

## **Sunday, August 23, 2020 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost; Leave-taking of the Feast of the Holy Dormition; Holy Martyr Luppus; Holy Priest-Martyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons (193-211)**

***Troparia and Kontakia*** *Troparion, Tone 3:* Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,\* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.\* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;\* He saved us from the abyss of Hades\* and granted great mercy to the world.

*Troparion, Tone 1:* In giving birth you retained your virginity,\* in falling asleep you did not abandon the world, O Mother of God.\* You passed into life, for you are the Mother of Life,\* and by your prayers\* you deliver our souls from death.

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

*Kontakion, Tone 3:* You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,\* and led us out from the gates of death.\* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,\* and the prophets together with the patriarchs\* unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

*Kontakion, Tone 2:* The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God,\* unceasing in her intercession and unfailing hope of patronage,\* for, as the Mother of Life, she was transferred to life\* by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

***Prokeimenon, Tone 3*** Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing. *verse:* Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy. (*Psalm 46:7,2*)

***Prokeimenon, Tone 3***

*verse:* My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

***Epistle – A reading of Paul to the Corinthians - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11***

Brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy 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; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which was* with me. Therefore, whether *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

### ***Alleluia, Tone 3***

*verse:* In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever.

*verse:* Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me. (*Ps 30:2,3*)

*verse:* Rise up, O Lord, to the place of Your rest, You and the ark of Your holiness.

*verse:* The Lord swore an oath to David, and will not go back on His word. (*Ps 131:8,11*)

### ***Gospel - Matthew 19:16-26***

At that time, a young man came and said to Jesus, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” “The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to 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 His disciples heard it, 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.”

### ***Hymn to the Mother of God***

Seeing the pure one’s falling asleep, angels marvelled in wonder how the Virgin could ascend from earth to heaven. *And the Irmos:* O pure Virgin, in you are conquered the bounds of nature,\* for childbirth remains virginal and death is betrothed to life.\* Virgin after childbearing and alive after death, O Mother of God,\* never cease to save your inheritance.

***Communion Hymn*** Praise the Lord from the heavens,\* praise Him in the highest. (*Psalm 148:1*)\* I will take the chalice of salvation;\* and I will call upon the name of the Lord.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia. (*Psalm 115:13*)