**4, SEPTEMBER, 2022. 12-th. SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. TONE-3.**

 **AFTERFEAST OF DORMITION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS.**

 **MARTYRS AGATHONICUS OF NICOMEDIA AND HIS COMPANIONS.**

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**TROPAR OF SUNDAY IN TONE - 3.**

 Let the heavens rejoice. Let earth be glad. For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the First-Born of the Dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hades and has granted to the world great mercy.

**TROPAR OF DORMITION IN TONE-1.** In giving birth, You did preserve Your virginity, in falling-asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You who are the Mother of Life were translated unto life, and by Your prayers You deliver our souls from death.

**TROPAR OF THE TEMPLE (ST. ELIA) IN TONE-4.**
 An angel incarnate, the foundation of prophets and second forerunner of the coming of Christ, glorious Elias sent grace from on high to Elisha to cast out sickness and cleanse lepers. Therefore he pours forth healing for all who honour him.

**TROPAR OF MARTYRS IN TONE-4.**

 Your Martyrs, O Lord , did obtain through their sufferings, incorruptible crowns from You, our God; for, rejoicing in Your strength, they laid low their tormentors and did also beat off impotent affronts of the demons; at their intercessions save our souls.

**KONDAK OF SUNDAY IN TONE-3.** Today You arose from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices. Together with the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine might of Yur Power.

**KONDAK OF TEMPLE (ST. ELIA) IN TONE-2.** O greatly renowned Prophet Elias, who foresaw the great deeds of our God; you stopped the rains of heaven by your command. Intercede for us with the only Lover of mankind.

**GLORY** to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**KONDAK OF MARTYRS IN TONE -1.**

 You did acquire a good name, O divinely wise one, and did convert evil men to the Faith, not fearing tortures, O glorious Agathonicus. Therefore, you became an heir to good things, and with those who suffered with you have received worthy crowns.

**NOW AND FOREVER** and to the ages of ages, Amen.

**KONDAK OF DORMITION IN TONE-2.** Neither the tomb nor death could hold the Theotokos, who is sleepless in Her prayers and an unfailing hope in Her intercession. For as the Mother of Life She has been translated to Life by Him Who dwelt within her Ever-Virginal Womb.

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**COMMUNION VERSE:**

“ Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia.” Matthew.

“ I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.”

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**MATINS:** Matthew. Reading. 116. Mat. 28 : 16 - 20.

**EPISTLE:** 1 Corinthians. Reading. 158. 1 Cor. 15 : 1 -11.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew. Reading. 79. Mat. 19 : 16 - 26.

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**INSTEAD OF “ IT IS TRULY WORTHY…”** Behold the Dormition of the Most-Pure One, the angels were amazed, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

**IRMOS, IN TONE – 1.** In You, O Pure Virgin, the bounds of nature are overcome: for childbirth is virginal and life is betrothed to death. O Theotokos, Virgin after childbirth and alive after death, ever save Your inheritance.

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**READER : “ PROKIMEN IN TONE – 3.** Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing

 praises to our King, sing praises.”

**CHOIR** : “ Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King,

 sing praises.”

**READER** : “ Clap your hands, all you peoples. Shout to God with a joyful voice.”

**CHOIR** : “ Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King,

 sing praises.”

**READER** **: “ ANOTHER PROKIMEN IN TONE – 3.** My soul magnifies the Lord and
 my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.”

**CHOIR** : “ My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit has rejoiced in God my

 Saviour.”

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**READER** : “ **ALLELUIA IN TONE – 3.** I have hoped in You O Lord; let me never be

 put to shame. Alleluia.”

**CHOIR** : “ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**READER** : “ Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, to save me.

 Alleluia.”

**CHOIR** : “ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

**READER** : “ **ALLELUIA IN TONE – 2.** Arise, O Lord, into Your rest, You and the Ark of

 Your holiness. Alleluia.”

**CHOIR** : “ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

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