



**Sunday August 21, 2016 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Afterfeast of the Dormition.** Apostle Thaddæus of the Seventy (ca. 44). Martyr Bassa of Edessa and her sons Theogonius, Agapius, and Pistus (2nd c.). Ven. Abramius, Archimandrite and Wonderworker of Smolensk, and his disciple, Ven. Ephraim (13th c.). Ven. Abramius the Lover-of-Labor, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th-13th c.).

**This Week's Schedule**

*Saturday 8/27      Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.*

*Sunday 8/28 Hours 8:40 a.m*

***Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m***

*followed by coffee hour*

**Reader Schedule**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</u>	<u>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Aug 21	S BUNITSKY	K BUNITSKY	S BUNITSKY
Aug 28	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
Sept 4	A RILEY	J RILEY	J RILEY

## **Hymns and Prayers**

### **Tone 8 Troparion**      (*Resurrection*)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!  
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//  
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

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

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.

### **Tone 3 Troparion**      (*Apostle Thaddeus*)

Holy Apostle Thaddeus,  
entreat the merciful God//  
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions.

### **Tone 8 Kontakion**      (*Resurrection*)

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.  
Eve exults in Your Resurrection,  
and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful  
One!

### **Tone 4 Kontakion**      (*Apostle Thaddeus*)

The Church sees you as a shining star, Apostle Thaddeus,  
and is enlightened by your wonders.//  
Save those who honor your memory in faith!

### **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.

### **Tone 8 Prokeimenon**      (*Resurrection*)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (Ps 75/76:11)

*v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)*

### **Tone 3 Prokeimenon** (*Song of the Theotokos*)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.  
(Lk 1:46-47)

#### **Epistle 1 Corinthians 3:9-17**

*For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.*

*According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.*

*For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

*Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.*

*If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.*

*If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.*

*Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?*

*If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.*

### **Tone 8**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps 94/95:1)*

*v: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps 94/95:2)*

### **Tone 2**

*v: Arise, O Lord, into Your resting place: You and the Ark of Your sanctification! (Ps 131/132:8)*

### ***Gospel Matthew 14:22-34***

*Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.*

*And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.*

*But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.*

*Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.*

*And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.*

*But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."*

*And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."*

*So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.*

*But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"*

*And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"*

*And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.*

*Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."*

*When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.*

*Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)*

### **Tone 1**

*Refrain:* The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

*Heirmos:* The limits of nature are overcome in you, O Pure Virgin: for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death; a virgin after childbearing and alive after death, you ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.

### **Communion Hymns**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)  
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.  
(*Ps 115/116:13*)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### ***This Week's Announcement***

***Study Group to Begin!*** Our Study Group will begin on Thursday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m. with the study of "The Ladder of Divine Ascent." We will be reading together and discussing this spiritual masterpiece. All are welcome to join us!

***Parish Family Picnic Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>*** All are welcome to join us for a Parish Family Picnic on Sunday Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> following the Divine Liturgy. There will be food, drinks, and fun. We will also be celebrating the beginning of the church school year. Make plans to be with us!

***Reminder!*** In and Out should not be the traffic pattern by the back door during services. Use the restroom before coming to church. You shouldn't need to get a drink of water during the service (especially if you are taking Communion!) - come to pray. It should go without saying that adults and teens should be able to hold their place for the entire service, without moving around or going in and out of the nave during the time of the service.

### ***Choosing Martyrdom***

On Wednesday of this week we remember Saints Adrian and Natalia, a young married couple living in Nicomedia, part of the Roman Empire, in the early fourth century. Natalia was a Christian; her husband was not.

Visiting Nicomedia, the fiercely anti-Christian Emperor Maximian promised a reward to anyone willing to inform on Christians. Many people were willing to denounce their neighbors, and twenty-three believers hiding in a cave were informed on, captured, and tortured. Then they were brought before the Praetor or magistrate so that a scribe could record their names and statements.

Natalia and Adrian had been married for only a little over a year. But Adrian, at the age of 28, already had an important position as governor of

the Praetorium. So the tortured Christians were assembled before him, and he watched in astonishment as they not only kept their composure under questioning and threat, but refused to deny their faith.

