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Leavetaking of the Dormition**



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## *Troparion and Kontakion*

### **Tone 2 Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out:// “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

### **Tone 1 Troparion**      *(Dormition)*

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity. In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

### **Tone 2 Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

### **Tone 2 Kontakion**      *(Dormition)*

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.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12**

<sup>2</sup>If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>My defense to those who examine me is this: <sup>4</sup>Do we have no right to eat and drink? <sup>5</sup>Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? <sup>6</sup>Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? <sup>7</sup>Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? <sup>8</sup>Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also?

<sup>9</sup>For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? <sup>10</sup>Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. <sup>11</sup>If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? <sup>12</sup>If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11 (Dormition)**

<sup>5</sup>Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, <sup>7</sup>but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

### **Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35**

<sup>23</sup>Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. <sup>26</sup>The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' <sup>27</sup>Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>"But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' <sup>30</sup>And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. <sup>32</sup>Then his master, after he had

called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' <sup>34</sup>And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. <sup>35</sup>"So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Dormition)**

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." <sup>41</sup>And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. <sup>42</sup>But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." <sup>27</sup>And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" <sup>28</sup>But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

### ***Many Years***

Birthdays      23 Stephanie Curington  
                      24 Nadia Stephens  
                      26 Eric Olson  
                      29 Jamie Fernandez  
Anniversary    27 Allen and Leann Almquist

### ***Announcements for Sunday, August 23, 2020:***

- Wednesday 8/19 @ 6 pm Daily Vespers
- Friday 8/28 @ 6pm Great Vespers for the Beheading of John the Baptist
- Saturday 8/29 @ 9am Divine Liturgy for the Beheading of John the Baptist (Strict Fast Day)