

## **Life of Saints**

### **Holy Seven Maccabees, their mother Solomonias, and their teacher Eleazar (168 BC)**

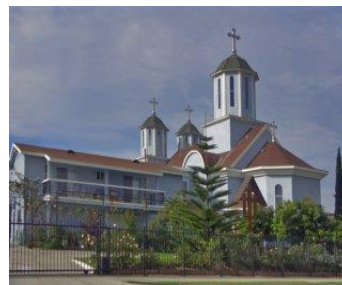
The story of the Maccabees, and their heroic struggle to free the Hebrew nation from the godless rule of Antiochus Epiphanes, is told in the Old Testament books of the Maccabees. (If your Bible does not contain these books, get one that does!) The wicked king once commanded all the Jews to eat pork, in violation of the Law of Moses. The seven pious youths, together with their teacher Eleazar and their mother Solomonias, were arrested and, when all of them refused to transgress the Law, were subjected to the cruelest tortures. Eleazar died first, by burning, then each of the youths, from the eldest to the youngest. All stood firm in their faith until the end. When Solomonias saw her youngest son, a mere boy, seized for burning, she threw herself into the fire, commending her soul to God. This was in the year 168 BC.

### **St Nicholas, enlightener of Japan (1912)**

Born in Russia in 1836, he became one of the great Orthodox missionaries of modern times. As a boy, he resolved to become a missionary in the far East. With the counsel and blessing of Bishop Innocent of Siberia and Alaska, he went to Japan in 1861 and joined a small Russian mission there. Though the mission's official purpose was to minister to the Russian consular community, the consul-general who invited Hieromonk Nikolai hoped to bring the light of the Orthodox Faith to the Japanese people as well. Realizing that he could only hope to convert the Japanese people if they understood one another well, Fr Nikolai immersed himself in the study of Japanese thought, culture and language. Over the course of his life he translated most of the Bible and most of the Orthodox services into Japanese, and became a fluent speaker of the language. He encountered much resistance: Preaching of Christian doctrine was officially banned in Japan, and a Samurai once approached him with the words "Foreigners must die!" It was this same Samurai who later became his first Japanese priest. In 1880 he was elevated to Bishop of Japan. During the Russo-Japanese war he remained in Japan and labored successfully to overcome nationalist strife that might have harmed or destroyed the Church in Japan. He encouraged all his Japanese faithful to pray for the Japanese armed forces, though he explained that as a Russian he could not do so, and excluded himself from all public services for the duration of the war. He sent Russian-speaking Japanese priests to the prison camps to minister to Russian prisoners of war. At the time of his repose in 1912, after forty-eight years in Japan, St Nikolai left a Cathedral, eight churches, more than 400 chapels and meeting houses, 34 priests, 8 deacons, 115 lay catechists, and 34,110 Orthodox faithful. The Church of Japan is now an autonomous Orthodox Church under the mantle of the Moscow Patriarchate.

### **† Procession of the Precious Wood of the Life-giving Cross of the Lord (1164)**

*First of the three "Feasts of the Saviour" in August. Beginning of the Dormition Fast.* The Procession was established in the time of the Emperor Manuel Paleologos. In Constantinople, the wood of the Cross was brought forth from the Imperial Treasury on July 31 and placed on the altar of the Great Church, where it remained until the Dormition feast, being carried in procession every day for the people's veneration.



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## **Buletin Parohial**

**August 1, 2021**

### **Duminica a 6-a după Rusalii.**

Ap. Romani 12, 6-14; Ev. Matei 9, 1-8  
(Vindecarea slăbănogului din Capernaum). Glas 5, voscr. 6.  
Scoaterea Sfintei Cruci; Sf. 7 frați Mucenici Macabei  
(Începutul Postului Adormirii Maicii Domnului)



Întru naștere Fecioria ai păzit, întru Adormire lumea nu ai părăsit, de Dumnezeu Născătoare; mutatu-te-ai la Viață, fiind Maica Vieții și cu rugăciunile tale, izbăvești din moarte sufletele noastre.