Finally Adrian felt compelled to challenge the Christians directly. He asked, "What do you hope for from this God of yours; what makes such suffering worthwhile?" The calm, sure answer came at once. The Christians declared that the rewards God is eager to bestow can hardly be imagined, let alone described.

Adrian's response reflects the day's Epistle reading: "Do not unite yourself with unbelievers; they are not fit mates for you. What has righteousness to do with wickedness? Can light consort with darkness?" (2 Corinthians 6: 14). He turned to the scribe and said, "Record my name with the rest. I too am a Christian."

No doubt Natalia had hoped that her husband would embrace the faith, but she would not have chosen these circumstances. Both of them were young, they had just begun a life together, and they were in love. What she did next would surprise many people, because she did not try to preserve her husband's life. Instead she urged him to martyrdom.

The Emperor, hearing of Adrian's action, said the young aristocrat must have lost his mind. But Natalia visited the prison and encouraged her husband, by now beaten and injured, to persevere to the end without losing heart, and never to doubt that the faith he had found was worth the price. Knowing that his determination might weaken if he saw others suffer, she even asked that her husband be first to be tortured to death. How many of us believe that there is nothing more important than preserving life, especially the life of young, healthy people with bright futures? Would we give our lives for the faith? Would we urge our spouses, or perhaps our children, to do so? Could we explain to someone why some saints chose martyrdom?

We may never be called to do any of those things. But it's worth considering the next words from 2 Corinthians 6: "Can there be a compact between the temple of God and the idols of the heathen? And the temple of the living God is what we are."

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### **Wisdom from the Holy Fathers**

*When God wants to have mercy on someone, He inspires someone else to pray for him, and He helps in this prayer.*

***St. Silouan the Athonite, Writings, XX.9***

*"water flows from high mountains onto low places": "We see that water gravitates from the mountains to low-lying areas; so too, the grace of God is poured out from the Heavenly Father upon humble hearts."*

*"Try to know yourself, your own wickedness. Think on the greatness of God and your wretchedness. Meditate on the suffering of Christ, the magnitude of Whose love and suffering surpass our understanding. Ascribe the good that you do to God alone. Do not think about the sin of a brother but about what in him is better than in yourself .... Flee from glory, honors and praise, but if this is impossible, be sorry that such is your lot. Be benevolent to people of low origin. Be freely and willingly obedient not only to those above you but to those below .... The lowlier we are in spirit, the better we know ourselves, and without humility we cannot see God."*

***St Tikhon of Zadonsk***

**Prayers for the Departed:** Irene Sulick, Elizabeth Walens, Harry Wujcik, Melanie Adamcio, Edward Michael Hojnicky

**Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:** Fr. Vladimir Petorak, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Mat. Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Lemlem Resat, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Agnes Timchak, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, Maria Current, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke Wales, Nona Carey, Joseph Wojciechowski, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, , Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Caiton Tompkins, Michael Vannello, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, Alma Clothier, Rae Svecz, Andrew Kovolkavich, Pearl Minnich, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Carson, Stephen, Maria, Aiden, Peck Family, Harry Kutch, Stephanie Hojnicky

**Prayers for Women and the Children to be Born of Them:**  
Kristine

***Service Ministries***

<b>Date</b>	<b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>	<b><u>Service Duty</u></b>	<b><u>Church Cleaner</u></b>	<b><u>Library</u></b>
<b>21-Aug</b>	Elia/Gunersen/ Farrell	Sulpizi/ Finck	Hines	Lewis
<b>28-Aug</b>	Peck/ Wales	Hojnicky/ Souder	Sulpizi	Gundersen
<b>4-Sept.</b>	Hojnicky/Flynn/ Roberts	Sheeler/ Baldychev	Riley	Farrell
<b>11-Sept</b>				

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>VESPERS and LITURGY</b>
Aug-21	Team George
Aug-28	Team Conover
Sept-4	Team Gabriel
Sept-11	Team George

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