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APRIL 6, 2025 / FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (TONE 8)

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE EIGHT

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! / Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

TROPARION OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT IN TONE EIGHT

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Mother, / for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ. / By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; / but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. // Therefore thy spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

- *Choir sings troparion of Apostles Peter & Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE EIGHT

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. / Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, // and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE EIGHT

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

v. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

Prokeimenon in Tone Four: God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (9:11-14).

Brethren, Christ has already come as the High Priest of the good things that are already here. The tent in which he serves is greater and more perfect; it is not a tent made by human hands, that is, it is not a part of this created world. When Christ went through the tent and entered once and for all into the Most Holy Place, he did not take the blood of goats and bulls to offer as a sacrifice; rather, he took his own blood and obtained eternal salvation for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a burnt calf are sprinkled on the people who are ritually unclean, and this purifies them by taking away their ritual impurity. Since this is true, how much more is accomplished by the blood of Christ! Through the eternal Spirit he offered himself as a perfect sacrifice to God. His blood will purify our consciences from useless rituals, so that we may serve the living God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (3:23-29).

Brethren, before the time for faith came, the Law kept us all locked up as prisoners until this coming faith should be revealed. And so the Law was in charge of us until Christ came, in order that we might then be put right with God through faith. Now that the time for faith is here, the Law is no longer in charge of us. It is through faith

that all of you are God's children in union with Christ Jesus. You were baptized into union with Christ, and now you are clothed, so to speak, with the life of Christ himself. So there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles, between slaves and free people, between men and women; you are all one in union with Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are the descendants of Abraham and will receive what God has promised.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

v. I waited patiently for the Lord; He attended to me and heard my supplication.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (10:32-45).

Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." And when the ten heard *it*, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (7:36-50).

Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged." Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

- “All Creation Rejoices in Thee ...” is sung instead of “It is Truly Meet ...”

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SAINTS COMMEMORATED TODAY

Commemorated on April 6th: *St. Mary of Egypt*; St. Eutychius, Patriarch of Constantinople; St. Methodius, Archbishop of Moravia, “Equal of the Apostles,” Enlightener of the Slavs; Hieromartyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Sirmium; Martyr Marcellinus of Carthage; St. Celestine I, Pope of Rome; St. Platonis of Nisibis; 120 Martyrs of Persia; St. Gregory the Byzantine; Monk-martyr Gennadius of Dionysiou (Mount Athos); St. Prudentius, Bishop of Troyes; St. Aelfstan, Bishop of Ramsbury; St. Notker the Stammerer, of Abbey of St. Gall (Switzerland).

TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Triple Candelabra offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Evelyn Zaleckis.

UPCOMING SERVICES

6:00 PM (Friday) – Canon of St. Lazarus

9:30 AM (Saturday) – Divine Liturgy [*Lazarus Saturday*]

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers w. Lity & Blessing of Willow Branches

9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy [*Palm Sunday*]

PARISH & LOCAL NEWS

(1) Today’s Lenten Vespers is at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 120 Dover-Chester Rd., Randolph, New Jersey at 5:00 PM.

(2) All parishioners ought to go to confession during Great Lent. Confessions may be heard after any Friday or Saturday evening service. Those who legitimately cannot attend services on Friday or Saturday evenings may call the Rectory to make your arrangements for confession at another time.

(3) Easter food baskets will be blessed in the church hall at 4:00 PM on Saturday, April 19, 2025. Baskets may also be blessed in the Carpathian Club Hall after Divine Liturgy on Easter Sunday.

(4) A Paschal repast is being held at the Carpathian Club Hall after Divine Liturgy on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025. All parishioners and visitors are welcome!

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