

## Saintly Notes

### The Holy Martyr Lupus (August 23)

**T**his holy man Lupus was a servant of St. Demetrius the commander of Thessalonica. When Emperor Maximian beheaded St. Demetrius, Lupus dipped the hem of his garment and his ring in the blood of the martyr. With this garment and ring, Lupus worked many miracles in Thessalonica, healing people of every pain and infirmity.

Emperor Maximian, who was then still residing in Thessalonica, discovered this and ordered that Lupus be tortured and killed. However, the soldiers who took up weapons against Lupus turned against one another and severely wounded themselves.

As he was not yet baptized, even though he was a Christian, Lupus prayed to God that He would somehow plan his baptism before his death. At that moment, rain unexpectedly fell from the clouds upon this holy martyr and thus he received baptism from on high. After great sufferings, Lupus was beheaded and took up habitation in the Kingdom of Heaven.

*(The Prologue from Ochrid, Birmingham, 1985, Lazarica Press)*



Dormition of the Theotokos

# 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## Leave-Taking of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

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### The Saints Whom We Remember Today

Martyr Lupus; Hieromartyr Irenaios, bishop of Lyons;  
Venerable Nicholas and Dionysios of Olympus

### This Week's Schedule

**Today:** 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy  
**Monday:** Church Office Closed  
**Wednesday:** 9:15a 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour Prayers; 6:30p Vespers  
**Thursday:** 7:00p St. Thekla (D. Evancho Home)  
**Saturday:** 10:00a Div. Lit. Beheading of St. John the Baptist; 5:30p Great Vespers  
**Sunday:** 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

### Third Antiphon

Tone 1

Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He hath given me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

#### (Troparion for the Dormition)

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for living thou wast translated, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

### Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship . . . Alleluia.

### Troparion

for the Resurrection—Tone 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the Powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of Life, glory to Thee.

### Troparion

for Dormition—Tone 1

See above.

### Troparion

of All Saints—Tone 4

As with fine porphyry and royal purple Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyr's blood shed throughout all the world. She

cries to Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

### Kontakion

for Dormition—Tone 2

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, who is never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But being the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-Virgin womb did translate her to life.

### The Trisagion

Holy God . . . Alleluia.

### Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

*Epistle:* 1 Cor. 15:1–11

*Gospel:* Matt. 19:16–26

### Alegalyrnarion

Tone 7

*All generations bless thee, O thou only Theotokos.*

In thee, O spotless Virgin, the laws of nature were suspended; for thy virginity was preserved in thy child-bearing, and Life is joined with death. Thou, O Theotokos, didst remain a Virgin after child-birth, and after death thou art still alive and dost ever deliver thy heritage.

### Communion Hymn

Tone 8

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

### Post-Communion Hymn

Tone 2

We have seen the true light . . .

## Parish Notes

### Altar Servers Today

Alexander Sieck, Alexander Haynes, Ethan Haynes, Rim Gibrealfa, John Pridgen, Jonah Sieck, Michael Fogg, Justin Fogg.

### Special Attention

- **Vacation Worship.** Remember that vacation time is not a time to avoid worship. Fr. Nicholas can give you a list of churches in the area where you will be vacationing. If you cannot get to a church, do morning prayers together with your spouse or family, and don't forget to pray before meals. If you will be gone for an extended period of time, mailing envelopes for your financial worship of God are also available on the narthex table.
- **Building Project 2009.** Keep your eyes and ears open for continuing information on our new temple and education wing.
- **Church School Begins Soon.** All Saints Church School will begin on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. All our children are invited to attend. Parents, please talk to our Church School Coordinator, Gretchen Ormond (469-5596), if you plan to enroll your children or if you just want more information about our Church School program.
- **Adult Class with Fr Nicholas Will Begin September 13<sup>th</sup>.** The topic will be announced.

## Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

### Prokeimenion:

The Lord is my strength and my song.  
*The Lord has chastened me severely.*

### †Epistle: 1 Cor. 9:2–12 (RSV)

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

### †Gospel: Matt. 18:23–35 (RSV)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared

to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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