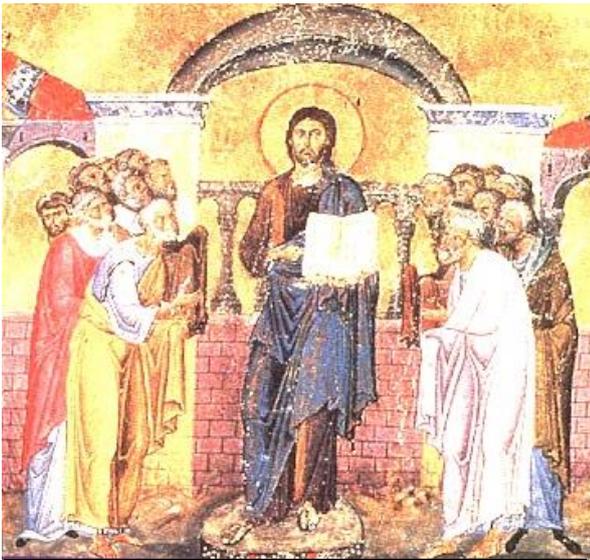




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Pentecost; Church New Year**

## **Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 2.**

*When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the netherworld, all the powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.*

## **Seasonal Kontakion. Mode 4.**

*O God of all, Thou Who hast made all the ages, O Sovereign Lord, truly*

*transcendent in essence, bestow Thy grace and blessing on the year to come; and, O Most Compassionate, in Thine infinite mercy save all them that worship Thee, Who alone art our Master, and that with fear, O Saviour, cry to Thee: Grant unto all men a fruitful and godly year.*

## **Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Psalm 67.35,26**

**God is wonderful among his saints.  
Verse: Bless God in the congregations.**

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 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."

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### **Word of the week – Reflection On the Church New Year (Sep. 1<sup>st</sup>)**

We should know, brethren, that the Holy Church of God celebrates today the Indiction, for three reasons.

First, because it is the new year, and many of the old Romans honored it

from ancient times. In Latin the word *Indiction* means "boundry."

Second, the Church celebrates because on this day our Lord Jesus Christ went to the Synagogue of the Jews, and was given the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, as Luke the Evangelist writes (Lk. 4). And when the Lord opened the scroll - O the wonder! - He found that place, namely the sixty-first chapter of Isaiah, in which it says the following words: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." When the Lord read these words, He rolled up the scroll and gave it to the attendant. Then He sat down and said to the people: "Today the words of this prophecy have been fulfilled in your hearing." Hearing this, the people were astounded by these graceful words which came out of His mouth, as Luke the Evangelist writes.

There is also a third reason why the Church remembers the Indiction today, and celebrates the beginning of the new year: that is, in the hymns and prayers which we offer to God on this feast, we ask that God be gracious to us and bless the new year, and that He grant it prosperity and full of all the physical good things. And that He illumine our intellects, that we pass the entire year in purity and with a good conscience, and that we be well pleasing to God by keeping His

commandments, so that by this we may acquire eternal heavenly good things.

- From the *Synaxarion*

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Instead of silver, Christ our King requires of us the virtue of undoubting trust in God, which more than silver assures a man of a prosperous life...He commands that we trust not in riches, which quickly perish, but that we trust in the living God, Whose words 'are pure words, silver that is fired' (Ps. 11)....

Instead of gold, Christ our King demands the most precious virtue, unfeigned love for God and our neighbor, always represented by the teachers of the Church as gold because of its great value...

The Orthodox Church now celebrates the Christian Indiction...Thus let us celebrate the New Year as the Apostle counsels us, saying: 'We should walk in newness of life, that we should serve God in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter' (Rom. 6). Let us celebrate the Indiction, submitting to the ordinance of the Lord our God that was delivered through Moses, which is now read from the Book of Leviticus: 'If ye walk in My statutes, and keep My commandments, and do them, then I will give peace in the land, and ye shall pursue your enemies and I will look upon you, and bless you, and My soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be My people' (Lev. 26), says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel.

- *St. Dimitri of Rostov*



## Liturgical Schedule for this week

<b>Wednesday</b> <i>September 4</i>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Paraklesis</b>
<b>Friday</b> <i>September 6</i>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Akathist</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <i>September 7</i>	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy &amp; Memorial</b> <b>Vepsers</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <i>September 8</i>	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Matins</b> <b>Divine Liturgy – Nativity of the Theotokos</b>



### Announcements:

- **Happy name day** to Symeon Downie (St. Symeon – September 1<sup>st</sup>).
- **Happy birthday** to Debbie Thomo (September 3<sup>rd</sup>) and Shirley Ann Marcian (September 7<sup>th</sup>).
- **Winter hours** start next Sunday (9/8). Matins will start at 9am and the Divine Liturgy will start at 10am.
- **Golf tournament** – Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see Luke Yanka.
- **General assembly** – September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be voting on the pavilion roof project.

