

Thy precious Cross rises like the sun / and mystically makes all things holy and pure. / Let us prepare to welcome it with faith.

- *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE FIVE

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, / shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, / O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FIVE

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

Prokeimenon in Tone Four: Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (6:11-18*)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (3:1-4)

Therefore, holy brethren, who share in a heavenly call, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession. He was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in God's house. Yet Jesus has been counted worthy of as much more glory than Moses as the builder of a house has more honor than the house. For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FIVE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

v. For Thou hast said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

v. The foundations are in the holy mountains; the Lord loves the gates of Jerusalem.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (3:13-17*)

No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.'

* The readings for the Sunday Before the Elevation of the Holy Cross and the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost are combined and read as one.

But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (16:13-18)

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! I have loved the beauty of Thy house, O Lord, and the place where Thy glory dwells. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Andrew Wanko (anniversary of repose). **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Wilfred J. Royer (anniversary of repose). **St. John's Cross** offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Donald Gilbert Royer. **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Katherine Dubik.

PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of Wilfred J. Royer, offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer, after today's Divine Liturgy.

BOYCOTT PRODUCTS OF TURKEY

Our parishioners and friends are asked to continue boycotting products of Turkey. This may be a small act of protest that probably won't be felt, but at least it offers us a way of doing something in protest to the recent conversion of the Hagia Sophia into a mosque, and a way of showing our solidarity with the suffering Christians of the Middle East.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

5:00 PM (Sunday) – Great Vespers w. Lity
9:30 AM (Monday) – Divine Liturgy
5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
8:50 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

* *September 14th is the Elevation of the Holy Cross, one of the Orthodox Church's Great Feasts, and is a Strict Fast.*

*"Apart from the cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven."
– St. Rose of Lima (1586-1617)*