St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church, Stafford, VA

**September 4, 2016 (N.S.) / August 22, 2016 (O.S.) TONE 2**

**10th Sunday After Pentecost / Afterfeast of the Dormition.** Martyr Agathonikos of Nikomedia and his companions: Martyrs Zotikos, Theoprepios, Akindynos, Severian, Zeno, and others who suffered under Maximian (+ 4th century AD). Hieromartyr Athanasios, Bishop of Tarsus in Cilicia, Ven. Anthusa—Nun, and her servants, Martyrs Charesimos and Neophytos (+ 3rd century AD). Virgin Martyr Eulalia of Barcelona (+ ca. 303).

**Troparia After the Little Entrance**

**Tone 2** **Troparion of the Resurrection**[Liturgy book, p. 32]

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

**Tone 1** **Troparion of the Dormition** [Music attached as a pdf document]

In giving birth, you preserved your virginity, / In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, / And by your prayers, you deliver our souls from death.

*Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 7 Troparion of St. Herman of Alaska**[See inside cover of music book]

O joyful North Star of the Church of Christ,

guiding all men to the heavenly Kingdom;

teacher and apostle of the True Faith;

intercessor and defender of the oppressed;

adornment of the Orthodox Church in America:

Blessed Father Herman of Alaska,

pray to our Lord Jesus Christ //

for the salvation of our souls!

**Trisagion** [Special version by Pyotor Tchaikovsky]

**Prokeimenon** (**Tone 2)**

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. *(Ps 117/118:4)*

*v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death. (Ps 117/118:18)*

**Epistle:** *1 Corinthians 9:2-12* [RSV]

Brethren: 2If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. 3This is my defense to those who would examine me. 4Do we not have the right to our food and drink? 5Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? 6Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? 7Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? 8Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? 9For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? 10Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. 11If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? 12If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

## Alleluia (Tone 2)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! (Ps 19/20:1)*

*v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)*

**Holy Gospel:***St. Matthew 18:23-35* [RSV]

23“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; 25and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ 27And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. 28But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ 29So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ 30He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. 31When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; 33and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ 34And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. 35So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

**Homily:**  “Blessed is the Kingdom—of God, not Men!” [Church calendar]

**Post-Elevation Hymn** [“One is Holy”: Liturgy book, p. 87]

**Communion Hymn A** [Liturgy book, p. 29 and/or choir director’s selection]

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps 148:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!