

**July 2**

**The Placing of the Precious Robe of our Most Holy Lady and Mother of God in the Church at Blachernae in Constantinople**

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**DIVINE LITURGY**

***Troparia and Kontakia***

*Troparion, Tone 8:* Protection of humans, ever-Virgin Mother of God\* as a mighty bulwark for your city\* and you gave your pure body's robe and sash.\* They remained incorrupt by your giving birth without seed.\* For in you are nature and time made new.\* Therefore, we pray you, give peace to your city,\* and – to our souls – great mercy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

*Kontakion, Tone 4:* O pure one, full of the grace of God,\* you have given your sacred robe as a garb on incorruption to all who believe.\* It covered your sacred body,\* O protection of all mankind.\* We feast its deposition with love, and in awe we cry:\* Rejoice, O Virgin, boast of Christians.

***Prokeimenon, Tone 3***

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.

*verse:* Because he has regarded the humility of His handmaid; for behold, all generations shall call me blessed. (Luke 1:46-48)

***Epistle*** Hebrew 9:1-7

***Alleluia, Tone 8***

*verse:* Rise up, O Lord, to the place of Your rest, You and the ark of Your holiness.

*verse:* The Lord swore an oath to David, and will not go back on His word. (Psalm 131:8,11)

***Gospel*** Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

***Communion Hymn***

I will take the cup of salvation;\* and I will call upon the name of the Lord.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia. (Psalm 115:13)