

**Saturday before the Exaltation**

**⌘ Commemoration of the Dedication of the Holy Church of the Resurrection  
of Christ Our God**

**Holy Hieromartyr Cornelius the Centurion**

At the Hours:

- *Ninth Hour*
  - *Troparion: Dedication, Hieromartyr*
  - *Kontakion: Dedication*

Troparion of the Hieromartyr, tone 4: O Blessed Cornelius, \* you were distinguished in works of righteousness. \* You received the enlightenment of godliness, \* and were a fellow-laborer with the Apostles, \* for you shared in their work, \* preaching Christ's incarnation to all. \* With them pray that all who honour your memory may be saved!

At the Divine Liturgy:

*Weekday Antiphons*

Troparion of the Dedication, tone 4: You have revealed the beauty of the holy dwelling place of Your glory on earth \* to be like the splendour of the heavenly firmament, O Lord. \* Through the prayers of the Theotókos, \* strengthen it for ever and ever \* and accept our supplication \* which we ceaselessly offer to You therein, \* the life and resurrection of all.

Troparion of the Prefeast, tone 4: We offer in supplication \* the life-creating Cross of Your goodness, O Lord, \* which You have granted to us \* although we are unworthy. \* Through the Theotókos, save Your people and city, O only Lover of mankind.

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son \* and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion of the Dedication, tone 4: The Church has been revealed to be a heaven filled with light \* which enlightens all the faithful. \* Standing within it we cry: \* "Establish this house, O Lord."

Now and for ever \* and ever. Amen.

Kontakion of the Prefeast, tone 8: Today we see the saving tree which blossomed from the earthly seed. \* It is lifted up in the Church by the hands of the Hierarchy. \* The universe adores and greets it with awe. \* Save us by it, O Lord

Prokimenon of the Dedication, tone 4: Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, \* for length of days. (Ps. 92:5)

Verse: The Lord reigns! He is clothed in majesty. (Ps. 92:1)

Epistle

Dedication: Hebrews 3:1-4, pericope 307

Alleluia of the Dedication, tone 2: His foundations are on the holy mountains. (Ps. 86:1)

Verse: Glorious words have been spoken of you, O city of God. (Ps. 86:3)

Gospel

Dedication: Matthew 16:13-19, pericope 67

Communion Verse: O Lord, I have loved the splendour of Your house, and the place where the habitation of Your glory stands. (Ps. 25:8) Alleluia. (3)