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**Sun. 13 Sep. (Aug. 31st) FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. TONE 5. PLACING the SASH of the MOTHER OF GOD in the Church at Blachernae (5th C.). Hiero-martyr CYPRIAN of Carthage (258). GENNADIUS, Patriarch of Constantinople (471).**

**2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 Matthew 22:1-14**

**Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 10:39-42; 11:27-28**

**Today’s Bulletin is sponsored by:**

- Melanie Unger in loving memory of her cousin, the Reader Evhen Roger Seremula, on the first anniversary of his repose in the Lord.

- Bettyann and Janet Woyewoda in loving memory of their mother, Pauline Woyewoda.

**Liturgical Meneion & Scripture Readings For The Fifteen Week After Pentecost**

**Mon. 14 Sep. Church New Year.** St. Symeon Stylites (459) and his mother St. Martha (428). Righteous Joshua the Son of Nun (1400 B.C.)

**1 Tim. 2:1-7 Lk. 4:16-22**

**Tue. 15 Sep.** Martyr Mamas (275), and his parents. St. John the Faster, patriarch of Constantinople (595). 3,628 Martyrs who suffered at Nicomedia (3 rd-4th c.).

**Gal. 2:21–3:7 Mk. 6:1-7**

**Wed. 16 Sep.** Hieromartyr Anthimus, bishop of Nicomedia. Martyrs Theophilus, Dorotheos, Mardonius, Migdonius, Peter, Indes, Gorgonius, Zeno, the Virgin Domna (302).

**Gal. 3:15-22 Mk. 6:7-13**

**Thu. 17 Sep.** Hieromartyr Babylas, bishop of Antioch. Holy Prophet and God-seer Moses (1531 B.C.). Martyr Hermione, daughter of Apostle Philip the Deacon (117).

**Gal. 3:23–4:5 Mk. 6:30-45**

**Fri. 18 Sep.** Holy Prophet Zacharias and Righteous Elizabeth (1st c.). Martyrdom of the Holy Passion-bearer Hlib of Rus (1051). Martyrdom of St. Athanasius, abbot, of Brest.

**Gal. 4:8-21 Mk. 6:45-53**

**Sat. 19 Sep. Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae (Chonae)** **(4th c.).** Martyrs Eudoxius, Zeno, Macarius (311).

**Heb. 2:2-10 Lk. 10:16-21**

***5:00 PM Great Vespers.***

**Sun. 20 Sep.** Martyr Sozon of Cilicia (304). Apostles Evodus (Euodias) (66) and Onesiphorus (67) of the Seventy. Martyrdom of St. Macarius, archimandrite of Ovruch.

**2 Cor. 4:6-15 Mt. 22:35-46**

***8:30 AM Third & Sixth Hours***

***9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (restriction of 40 people; also available Online).***

***Panikhida in memory of Roger Seremula.***

**Orthodox Study Bible.** 22:1-14 This is another parable proclaiming-the transfer -of the Kingdom from Jews to Gentiles, depicted as a joyful wedding banquet (see 25:1-13). John the Baptist calls Christ the "bridegroom" (John 3:29) and Paul also uses the marriage analogy (Eph. 5:22-33). Ancient tradition applies these two parables in Matthew to the process of initiation into the Church, because the sacraments of baptism and chrismation bring us into marriage or union with Christ, a union fully realized in the age to come.

22:7 Burned up their city refers to the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

22:9 The highways are the Gentile world. Though the Apostles do not immediately understand it, this parable proclaims beforehand• both the casting out of the unbelieving Jews, and the calling of the Gentiles into the wedding hall, the Kingdom of God. God calls all peoples to salvation in Christ-Jew and Gentile-carrying forth the plan of salvation to all humanity.

22:11 Jesus is speaking here of the judgment which is to come. The wedding garment is provided by the host. To be at the wedding improperly dressed indicates one who is uninvited or who, having been invited, rejects the host's hospitality. In the Church, the wedding garment is true repentance and righteousness - the way of salvation-gained only by the grace of God.

