

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE 1

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

KONTAKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE 2

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, and whose prayers are never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But since she is the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb did translate her to life.

THE EPISTLE

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

**The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.
(9:2-12)**

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

(18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

Celebrating today

On August 20 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Dormition of the Most-holy Theotokos, and we commemorate the holy and glorious Prophet Samuel.

Samuel the seer closeth his eyes at his ending,
And though ended, seeth the Light Ever-living.

Samuel goeth hence on the twentieth, seeing things to come.

Samuel, the fifteenth and last judge of Israel, lived eleven hundred years before the birth of Christ in Shiloh near the Ark of the Covenant. Samuel, in his twelfth year, had a true revelation from God concerning the punishments which were pending before the house of the high priest Eli because of the immorality of his sons Hophni and Phineas. That revelation soon materialized: The Philistines defeated the Israelites, slew both of Eli’s sons and captured the Ark of the Covenant. When the messenger informed Eli of this tragedy, Eli fell dead to the ground. The same thing occurred to his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phineas. For twenty years the Israelites were the slaves of the Philistines. After this period of time, God sent Samuel to the people to preach repentance if they wished to be saved from their enemies. The people repented and rejected the foreign idols that they

served and recognized Samuel as a prophet, priest and judge. Then Samuel set out with an army against the Philistines and with God's help confused and defeated them, thus liberating the land and the people. After that, Samuel peacefully judged his people until old age.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Photeini of Blachernae; and Martyrs Heliodoros and Dosai of Persia. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+**Please remember in your prayers***The kidnapped Hierarchs, Metropolitan Paul, and Archbishop Yohanna.

*The servants of God, for their healing: Sonia, Wassim, Amira, Mariam, Vanda., Najwa, Ghalia, Nabeel and Mireille.

+**Midweek Liturgy** on Thursday stopped for the summer, and will resume in September.

+ **Back to School Blessing**: A special prayer for the Students, Sunday Aug.27th.

+ **Sunday School application** are available, check with Elizabeth please.

+**ALTAR BOYS TRAINING** – Saturday, August 26th, 10-Noon.

+**Sunday School classes** will start on September 10.

+**Coming soon**. Bible Study every other week .will starts in September.

Family night once a month, will start in September.

+**Box for questions**. If you have any topic to be discussed, or a question to be answered during our family night, write & put it please in the Box.

+**Antiochian Women Election**. A new president for the Ladies will be elected in a special meeting in Sept. All nominees should see Fr. Gabriel

+**Church Annual Dinner** Friday, Oct. 20 at Sweetwater Country Club.

RSVP to Mirna Chammas mirna@chammascutters.com. 713-269-4183
Single ticket: \$100. VIP Tables \$ 2000, 1500, 1000 .

+**Guests and visitors** are always welcome at Forty Holy Martyrs church, and you are invited to join us after the liturgy for coffee and Refreshments

Do not lose your temper with those who sin. Do not have a passion for noticing every sin in your neighbor and judging it, as we usually do. Everyone will give an answer for himself before God. Especially, do not look with evil intention on the sins of those older than you, with whom you have no business. But correct your own sins, your own heart.

(St. John of Kronstadt, My Life in Christ, I.6)

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REGULAR SERVICES

During the Summer

Great Vespers: Saturday
5:00 PM(English)

Matins/Orthros: Sunday
8:45 AM(English)

Divine Liturgy: Sunday
10:00 AM(English)

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Divine Liturgy
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AFTER-FAST OF THE
DORMITION OF THE
THEOTOKOS

PROPHET SAMUEL; MARTYR PHEMEINI OF
BLACHERNAE; MARTYRS HELIODOROS AND
DOSAI OF PERSIA



Regular Fast on
Wed. & Fri.

