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TODAY'S SAINTS

Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils; Uncovering of the Relics of St. Seraphim, Wonderworker of Sarov; St. Macrina the Younger (sister of Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa); St. Dius, Abbot of Antioch; St. Theodore, Archbishop of Edessa; St. Stephen the Tall, Prince and Despot of Serbia, and his mother, St. Militsa the Wonderworker, Princess of Serbia, Nun and Founder of Ljubostinja Monastery; St. Martin, Bishop of Trier; Martyrs Justa and Rufina of Seville; St. Felix, Bishop of Verona; St. Symmachus, Pope of Rome; St. Ambrose, Abbot of San Vincenzo al Volturno; St. Jerome, Bishop of Pavia; Nun-martyr Aurea of Cordoba

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FIVE

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

TROPARION OF HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God! / Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! / Through them Thou hast guided us to the true faith! / O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

TROPARION OF ST. SERAPHIM OF SAROV IN TONE FOUR

From thy youth didst thou love Christ, O blessed one; / and longing to serve Him alone thou didst struggle in the wilderness in unceasing prayer and labor; / and with penitent heart and great love for Christ thou wast favored by the Mother of God. / Therefore, we cry unto thee: // Save us by thy prayers, O our venerable father Seraphim.

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE FIVE

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, / shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, / O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FIVE

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!

Prokeimenon in Tone Four: Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (12:6-14)

Brethren, Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:7-16)

Brethren, remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore, Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore, let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore, by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FIVE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. *I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.*

v. *For Thou hast said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens."*

v. *The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.*

THE GOSPEL

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

And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins” — he then said to the paralytic — “Rise, take up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (17:1-13)

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made. “I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father,

keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise befits the upright! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Wilfred J. Royer (anniversary of birth).

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

8:50 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour

9:00 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

“Acquire a peaceful spirit, and thousands around you will be saved.”
— St. Seraphim of Sarov (1754-1833)