

Sunday, August 14, 2022
9th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 8

Forefeast of the Dormition

Troparion:

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

Dance with joy, O peoples! Clap your hands with gladness! Gather today with fervor and jubilation; sing with exultation. The Mother of God is about to rise in glory, ascending from earth to heaven. We ceaselessly praise her in song as truly Theotokos.

O Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ, in spite of our honor and devotion we are unable to give you worthy praise, through your glorious and noble birth your mother's childlessness was ended, your father's tongue was freed, and the incarnation of the Son of God was proclaimed to the world.

Kontakion:

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Today the universe dances with joy at your glorious memorial, and cries out to you, O Mother of God: "Rejoice, O Virgin, pride of Christians!"

Prokeimenon in the 8th Tone:

Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!
(Vs.) In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel!

Epistle:

The reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians. (1 Cor. 3:9-17)

Brethren, for we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Alleluia Verses:

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Saviour!
(Vs.) Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Gospel:

The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew. (Chapter 14:22-34)

At that time Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and cross the sea ahead of Him, while He dismissed the crowd. And when He had dismissed the crowd, He went up the mountain alone to pray. And when it was late, He was there alone, but the boat was in the midst of the sea, buffeted by the waves, for the wind was against them. But in the fourth watch of the night Jesus came to them, walking upon the sea. And the disciples, seeing Him walk upon the sea, were greatly alarmed, and exclaimed, "It is a ghost!" And they

cried out for fear. Then Jesus immediately spoke to them, saying, "Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid." But Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is you, order me to come to you over the water." And He said, "Come." Then Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water to come to Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid; and as he began to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And Jesus at once stretched out His hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind fell. But those who were in the boat came and worshipped Him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And crossing over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.