

The 13th Day of September

☩ **Commemoration of the Dedication (Restoration) of the Church of the Holy Resurrection of Christ our God; the Forefeast of Exaltation of the Precious and Life-creating Cross; and the Commemoration of the Holy Hieromartyr Cornelius the Centurion.**

Note: If it be a Resurrection Service, we sing 10 stichera: 4 of the Resurrection, 3 of the Dedication; and 3 of the Forefeast (taken from the Aposticha of Vespers *(see below)*): “Rejoice, O Life-giving Cross...” The service to St. Cornelius is sung as appointed by the Superior.

Vespers

After the Introductory Psalm, “Blessèd is the man...,” the first Kathisma.

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera:

3 stichera of the Dedication of the Church, in Tone 6:

Well does the Old Testament honor the dedication of temples /
More so are they now honored in the New /
For, as Isaiah says, /
The islands are renewed in the presence of God, /
Which we understand as the new churches built by the Nations /
Which are founded and established in God. ///
Wherefore, we spiritually celebrate the dedication of Thy holy temple.

Renew yourselves, O brethren, /
Put aside the old man and begin life anew; /
Let us control our passions which lead unto death, /
And let us exhort the faithful,
That they may hate the evil taste of the tree; /
And being ever mindful of it, let us avoid the ancient errors. ///
May we be thus restored as we celebrate the feast of the dedication of Thy temple

(By Anatolius:)

Thou didst establish Thy Church as a tower of strength, O Christ, /
And founding it upon the rock of Faith, O eternal Word, /
It abideth unshaken forever /
For Thou dost abide in her, who in these latter days /
Became man for her sake. /
And giving thanks, we praise Thee and sing: ///

Thou, who art our King before the ages, glory to Thee!

and 3 stichera of the Hieromartyr, in Tone 4: *To the melody, "Thou hast given a sign..."*

Looking upon thy works of mercy and thy divine prayers /
Christ sent a holy angel unto thee /
Together with the chief of the apostles /
To enlighten thee in all things, O Cornelius, /
And through water and the Spirit /
Thou wast made new together with all thy house ///
And learned of the greatest good through the grace of the Spirit.

Anointed with the oil of the priesthood, /
Thou didst hasten to preach salvation /
Uprooting the thorns of deception in distant lands, /
O divinely-wise one. /
Thou didst feed all with the spiritual teachings that please the soul. /
Therefore, we joyfully bless thee as a God-pleasing hierarch, ///
And an invincible martyr, O Cornelius.

Following thine example of goodness /
The ignorant were made wise; /
And after thy death according to the laws of nature /
Thy tomb, O blessèd one, became a fountain of many miracles, /
Healing the sick and driving evil spirits away ///
Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, O divinely-inspired Cornelius.

Glory..., of the Dedication of the Church, in Tone 6: *(by the Monk John)*

As we celebrate the dedication of Thy temple /
We glorify Thee, as the bestower of holiness, O Lord, /
And we pray that the senses of our souls be sanctified ///
Through the prayers of thy glorious passion-bearing martyrs, O good and almighty One.

Now and ever..., of the Forefeast, in the same Tone:

Today the wood of the Cross appears! /
Today the impious perish! /
Today the Faith is revealed to all by the faithful rulers! /
Adam once fell because of the tree /
Now the demons tremble in fear /
Because of the Tree ///

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O Almighty Lord, glory to Thee.

Note: If it be a Friday evening or a Resurrection service, however, the Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week.

The Entrance and the Prokeimenon of the Day.

Three Readings:

The Reading from the Book of Kings (3 [1] Kings 8:22-23, 27-30)

^{8:22} Now Solomon stood before the altar in the presence of all the congregation of Israel and spread forth his hands toward heaven. ²³ And he said, "Lord God of Israel, there is no God like Thee in heaven above and on the earth beneath ... ²⁷ If the heaven and heaven of heavens will not suffice Thee, how much less will this house that I have built to Thy Name? ²⁸ Yet Thou, O Lord God of Israel, shalt have respect unto my supplication, to hearken unto the prayer which Thy servant maketh

unto Thee before Thee this day, ²⁹ that Thine eyes may be open toward this house day and night even toward the place whereof Thou hast said, 'My Name shall be there,' that Thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which Thy servant prayeth at this place day and night. ³⁰ And Thou shalt hearken unto the prayer of Thy servant and of Thy people Israel when they shall pray toward this place, and Thou shalt hear in Thy dwelling-place in heaven, and Thou shalt do and be gracious.

The Reading from Proverbs (3:19-34):

^{3:19} God by wisdom hath founded the earth, and by prudence hath He prepared the heavens. ²⁰ By understanding the depths were broken up, and the clouds dropped waters. ²¹ My son, let not this pass thee by, keep my counsel and understanding ²² that thy soul may live and grace be upon thy neck. And it shall be healing unto thy flesh and care unto thy bones, ²³ that thou mayest go in peace with confidence in all thy ways, and that thy foot may not stumble. ²⁴ For if thou sit down thou shalt be without fear, and if thou lie down thy sleep shall be sweet.

²⁵ And thou shalt not be afraid for terror when it cometh upon thee, neither of assaults of the ungodly men when they come at thee. ²⁶ For the Lord shall be over all thy ways and shall establish thy foot that thou be not moved. ²⁷ Forbear not to do good unto the needy when it is in the power of thine hand to help. ²⁸ Say not, "Go, and come again, and tomorrow will I give," when thou canst do good, for thou knowest not what the day that cometh will bring. ²⁹ Devise not evils against thy friend that dwelleth near thee and trusteth thee. ³⁰ Strive not with a man without a cause, lest he do

thee some evil. ³¹Procure not the reproaches of wicked men, neither strive after his ways. ³²For every transgressor is unclean in the sight of the Lord, neither doth he sit among the righteous.

