

Afterfeast of the Dormition

On the third day of the Afterfeast of the Dormition, the hymns at Vespers call upon us to “sing the praises of the pure and most holy Virgin.” She did not ascend to heaven in a chariot of fire, as did the Prophet Elias, but “He Who is truly the Sun of Righteousness” received her pure soul.

Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria

The holy martyrs were brothers by birth, living as stone-masons in Illyria. The prefect of Illyria, Likaion, sent the brothers to a nearby district for work on the construction of a pagan temple. The saints toiled at the structure, distributing to the poor the money they earned, while they kept strict fast and prayed without ceasing. When the construction of the temple was completed, the brothers gathered the Christians together, and going through the temple, they smashed the idols. In the eastern part of the temple they set up the holy Cross. They spent all night in prayer, illumined with heavenly light. Having learned of this, the head of the district condemned the Christians to death by burning. The martyrs Florus and Laurus, having been sent back to the prefect Likaion, were thrown down an empty well and covered over with earth.

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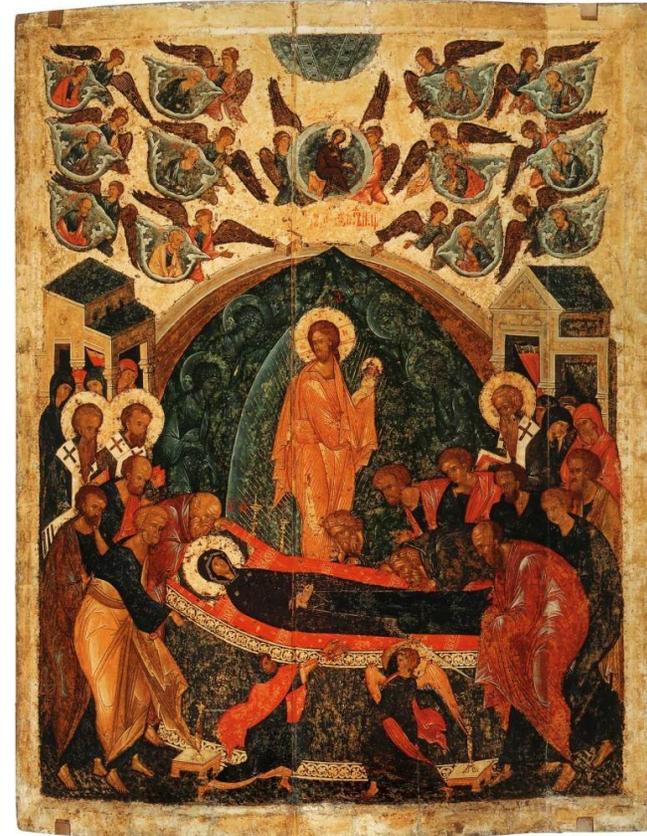
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Readings

Epistle 1 Corinthians 3:9-17
Gospel Matthew 14:22-34

Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!// O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Tone 1 Troparion (Dormition)

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity. In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

Tone 4 Troparion (Martyrs Florus and Laurus)

Let us praise as is meet, you faithful, the most comely, radiant and divinely wise martyrs: Most blessed Florus and all venerable Laurus, who proclaimed to all the uncreated Trinity. Suffering unto bloodshed, they were adorned with brilliant crowns. // Entreat Christ our God to save our souls!

Tone 8 Kontakion (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Tone 8 Kontakion (Martyrs Florus and Laurus)

Today all the world honors in glory the divinely wise Florus and Laurus as pious martyrs who suffered for Christ. Through their prayers may we receive grace and mercy and be delivered from calamity and temptation, and from wrath and sorrow on the Day of Judgment!

Tone 2 Kontakion (Dormition)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life, // he was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

This Week at St. Herman's

Sunday, August 18th - *Afterfeast of the Dormition*

- 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy
- Coffee Hour in the parish hall

Tuesday, August 20th - *Holy Prophet Samuel*

- 7:00 PM - Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 21st - *Apostle Thaddeus of the 70*

- 6:45 AM - Coffee and Books

Thursday, August 22nd - *Martyr Agathonicus*

- 6:00 PM - New Testament Greek Class

Saturday, August 24th - *St Cosmas of Aetolia*

- 6:00 PM - Jesus Prayer
- 6:30 PM - Great Vespers