### **Programul liturgic al săptămânii 1-7 August 2021 Postul Adormirii Maicii Domnului (The Dormition Fast)**

**Duminica (Sunday) 7pm Paraclisul Maicii Domnului**

**Luni, marți, miercuri (Monday-Wednesday)**

**7pm Paraclisul Maicii Domnului (The Paraklisis)**

**Joi (Thursday)**

**7pm Priveghere (Vecernia mare cu Litie și Utrenia)**

**Vineri (Schimbarea la Fata a Domnului) Friday (The Transfiguration of our Lord)**

**8.30 am Acatist**

**9am Sf Liturghie**

**7pm Taina Sf Maslu ( Holy Unction)**

**Sâmbătă (Saturday)**

**7pm Priveghere (Vecernia mare și Utrenia)**

**Duminca (Sunday)**

**8.30am Acatist**

**9am Sf Liturgie**

### Troparul

Pe Cuvântul cel împreună fără de început cu Tatăl și cu Duhul, Care S-a născut din Fecioară spre mântuirea noastră, să-L laudăm credincioșii și să I ne închinăm; că bine a voit a se sui cu trupul pe Cruce și moarte a răbda și a scula pe cei morți, întru slăvită învierea Sa.

### Al Născătoarei de Dumnezeu:

Bucură-te, ușa Domnului cea neumblată. Bucură-te, zidul și acoperământul celor ce aleargă la tine. Bucură-te, limanul cel neînvișor și neispitit de © www.teologie.net 3 nuntă, care ai născut cu trup pe Făcătorul tău și Dumnezeu. Nu înceta a te ruga pentru cei ce laudă și cinstesc nașterea ta.

### Apostolul (Romani 12:6-14)

Fraților, avem felurite daruri, după harul ce ni s-a dat. Dacă avem prorocie, să prorocim după măsura credinței; dacă avem slujbă, să stăruim în slujbă; dacă unul învață, să se sârguiască în învățatură; dacă îndeamnă, să fie la îndemnare; dacă împarte altora, să împartă cu firească nevinovăție; dacă stă în frunte, să fie cu tragere de inimă; dacă miluiește, să miluiască cu voie bună! Dragostea să fie nefățarnică. Urăți răul, alipiți-vă de bine. În iubire frățească, unii pe alții iubiți-vă; în cinste, unii altora dați-vă întâietate. La sârguință, nu pregetați; cu duhul fiți fierbinți; Domnului slujiți. Bucurați-vă întru nădejde; în suferință fiți răbdători, la rugăciune stăruțiți. Faceți-vă părtași la trebuințele sfinților, iubirea de străini urmând. Binecuvântați pe cei ce vă prigonesc. Binecuvântați-i și nu-i blestemați.

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

### KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

### Sf Evanghelie (Matei 9:1-8)

În vremea aceea, intrând în corabie, Iisus a trecut marea și a venit în cetatea Sa. Și, iată, I-au adus un slăbănog zăcând pe pat. Și Iisus, văzând credința lor, a zis slăbănogului: Îndrăznește, fiule! Iertate sunt păcatele tale! Dar unii dintre cărturari ziceau în sinea lor: Acesta hulește. Și Iisus, știind gândurile lor, le-a zis: Pentru ce cugetați rele în inimile voastre? Ce este mai lesne? A zice: Iertate sunt păcatele tale, sau a zice: Ridică-te și umblă? Dar, ca să știți că putere are Fiul Omului pe pământ a ierta păcatele, a zis slăbănogului: Ridică-te, ia-ți patul și mergi la casa ta. Și ridicându-se, s-a dus la casa lui. Iar mulțimile, văzând acestea, s-au înspăimântat și au slăvit pe Dumnezeu, Care dă oamenilor asemenea putere.

## Sunday Readings

### THE EPISTLE ( Romans 12:6-14)

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace that was given to us, let each use them accordingly: whether prophecy, let him prophesy according to the proportion of the faith; or ministry, let him give himself to the ministry; or the teacher, to the teaching; or he who exhorts, in the exhorting; he who gives, let him do it with simplicity; he who presides, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Love one another with brotherly affection; in honor preferring one another; in diligence not slothful; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing steadfastly in prayer; communicating to the necessities of the saints; given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse.

### THE GOSPEL(St. Matthew 9:1-8)



At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—He then said to the paralytic—“Rise, take up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.



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