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**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

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

*When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,  
You destroyed hell 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 (Holy 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 (Prophet Samuel), Tone 2**

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

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

*Hell 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.*

## **Kontakion (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.*

**Prokeimenon. Mode 4.  
Psalm 68.17,29**

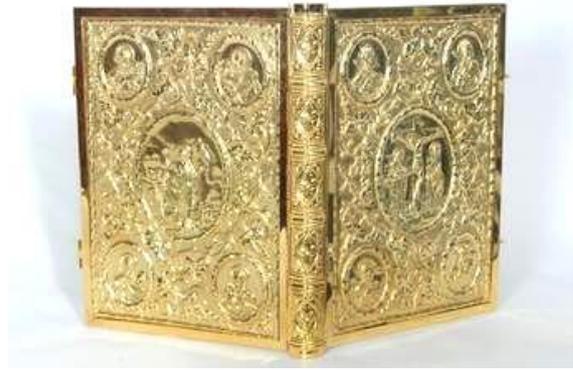
Turn not your face from your son.

Verse: Your salvation, O God, has helped me.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter 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 sister as 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 According to  
Matthew 18: 23 - 35**

The Lord said 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 till 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 torturers, till 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."



### Reflection for the week

Not to rely on oneself is so necessary in our struggle, my beloved brother, that without this, be assured, not only will you fail to gain the desire victory, but you will be unable to resist the smallest attack of the enemy. Engrave this deeply in your mind and heart.

..For how can grace, which comes to help and enlighten us, enter that man, who thinks of himself

that he is something great, that he himself knows everything and needs no outside help? May God preserve us from this disease and passion of Lucifer! God severely reprimands those who are stricken with this passion of vainglory and self-esteem, saying through the prophet: "Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight" (Isaiah v. 21). And the Apostoles tells us: "Be not wise in your own conceits" (Rom. 12, 16)

Realize your nothingness and constantly keep in your mind the fact that by yourself you can do nothing good which is worthy of kingdom of heaven. Listen to the words of the wise fathers: Peter of Damascus assures us that „nothing is better than to realise one's weakness and ignorance, and nothing is worse than not to be aware of them" (Philokalia). St. Maximus the Confessor teaches: "The foundation of every virtue is the realisation of human weakness" (Philokalia).

**(Unseen Warfare** by St. Theophan the Recluse)



## Liturgical Schedule for this week

<b>Wednesday</b> <i>August, 23</i>	<b>6:00pm</b>	Paraklesis of Theotokos
<b>Saturday</b> <i>August, 26</i>	<b>8:30am</b> <b>6:00pm</b>	Divine Liturgy Vespers
<b>Sunday</b> <i>August, 27</i>	<b>8:30am</b> <b>9:30am</b>	Matins Divine Liturgy

### Announcements:

- Let's keep in our prayers Margaret Grabosky who was baptize as Mary on August 19.
- Our Metropolitan confirmed his visit on our Church's feast celebration in November 5.
- We got the quotation from the Holy Protection Monastery PA for the following icons: St. Parascheva, St. Ecaterini, St. Apostle Andrew (The Apostle of Romania) , St. Martyr Minas, and Jesus Pantocrator. **The price is 300\$/each.** We have to decide if we need to find another solution.
- **Pilgrimage** – possible dates: **7-9 October** or **8-10 October**
- **Happy Name day** for **Sam** on today when we celebrate Holy Prophet Samuel, for **Nataly** Collazo for St. Natalia, August 26 and **Alexandra** Malisory for St. Alexander, August 30.
- **Coffee hour** sponsored by Veronica in the memory of her father Tomak and **Holy Table candle** sponsored by Sandra in the memory of her mother Vefa.
- **Movie night** Friday 25 August, 7:00pm.



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