**The Placing of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos** in a church of Constantinople’s Chalcoprateia district took place during the reign of the emperor Theodosius the Younger. Before this the holy relic, entrusted to the Apostle Thomas by the Mother of God Herself, was kept by pious Christians at Jerusalem after Her Dormition. During the reign of Emperor Leo the Wise (886-911), his wife Zoe was afflicted with an unclean spirit, and he prayed that God would heal her.

The empress had a vision that she would be healed of her infirmity if the Belt of the Mother of God were placed upon her. The emperor then asked the Patriarch to open the coffer. The Patriarch removed the seal and opened the coffer in which the relic was kept, and the Belt of the Mother of God appeared completely whole and undamaged by time. The Patriarch placed the Belt on the sick empress, and immediately she was freed from her infirmity. They sang hymns of thanksgiving to the Most Holy Theotokos, then they placed the venerable Belt back into the coffer and resealed it.

In commemoration of the miraculous occurrence and the twofold Placing of the venerable Belt, the Feast of the Placing of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos was established. Parts of the holy Belt are in the Vatopedi monastery on Mt. Athos, in Trier monastery, and in Georgia. (OCA).

**PROPERS FOR LITURGY OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

***Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 5***

Let us the faithful praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation of the Virgin. In His Good Will He was lifted p on the Cross in the flesh to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

***Tropar of the Dormition, Tone 1***

In giving birth, you preserved your virginity. In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, Birth-Giver of God. You were translated to life, Mother of Life and through your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

***Tropar in memory of the Sash of the Mother of God, Tone 8***

Ever-Virgin Mary, Birth-Giver of God, protectress of mankind, you have given your people a powerful legacy, the robe and sash of your most honored body which remained incorrupt throughout your seedless childbearing; for through you, time and nature are renewed. Therefore, we implore you: Grant peace to your people and to our souls great mercy.

***Tropar to Hieromartyr Cyprian, Tone 8***

Guide of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and holiness, luminary of Carthage, God-inspired adornment of confessors, O wise Cyprian, by your teachings you have enlightened all, O harp of the Spirit. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

***Kondak of the Resurrection, Tone 5***

You descended into Hell, my Savior, destroying its gates as Almighty

Resurrecting the dead as Creator and destroying the sting of death. You have delivered Adam from the curse, Lover of all mankind. Therefore, we all cry out to You: Lord save us.

***Kondak to Birth-Giver of God, Tone 4***

Today your flock celebrates the enshrinement of your precious sash, and it earnestly cries out to you: “Rejoice, O Virgin, boast of all Christians.”

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

***Kondak to Hieromartyr Cyprian, Tone 2***

We honor you, O Cyprian, as a true shepherd who with your sacred words and divinely-wise doctrines has shown us the boundary-stones, marking out the one Church of Christ. Even unto death you bore witness with courage; wherefore, we extol you as a hierarch and martyr. Entreat Christ that we all be saved.

**Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

***Kondak of the Dormition, Tone 2***

Neither the tomb nor death had power over the Birth-Giver of God. She is ever watchful in her prayers and in her intercession lies unfailing hope. For as the Mother of Life, she has been translated to life by the One Who dwelt within her ever-virginal womb.

***Prokimen of the Resurrection, Tone 5***

You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

***Verse:***O Lord, save me, for there is no longer any righteous man.

***Prokimen to the Virgin Mary, Tone 3***

My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**Epistles; 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 & Hebrews 9:1-7**

***Alleluia Verses, Tone 5***

Of Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever; unto generation and generation I will proclaim Your truth with my mouth.

***Verse:***Arise, O Lord, into Your rest, You and the ark of Your holiness.

**Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 & Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28**

***Hymn to the Birth-Giver of God”***

“It is right in truth…”

***Communion Hymn:***

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the Highest. I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia (3X)