

**Divine Liturgy, July 4  
Independence Day**

**Alleluia - Tone 7** (Psalm 118: 45, 142):

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia! Al - - - -  
-le - lu - - - - ia!

**Verse:** I will walk at liberty, \* because I seek your commandments.  
**Verse:** Your justice is everlasting justice, \* and Your law is permanent.

**Gospel:** John 8:31-42

**Communion Hymn** (Psalm 104: 44a, 45):

He gave them the land of the na - tions that they might keep His pre-cepts  
*Refrain*  
and ob - serve His laws. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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**Troparion - Tone 6**

O Fath - er of all na - tions and Lord of the un - i - verse, may we al - ways  
show ourselves to be a ho - ly peo - ple, trust - ing in You,  
our God, and ful - fil - ling Your will. Since You have bestowed on us this her - it - age  
of Your boun - ties, may we e - ver wor - ship You,  
and make our nation a place of freedom, equality, and jus - tice for all.

*Cantor*

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

**Kontakion - Tone 6**

O Lord, two hun - dred years a - go, our coun - try claimed its place

among the fami-ly of na - tions. You have rich - ly favored us  
 with Your bles - sings and pros-pered us with the ful-ness of the land.  
 We now of-fer our gra-ti-tude to You, and we re-de-dicate our-selves to ser-ving You,  
 so that the works of justice and freedom might be shared by all peo - ples.

*Cantor*

Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

**Theotokion - Tone 8**

Our found - ing fathers es-tab - lished this na - tion with an a - bid - ing  
 trust in God our hea-ven - ly Fa - ther, gi-ving lib - ber - ty to all its in-hab - i-tants.  
 We have be - come the stewards of this cher-ished her - i - tage. Deem us wor - thy,

O Theoto-kos, Ev-ver-Vir-gin, to pro-tect and transmit this trea-sured in - her - i - tance.  
 Lead us to your Son, Christ our God, so that He would bestow on us  
 His e - ter - nal free - dom, grant - ing us His great mer - cy  
 and lead - ing us into the land of right - eous - ness.

**Prokeimenon - Tone 5 (Lev. 25:10; Psalm 88:15):**

Pro - claim li - ber - ty through all the land un - to all  
 the in - hab - i - tants there - of.

**Verse:** Justice and judgment are the foundation of Your throne; \*  
 kindness and truth go before You.

**Epistle:** Hebrews 12: 7-11, 14-17, 25-28