

July 15

Holy Grand Prince Vladimir, Equal to the Apostles, Named Basil at Holy Baptism

DIVINE LITURGY

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 4: You resembled the merchant who sought the pearl of great price,* O Vladimir, glorious in might:* seated on the throne of Kiev, the divinely-saved mother of the cities of Rus',* as a seeker you sent envoys to the Imperial City* to know the orthodox faith,* and found Christ the pearl, who chose you as another Paul,* and removed your blindness both spiritual and bodily in the holy font.* Therefore we, your people, feast your falling asleep.* Pray that the leaders of Rus' be saved with those entrusted to them.

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

Kontakion, Tone 8: You emulated Paul the great apostle,* O glorious Vladimir;* late in life you abandoned your zeal for idols as childish thinking,* and as a full-grown man you were adorned with divine baptism's royal purple.* Standing with joy in the presence of Christ the Saviour,* pray that the leaders of Rus' may be saved with those entrusted to them.

Prokeimenon, Tone 3

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy. (Psalm 46:7,2)

Epistle Galatians 1:11-19

Alleluia, Tone 6

verse: I have exalted one chosen from among My people.

verse: Indeed, My hand shall sustain him, and My arm shall make him strong. (Psalm 88:20,22)

Gospel John 10:1-8

Communion Hymn

The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 111:6)