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**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & TWELFTH SUNDAY OF
MATTHEW AUGUST 30, 2009**

LEAVE-TAKING FOR COMMEMORATION OF THE BAPTIST JOHN'S
BEHEADING

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN 3rd MODE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down Death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE BAPTIST'S BEHEADING IN 2nd MODE

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown indeed to be the most honorable of the prophets, for in the waters thou didst baptize Him Who had been proclaimed. After suffering with joy in behalf of the truth, thou didst proclaim even to those in Hades the God Who appeared in the flesh, Who takest away the sin of the world, and granteth us the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. PETER (IN CHAINS)

Thou hast come to us without leaving Rome, thou who doest preside over the Apostles by the power of the venerable chains that thou didst bear. While honoring them in faith, we beseech thee that by thine intercessions, God may grant us great mercy.

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN 4th MODE

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee, The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (15:1-11)

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)

At that time, one came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

*** *Announcements for the Week of August 30th* ***

- **The Church New Year is September 1st:** Vespers Monday evening & Liturgy Tuesday morning (See Calendar)
- **New service of Canons** with teaching & fellowship begins later this week (see handout in green for more details)
- **Orthodox School sessions begin on Sunday, September 13th. Enroll your children! See Margaret Pinnt for more details & enrollment.**
- **We welcome Bill Green back** for a little while, on leave, to be with is family & us!
- **Catechumen class resumes sessions on Saturday, September 19th** (see Father Patrick for details)
- **The next great feast, Nativity of the Theotokos, is on September 8th. See the calendar for details.**
- **St. Anne's Romanian Orthodox Church (OCA)** invites you a spiritual retreat on Saturday, September 12, 2009 between noon and 4. The speaker will be Very Rev. Fr. Josiah Trenham. See the bulletin board for more details.

Schedule of Divine Services--	
<i>Ordinary Schedule:</i>	<i>Special Schedule:</i>
<u>Daily Matins</u> at 6:00 AM, Wednesday and Friday <u>Saturday Matins</u> at 7:00 AM	<u>Daily Matins</u> at 6:00 AM, Monday -- Friday, except Thursday <u>Saturday Matins</u> at 7:00 AM
<u>Vespers</u> at 5:00 PM, Tuesday & Friday. [Every evening at certain times]	
For the Lord's Day (Sunday) Great Vespers at 5:00 PM, Saturday (preceded by the 9 th Hour, at 4:45 PM) Sunday Matins at 8:00 AM, Sunday Divine Liturgy immediately follows Matins; thus, at about 9:15 AM. <i>Special Services are scheduled; see Announcements</i>	