

Ecclesiastical New Year

The first day of the Church New Year is also called the beginning of the Indiction. The term Indiction comes from a Latin word meaning, "to impose." It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine (May 21) saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on September 1.

According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2, the Savior proclaimed, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me; because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord..." This scene is depicted in a Vatican manuscript (Vatican, Biblioteca. Cod. Gr. 1613, p.1).

Tradition says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.

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Readings

Epistle 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Colossians 3:12-16
Gospel Luke 4:16-22; Matthew 11:27-30

Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out:// "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

Tone 2 Troparion (Indiction)

O Creator of the Universe, Thou didst appoint times by Thine own power; bless the crown of this year with Thy goodness, O Lord! Preserve in safety Thy rulers and Thy cities:// and through the intercessions of the Theotokos, save us!

Tone 1 Troparion (St Simeon)

Thou wast a pillar of patient endurance, having imitated the Forefathers, O Venerable One: Job in suffering and Joseph in temptations. Thou didst live like the bodiless hosts while yet in the flesh, O Simeon, our Father.// Beseech Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Tone 2 Kontakion (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Tone 2 Kontakion (St Simeon)

Seeking the things of the Highest, and having made a fiery chariot, thou wast joined to the heights. Therefore, thou hast become a companion to the angels, O venerable Simeon, // and with them thou art praying incessantly to Christ God for us all.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Indiction)

O Creator and Master of time and the ages, Triune and Merciful God of all: grant blessings for the course of this year, and in Thy boundless mercy save those who worship Thee and cry out in fear:// O Savior, grant blessings to all mankind!

This Week at St. Herman's

Sunday, September 1th - Church New Year

- 9:00 AM - Baptism of Kurt, Jennifer, & Asher Hardesty
- 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy
- Coffee Hour in the parish hall

Wednesday, September 4th - Hieromartyr Babylas

- 6:45 AM - Coffee and Books
- 6:30 PM - Great Vespers for Sts Zechariah & Elizabeth

Thursday, September 5th - Prophet Zechariah & St Elizabeth

- 6:00 PM - New Testament Greek Class

Saturday, September 7th - Martyr Sozon

Archbishop Benjamin Visiting

- 6:30 PM - Vigil for Nativity of the Theotokos/Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross