
*Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos
Prophet Samuel*

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Welcome! We are honored that you have joined us in our celebration of the Lord's resurrection this day.

If you are a first time visitor to our parish, we invite you to sign our guest book. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Marty, or with any parish member.

For our friends present with us who are not Orthodox Christians, please note that we have specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion. We ask that you refrain from going to Communion until you have spoken with Fr. Marty and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament and its implication for responsibility towards and membership in the Orthodox Church. The bread and wine offered after communion and the bread offered at the end of the service is available to all.

If you are an Orthodox Christian from another parish who has prepared in accordance with your discipline, and have a blessing from your home priest to do so, we invite and encourage you to partake of Holy Communion.

This booklet contains the variable hymns and readings specific to today. Please feel free to take it with you. There are coil-bound booklets available with the text for the Divine Liturgy – if you find it useful, please feel free to take one of those as well, with our compliments.

We also hope you will stay and join us in our coffee and fellowship hour, which immediately follows the service. We want the opportunity to get to know you, and for you to get to know us. Again, welcome!

Regular services:

Great Vespers, *Saturday at 6:30pm*

Confession, *immediately following Great Vespers, other times by appointment.*

Third and Sixth Hour Prayers, *Sunday at 9:40am*

Divine Liturgy, *immediately following the hours.*

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Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 2

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You slew Hades 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 for the Dormition – Tone 1

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 for Prophet Samuel – Tone 2

We celebrate the memory
of your prophet Samuel, O Lord;
through him, we beseech you:
“Save our souls!”

Kontakion for Prophet Samuel – Tone 8

You were a precious gift given to God before you conception.
You served Him like an angel from your infancy, O blessed one.
You were granted the charism to announce beforehand future things.
Therefore, we cry to you: “Rejoice, Samuel, Prophet of God and great high
priest.”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Kontakion for the Dormition – Tone 2

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.
now and ever and unto ages of ages, amen.

Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 2

Hades 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.

Epistle: (141) – 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

*Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 2nd Tone: The Lord is my strength and
my song; He has become my salvation.*

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

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

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

*Reader: In the 3rd Tone, the Song of the Theotokos: My soul magnifies the
Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*

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

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who question me is this: Have we no right to eat and to drink? Do we not have the right to take along a sister – a wife – even as the rest of the apostles, and the brothers of the Lord, and Kephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who are obliged to work? What soldier ever serves at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who feeds a flock and does not drink from the flock's milk? Do I speak these things according to human ways? Does not the law say the same thing as well? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it for the oxen that God shows care, or does he say these things for our benefit? Yes, it was written for us, because whoever plows should plow in hope, and whoever threshes in hope should have a share in his hope. If we sowed to you spiritual things, is it such a great thing if we reap your material things?

If others partake of this right over you, should we not even more? Nevertheless, we did not use this right, but we bear all things, so that we may cause no hindrance to the Good News of Christ.

Priest: + Peace be to you.

Alleluia: Tone 2

Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 2nd Tone: Alleluia, May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: In the same tone, Arise, O Lord, into Your resting place: You and the Ark of Your sanctification!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (77) Matthew 18:23-35

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. **Matthew.**

Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Priest: The Lord said this parable: the Kingdom of Heaven is like a king who wanted to settle his accounts with his slaves. When he began the settlement, someone was brought in who owed him ten thousand talents. But because the slave could not pay, his lord gave orders that he be sold, with his wife, children, and all that he had, so that payment may be made. At this, the slave fell down on his knees before him, saying: 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will repay you all!' The lord of that slave, moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

However, that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him one hundred denarii. He grabbed him and took him by the throat, saying: 'Pay me what you owe!'

And so, his fellow slave fell down at his feet and begged him, saying: 'Have patience with me, and I will repay you!' But the first man would not have compassion but went off and had him cast into prison, until he should pay back what was due. When his other fellow slaves saw what had been done, they were extremely distressed and came to their lord to report all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned the first slave and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, even as I had mercy on you?' His lord was angry and delivered him to the jailers until he would pay all that was due. This is how my heavenly Father will also treat you if you do not each forgive each other their trespasses from your hearts."

Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Instead of "It is truly meet ...,":

Refrain: The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

Heirmos: The limits of nature are overcome in you, O Pure Virgin: for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death; a virgin after childbearing and alive after death, you ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Please join us in our fellowship hour immediately following the dismissal!

Please mark your calendar and Save the Date!

September 16, 4 to 6:00 PM *OCF Welcome Picnic*
Brookside Park – Shelter closest to the Parking Lot off 6th Street.

Sign up to Clean up

Please sign up to clean and straighten up after our fellowship hour. Not a "deep clean" – just make sure any remaining food is removed and either given to someone to take home or thrown away, that the carpet is vacuumed, and that the tables are wiped down.