Sunday, September 9, 2018
Sunday before the Exaltation– Post feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God

Tropar Sunday, tone 7:

By your cross you destroyed death;* you opened Paradise to the thief;* you changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,* and charged the Apostles to proclaim* that you are risen, O Christ, our God,* offering great mercy to the world.

Glory be…, tone 4:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

Kondak Sunday, tone 4:

My Saviour and Deliverer* from the grave as God has raised out of bondage the children of earth* and shattered the gates of Hades;* and as Master, He rose on the third day.

Now and forever…, tone 7:

now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kondak Sunday, tone 7:

No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity,* for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers.* Hades is bound.* The prophets exult with one voice.* The Savior has come for those with faith, saying:* "Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!"

Prokimen, Tone 6:

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: *Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.*

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Epistle: A reading from the First Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (6: 11 - 18)

Alleluia Verses:

I have promoted the one chosen from my people and anointed him with my holy oil.

My hand will be constantly with him, he will be able to rely on my arm.

Gospel: John 3: 13 - 17

Instead of "It is truly right . . ."

O my soul, extol the Virgin Mary*, born of a barren womb.* Mothers cannot be virgins,* nor virgins be mothers;* but in you, O Mother of God,* both virginity and motherhood were present.* Therefore, all the people of the earth* unceasingly extol you.

Communion Hymn (Verse):

I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!