

Divine Liturgy Variables for March 22, 2020

TODAY'S SAINTS

Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra; Martyr Drosis (daughter of Emperor Trajan); St. Isaac, Founder of the Dalmatian Monastery in Constantinople; Martyrs Basilissa and Callinica of Galatia; St. Lea of Rome; St. Paul, Bishop of Narbonne; St. Epaphroditus, Bishop of Terracina; St. Deogratius, Bishop of Carthage; Martyr Octavian the Archdeacon and Companions, of Carthage; Martyr Saturninus and Companions; St. Darerca of Ireland (sister of St. Patrick).

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SEVEN

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrh-bearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, // granting the world great mercy.

TROPARION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

- *Choir sings the troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul in Tone Four*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION FROM TRIODION IN TONE FOUR

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden; it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross. The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished; for Thou, O my Savior, hast come and cried to those in hell: // "Enter again into Paradise!"

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.
v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (4:14-5:6)

Brethren, since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So, also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

ALLELUIA IN TONE SIX

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old!

v. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

At that time, he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the human race. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child –our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. Glory to thee!

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of Fr. Thomas Sheridan, S.J., offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer.

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Fr. Thomas Sheridan, S.J. **St. John's Cross** and **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Robert Pierce for the health and well-being of Kenneth Bianchini.