



SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

September 17, 2017
15th Sunday after Pentecost
**Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross/
Sunday after the Elevation**
**Martyr Sophia and Her Three Daughters,
Faith, Hope, and Love**



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Troparion and Kontakion for Sunday, September 17, 2017

Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You took hell captive,//not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life.//O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Tone 1 Troparion (Cross)

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Your Cross,//preserve Your habitation! saving our souls from death.

Tone 5 Troparion (For the Martyrs)

You blossomed in the courts of the Lord as a fruitful olive tree, holy martyr Sophia; in your contest you offered to Christ the sweet fruit of your womb, your daughters Faith, Hope, and Love.//Together with them intercede for us all!

Tone 6 Kontakion (Resurrection)

When Christ God the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 1 Kontakion (For the Martyrs)

The holy branches of noble Sophia, Faith, Hope, and Love, confounded Greek sophistry through Grace. They struggled and won the victory and have been granted an incorruptible crown by Christ the Master of all.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Cross)

As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by your power, granting them victories over their adversaries//by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 (Sunday after the Elevation)

6 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we

might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. ¹⁷“But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, *is* Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. ¹⁹For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Epistle: II Corinthians 4:6-15

1 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. ⁸*We are* hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – ¹⁰always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. ¹¹For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’ sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹²So then death is working in us, but life in you. ¹³And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present *us* with you. ¹⁵For all things *are* for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1 (Sunday after the Elevation)

8 When He had called the people to *Himself*, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ³⁵For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? ³⁷Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” **9** And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”

Gospel Matthew 22:35-46

³⁵ Then one of them, a lawyer, asked *Him a question*, testing Him, and saying, ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’” ³⁸ This is *the* first and great commandment. ³⁹ And *the* second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” ⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “*The Son of David.*” ⁴³ He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying: ⁴⁴ ‘The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool’”? ⁴⁵ If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son?” ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

Many Years!

Birthdays 17 Presbyteria Elena
 19 Allen Almquist
 20 Larisa Moore

Announcements for Sunday, September 17, 2017:

- Fr. Theophan is serving 30-minute prayer services on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00AM unless it is a feast day. All are welcome to attend.
- Our Bible study continues on Wednesday evenings after Vespers. Building on our Lenten series we will continue making our way through the Book of Genesis.

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy this morning.

There are green service booklets in the entrance area of our Church that will help you follow along with the service if you like. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving the Holy Bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.