

# Order of the Divine Liturgy

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Ninth Sunday of Matthew

Commemoration of Return of the Body of Bartholomew the Glorious Apostle, Titus the Apostle of the 70, Bishop Gortyne of Crete, Disciple of the Holy Apostle Paul, John the Cappadocian & Epiphanius, Patriarchs of Constantinople, Holy Father John of Carpathia

*August 25, 2013*

APOLYTIKIA

Today is Salvation

*Today is salvation come unto the world. Let us sing unto the Author of our life Who arose from the tomb; for, destroying death by death, He granted us the victory and great mercy.*

Resurrectional Apolytikion -- Plagal of the Fourth Mode

*From on high did You descend, O Merciful Lord; For us did You endure, three days in the tomb, that we may be released from passions in this world, You Who are our resurrection and our life: Glory unto You, O Lord.*

O Holy Apostles

*O holy Apostles, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offenses.*

Having seen the image

*Having seen the image of Thy Cross in Heaven, and, like Paul, having received the call not from men, Thine apostle among kings entrusted the commonwealth to Thy hand, O Lord. Keep us always in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O only Friend of man.*

KONTAKION *(relating to the Season or Feast)*

The Birth of the Theotokos

*Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, O immaculate one, by thy holy Nativity, which thy people, redeemed from the guilt of offenses, celebrate by crying to thee: The barren woman giveth birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life*

EPISTLE

I Corinthians 3:9-17

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-34