³³The curse of God is in the houses of the ungodly, but the habitations of the just are blessed. ³⁴The Lord resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble.

The Reading from Proverbs (9:1-11)

^{9:1}Wisdom hath built herself a house and hath set up seven pillars. ²She hath offered her sacrifices; she hath mingled her wine in a bowl and hath also furnished her table. ³She hath sent forth her servants and called with a lofty proclamation unto the feast, saying, ⁴“Whoso is foolish, let him turn aside to me.” And unto them that lack understanding she saith, ⁵“Come, eat my bread and drink wine which I have mingled for you. ⁶Leave foolishness, and thou shalt live and seek wisdom and keep thine understanding straight by knowledge.” ⁷He that reproveth evil

men shall get to himself dishonor, and he that rebuketh an ungodly man shall be blamed himself. ⁸Reprove not evil men, lest they hate thee; rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. ⁹Give opportunity to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man, and he shall continue to receive. ¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the counsel of the holy is understanding, for to know the law is the token of a good mind. ¹¹For in this manner shalt thou live long, and years of thy life shall be added to thee.

If a Resurrection Service, at the Litya, the stichera of the Temple, (and those of the Dedication (from the Praises at Matins (see the Chapters of Mark)), and then:

Glory..., of the Dedication, in Tone 5:

O Word, who abidest in the bosom of the Father, /
Didst renew Thy Church erected in Thy Name ///
By the power of the Holy Spirit.

Now and ever..., of the Forefeast in Tone 6: (as above)

Today the wood of the Cross appears! /
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O Almighty Lord, glory to Thee.

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At the Aposticha, the stichera of the Forefeast, in Tone 5:

Rejoice, O Life-giving Cross, /
Invincible trophy of piety! /
Door of paradise and confirmation of the faithful! /
O rampart of the Church, /
Through thee corruption is utterly destroyed, /
The power of death is trampled underfoot, /
And we are raised from earth to heaven; /
O invincible weapon, adversary of demons, /
Glory of martyrs, true adornment of the saints and refuge of salvation ///
Granting the world great mercy.

Verse: Extol the Lord our God, worship at His footstool for it is holy.

Rejoice, O Cross of the Lord, /
Through thee mankind has been delivered from the curse. /
Shattering the enemy by thine Exaltation, /
O Cross all-venerable, thou art a sign of true joy. /
Thou art our help, thou art the strength of kings, /
The power of the righteous, the majesty of priests. /
All who sign themselves with thee are freed from peril. /
Thou rod of strength under which we, like sheep, are tended; /
Thou art a weapon of peace 'round which the angels stand in fear. /
Thou art the divine glory of Christ, ///
Who grants the world great mercy.

Verse: God is our King before the ages, He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

Rejoice, O guide of the blind, physician of the sick, /
O resurrection of all the dead, /
O precious Cross, thou hast lifted us up when we were fallen into mortality. /
Through thee corruption hath been destroyed, /
And incorruption hath blossomed forth; /
We mortals are made divine and the devil is utterly cast down. /
Seeing thee exalted by the hands of bishops on this day, /
We exalt Him who was lifted high upon thee, ///
And venerating thee, we richly draw great mercy.

Glory..., of the Dedication of the Church, in Tone 2: (The composition of Anatolius)

As we celebrate the dedication of Thine all-holy temple, /
The Church of Thy Resurrection, /
We glorify Thee, O Lord, /
Who hast hallowed it and perfected it by Thy self-perfecting grace. /
The Church is adorned by the holy services offered therein /
And by Thy sacred and mystical and all-pure sacrifice /
Received from the hands of Thy servants, /
Who in return for piously celebrating this mystery ///
Are cleansed of their sins and granted great mercy.

Now and ever..., of the Forefeast, in the same Tone:

Thy Life-giving Cross, O Lord, /
Was hidden in the earth as a divine treasure. /
And it appeared in the heavens to the pious emperor, /
Revealed as a sign of his victory over the enemy. /
Faithfully, with love and joy, he uncovered it and lifted it up from the bosom of
the earth ///
For the deliverance of the world and the salvation of our souls.

At the blessing of the loaves, the Troparion: Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos... *(twice)*
and

The Troparion of the Dedication, in Tone 4:

As Thou didst show the splendor of the firmament from on high /
So Thou didst show the splendor of the dwelling place of Thy holy glory on earth. /
Make it stand firm forever /
And accept the supplications offered there unceasingly through Thy Mother ///
O Thou Life and Resurrection of all!

The Troparion of the Hieromartyr, in Tone 8:

Like the apostles in character, /
A successor on their throne, O divinely-inspired one /
Through visions thou didst find thy work /
Rightly dividing the word of truth. /
Thou didst suffer for the sake of the faith /
Even to the shedding of thy blood ///
O hieromartyr Basil, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

The Troparion of the Forefeast, in Tone 4:

We offer Thee, O Lord, /

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Thy Life-giving Cross as a means of intercession, /
And a sign of the blessings Thou hast given us /
Though we are unworthy. /
Save and preserve our land /
And protect Thy people who offer Thee their supplications through Thy Mother ///
O Thou who alone lovest mankind.

Matins

Incomplete as of 8/2015

**After the Third Ode, the Kontakion of the Dedication of the Church, in Tone 4: To
the melody, “Thou hast appeared today....”**

Thou hast made the Church into a resplendent heaven /
That enlightens all the faithful. /
So we stand in the midst of this, Thy holy dwelling-place /
And we cry out to Thee: /
Preserve this house, O Lord!

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