¹ Now the serpent was more cunning than any

beast of the field which the LORD God had

made. And he said to the woman, "Has God

indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of

the garden'?" ² And the woman said to the

serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the

garden: 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in

the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall

not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die." 4

Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will

not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day

you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you

will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So

when the woman saw that the tree was good for

food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree

desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit

and ate. She also gave to her husband with her,

and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were

opened, and they knew that they were naked;

and they sewed fig leaves together and made

themselves coverings. 8 And they heard the

sound of the LORD God walking in the garden

in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife

hid themselves from the presence of the LORD

God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ Then the

LORD God called to Adam and said to him,

"Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your

voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I

was naked; and I hid myself." 11 And He said,

"Who told you that you were naked? Have you

eaten from the tree of which I commanded you

that you should not eat?" 12 Then the man said,

"The woman whom You gave to be with me, she

gave me of the tree, and I ate." 13 And the LORD

God said to the woman, "What is this you have

done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived

me, and I ate." 14 So the LORD God said to the

serpent: "Because you have done this, you are

cursed more than all cattle, and more than every

beast of the field; On your belly you shall go,

and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. 15

And I will put enmity between you and the

woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He

shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His

heel." ¹⁶ To the woman He said: "I will greatly

multiply your sorrow and your conception; In

pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire

shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over

you." 17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you

have heeded the voice of your wife, and have

eaten from the tree of which I commanded you,

saying, 'You shall not eat of it': Cursed is the

ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; For dust you are, and to dust you shall return." 20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law. 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

St. Luke 1:39-55

³⁹ Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, 40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. 41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. 45 Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord." 46 And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. 48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. ⁴⁹ For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. ⁵⁰ And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. 52 He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. 54 He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, 55 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever."

August 15—St. Mary Theotokos (White)



Introit.

Ant. AND THERE | appeared a great wonder in | heav- | en:

a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.

Psalm. | O sing unto the Lord a new song; for He hath done marvellous | things -:

His right hand, and His holy arm, hath gotten Him | the | vic- | tor- | y. GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | -:

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT | was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be: world with- out end. A- men: (Ant. Repeated.)

Collect.

Almighty God, who didst show favor to the Blessed Virgin Mary, granting unto her to be the mother of Thine only-begotten Son, we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst grant humility and faithfulness unto Thy Church to glorify Thee in the fulfillment of our labors that we who have been saved by grace through faith in Thy Son, might remain steadfast unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

Epistle, Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel. Luke 1:41-50

Gradual.

| Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline | thine | ear:

forget also thine own people, and | thy | fath-| er's | house.

|| So shall the King greatly desire thy | beau- | ty:

for He is thy Lord; and | wor- | ship | thou | Him.

| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The king's daughter is all glorious | with- | in: her clothing is of wrought gold. Hal- le- lu- jah.

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