

# The Ninth Sunday After Holy Pentecost

Sunday, August 9. **Venerable Father Herman of Alaska.**

Holy Apostle Matthias. Fish, wine and oil.

*Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m. Vespers and Compline: 4:00 p.m.*

Monday, August 10. Martyr and Archdeacon

Lawrence of Rome.

*Matins: 5:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 7:00 a.m.*

*Vespers & Compline: 5:00 p.m.*

Tuesday, August 11. Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus.

*Matins: 5:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 7:00 a.m.*

*Vespers & Compline: 5:00 p.m.*

Wednesday, August 12. Martyrs Anicetus and Photius.

*Divine Liturgy: 7:00 a.m. Vigil for St. Tikhon: 4:00 p.m.*

Thursday, August 13. Saint Tikhon, Bishop of Voronezh,  
Wonderworker of Zadonsk.

Fish, Wine, and Oil.

*Divine Liturgy: 9:00 a.m. Vespers and Compline: 5:00 p.m.*

Friday, August 14. **Forefeast of Dormition.**

Prophet Micah. Wine and oil.

*Matins: 5:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 7:00 a.m.*

*Vigil for Dormition: 4:00 p.m.*

Saturday, August 15.

The Dormition of the Most Holy  
Theotokos.

*Divine Liturgy: 9:00 a.m. Vespers & Compline: 4:00 p.m.*

Sunday, August 16. Image of Christ "Not-made-by-hands."

*Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m. Vespers and Compline: 4:00 p.m.*

## The Bulletin of the Orthodox Monastery of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk

**August 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Week of the Feast of the Dormition of  
the Most Holy Theotokos (Saturday)**

### **The Dormition of Our Most Holy and Glorious Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary.**

Concerning the Dormition of the Theotokos, this is what the Church has received from ancient times from the tradition of the Fathers. ‘When the time drew nigh that our Saviour was well-pleased to take His Mother to Himself, He declared unto her through an Angel that three days hence, He would translate her from this temporal life to eternity and bliss. On hearing this, she went up with haste to the Mount of Olives, where she prayed continuously. Giving thanks to God, she returned to her house and prepared whatever was necessary for her burial. While these things were taking place, clouds caught up the Apostles from the ends of the earth, where each one happened to be preaching, and brought them at once to the house of the Mother of God, who informed them of the cause of their sudden gathering. As a mother, she consoled them in their affliction as was meet, and then raised her hands to Heaven and prayed for the peace of the world. She blessed the Apostles, and, reclining upon her bed with seemliness, gave up her all-holy spirit into the hands of her Son and God.

With reverence and many lights, and chanting burial hymns, the Apostles took up that God-receiving body and brought it to the sepulcher, while the Angels from Heaven chanted with them, and sent forth her who is higher than the Cherubim....When they had reached the place called Gethsemane, they buried there with honor the all-immaculate body of the Theotokos, which was the source of Life. But on the third day after the burial, when they were eating together, and raised up the artos (bread) in Jesus’ Name, as was their custom, the Theotokos appeared in the air, saying “Rejoice” to them. From this they learned concerning the bodily translation of the Theotokos into the Heavens. (*The Great Horologion*).

### **St. John of Kronstadt on the Divine Services**

The bodiless enemy fights vigorously against us during divine services because at this time, by God's grace, the regeneration of the soul is accomplished; therefore, let us not be depressed by the calumnies of the devil, but let us take courage and be strong, looking with our spiritual eyes upon Christ, the Founder of all good deeds, invisibly standing before us, and mysteriously accomplishing the regeneration of our souls. (*My Life in Christ*, pg. 330.)

### **Sister Magdalene on Scripture**

The fact that nature is fallen partly explains why our origin can only be discovered by revelation. Scientific evolutionary theories study fallen nature as a closed system., ignoring the supernatural and the pre-Fall state. One of the tools of evolutionary theory, carbon dating, is based on the corruptibility of atoms; it cannot give insight into a pre-corruption biology. (Incidentally, after the fall,

corruption rates increase their dynamic as sin is perpetuated. That partly accounts for the long lives attributed to the Biblical Patriarchs.)... The Bible is not merely symbolic poetry, but revealed pre-history, with many elements shared by extra-biblical sources [such as the world flood in other early writings]. (*Conversations with Children*. pg. 270, 342.)

### **St. Tikhon on Eternity**

Beloved Christians! Let us inscribe eternity in our memory, and without fail, ceaselessly, in true repentance, contrition of heart, and prayer, let us not be enticed by the vanity of this world, and let us shun every sin as a venomous serpent. All that seems beautiful, pleasant and dear to the sons of this age is loathsome to us. Let us truly be content with a morsel of bread and a little shack and ragged clothing. Remembrance of eternity will work this in us. After the Dread Judgment of Christ all shall go to their eternity, for then Christ as Judge shall pronounce a fitting sentence on everyone. He will open the doors of His Kingdom to the righteous, and He shall say to them: Come ye blessed of My father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world (Matthew 25:34).

### Announcements

1. We welcome everyone to come to our Patronal Feast Day for St. Tikhon of Zadonsk on Wednesday night at 4:00 p.m. and Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. There will be a free meal served by the Monastery Brotherhood and an edifying talk given about spiritual life for all who are present. Please plan to attend!
2. Vigil for the feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos is on Friday at 4:00. Divine Liturgy will be served at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.
3. Adult study class continues this week on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. See Fr. Kopestansky for details.
4. The collection from last Sunday (minus one check of a tithe for 1,000.00) was \$295.00. Your support is necessary and appreciated. May God reward you for your sacrifice!