



HOLY TRINITY EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 7

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Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Martyr Dometius

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:14-22

Troparion (*Resurrection*) **Tone 7**

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death!
To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise!
For the myrrhbearers, Thou didst change
weeping into joy!
And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O
Christ God,
to proclaim that Thou are risen,
granting the world great mercy!

Troparion (*Transfiguration*) **Tone 7**

Thou was transfigured on the mount, O Christ
God,
revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as
they could bear it.
Let Thine everlasting Light shine upon us
sinners,
through the prayers of the Theotokos!
O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

Prokeimenon (Tone 7): The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless his people with peace.

Verse: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

Prokeimenon (Tone 4): O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all!

Hymn to the Theotokos (instead of "It is truly meet..."):

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord was transfigured
on Mount Tabor!
Your childbearing was incorruptible;
God came from your body and appeared on
earth in flesh among men.
Therefore we magnify you, O Theotokos.

Kontakion, (*Resurrection*) **Tone 7**

The dominion of death can no longer hold men
captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying
its powers!
Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and
cry:
The Savior has come to those in faith!
Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

Kontakion (*Transfiguration*) **Tone 7**

On the mountain Thou was transfigured, O
Christ God,
and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as
they could see it;
so that when they would behold Thee crucified,
they would understand that Thy suffering was
voluntary,
and would proclaim to the world
that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord, from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! O Lord, we will walk in the light of Your countenance, and will exult in Your name forever. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The **Polikhronion** for the Diocese of New York and New Jersey: Our Lord and Father, the Most Blessed JONAH, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All-America and Canada, His Grace MICHAEL, Bishop of New York and the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, our rector and the faithful of this Holy Temple, and all Orthodox Christians, O Lord, preserve them for many years!

MEMORY ETERNAL

Nellie Babich – August 12

Charles Pilot – August 12

Peter Kokodko – August 12

Vasile Sandu – August 12

Helen Kutch – August 13

BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Marrazza – August 11

Danniela Condruz – August 11

Coffee Hour: This week: Alina Moldoveanu and Sasha Deieso
Next week: Lillian Oana and Diane Shuster

Church Cleaning: July 31 – August 13 – Ann Pilot and Barbara Nafranowicz

Alaska Basket: One dollar for the support of the Church of Alaska. Thank you!

Notes from Father James

Parish Picnic: Many thanks to all who came out to Mitzi's house and participated in the parish picnic. And we especially thank Mitzi for sharing her home with us for a good time of Christian fellowship and love.

Many thanks: We thank Reader Paul Scott for facilitating the services while Fr James was away this last week. He spent a lot of time organizing the services, making sure the Church was open for the services for the Transfiguration, and presented a good witness to the community. Many Years!

VFOF/DDB: His Grace, Bp Michael has set out an ambitious vision to ensure the future of each parish and the Diocese of New York and New Jersey as a whole. To support our Vision For Our Future, the Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors Program was established. For those of us who have received greater gifts from God, it is good to share it in the building up of his Church.

Prayers and Soup: The Church is open every Wednesday from 12 noon to 2 PM for a hot lunch or to visit the sanctuary and pray. Soup or a meal is needed for this coming week. Please see Fr James if you feel called to help the least of our brethren in this endeavor. Also, with Fr James' vacation, we could use someone to work the meal for the week he is gone, if possible.

Lectionary for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 • Matthew 14:22-34
Monday: 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 • Matthew 14:22-34
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 15:29-38 • Matthew 21:23-27
Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 16:4-12 • Matthew 21:28-32
Thursday: 2 Corinthians 1:1-7 • Matthew 21:43-46
Friday: 2 Corinthians 1:12-20 • Matthew 22:23-33
Saturday: Romans 15:30-33 • Matthew 17:24-18:4

Martyr Dometius of Persia: St Dometius lived in Persia during the fourth century. In his youth he was converted to the Faith by a Christian named Uaros. Forsaking Persia, he withdrew to the frontier city of Nisibis (in Mesopotamia), where he was baptized in one of the monasteries, and also received the monastic tonsure.

Fleeing the ill-will of some of the monks, St Dometius moved to the monastery of Saints Sergius and Bacchus in the city of Theodosiopolis. The monastery was under the guidance of an archimandrite named Urbelos, a strict ascetic, of whom it was said that for sixty years he did not taste cooked food, nor did he lay down for sleep, but rather took his rest standing up, supporting himself upon his staff.

In this monastery St Dometius was ordained a deacon, but when the archimandrite decided to have him made a presbyter, the saint, considering himself unworthy, hid himself on a desolate mountain in Syria, in the region of Cyrhrus.

Stories about him constantly spread among the local inhabitants. They began to come to him for healing and for help. Many pagans were brought to faith in Christ by Dometius. And one time, in the locality where St Dometius struggled with his disciples, the emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363) arrived, traveling on his campaign against the Persians. By order of the emperor, soldiers found St Dometius praying with his disciples in a cave, and walled them up alive inside.

Saint Pimen the Much-ailing: He attained the Kingdom of Heaven by enduring grievous illness. This Russian ascetic was both born and grew up sickly, but his illness preserved him from illness of the soul.

For a long time he besought his parents to send him to the Kiev Caves monastery. When they brought their son to the famed monastery, they then began to pray for him to be healthy. But the sufferer himself, conscious of the high value of suffering, instead asked the Lord both for the continuation of his sickness, and also his tonsuring into monasticism.

One night, radiant angels appeared in the guise of monks, and tonsured him. They told him that he would receive his health only on the day of his death. Several of the brethren heard the sound of singing, and coming to St Pimen, they found him attired in monastic garb. In his hand he held a lit candle, and his tonsured hair could be seen at the crypt of St Theodosius. St Pimen spent many years in sickness, so that those attending to him could not tolerate it. They often left him without food and water for two or three days at a time, but he endured everything with joy.

Compassionate towards the brethren, St Pimen healed a certain crippled brother, who promised to

serve him until death if he were healed. But after a while the brother grew lax in his service, and his former ailment overtook him. St Pimen again healed him with the advice, that both the sick and those attending the sick receive equal reward.

St Pimen spent twenty years in grievous sufferings. One day, as the angels had predicted, he became healthy. In church, the monk took leave of all the brethren and partook of the Holy Mysteries. Then, having bowed down before the grave of Abba Anthony, St Pimen indicated the place for his burial, and he himself carried his bed there.

Pointing to those buried there, one after the other of the monks, and he predicted that the brethren would find one buried in the schema to be without it, since this monk had led a life unworthy of it. Another monk, who had been buried without the schema, would be found clothed in it after death, since he had greatly desired it during his life, and he was worthy.

Then St Pimen lay down upon his bed and fell asleep in the Lord. The brethren buried him with great honor, glorifying God.

After the death of St Pimen, the brethren were persuaded of the truth of his words. On the day of St Pimen's repose, three fiery columns appeared over the trapeza, and moved atop the church. A similar event was described in the chronicles under February 11, 1110 (See the August 5 commemoration of St Theoctistus of Chernigov), therefore the day of demise of St Pimen is surmised as also occurring on February 11, 1110.