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RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world // great mercy.

TROPARION OF ST. RAPHAEL OF BROOKLYN IN TONE ONE

Thy proclamation has gone out through North America, / calling the scattered sheep into the unity of the Church. / Hearing thy voice, they respond to thy teaching, / and through thy writings thou didst instruct them in piety. / Now guided by thine example, O Father Raphael, / we sing hymns of praise to Christ our God: / “Glory to Him Who gave thee strength! / Glory to Him Who granted thee a crown! // Glory to Him Who, through thee, grants healing to all!

- *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.*

KONTAKION FROM LENTEN TRIODION IN TONE ONE

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory, / all things shall tremble, / and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; / the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed; / then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, // and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE THREE

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure.
v. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

Prokeimenon in Tone One: My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (8:8-9:2)

Brethren, food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my

work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:17-21)

Brethren, obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably. But I especially urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

v. The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:31-46)

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (10:9-16)

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

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!

TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on February 27th: St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn; St. Leander, Bishop of Seville; St. Procopius the Confessor, of Decapolis; St. Thalelaeus the Hermit, of Syria; Ss. Asclepius and James of Syria; St. Stephen of Constantinople; Martyr Honorina; Ss. Titus the Presbyter and Titus the Soldier, of Kiev-Caves; St. Herefrid of Louth, Bishop of Lincoln; St. John of Lorraine, Abbot of Gorze.

TODAY'S PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of Albert and Vera Royer, offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer, and in memory of Julia Wasilewski and Valentina Travis, offered by the Wasilewski Family.

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Albert and Vera Royer (25th anniversary of repose). **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Mary Macinsky (anniversary of repose). **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by the Wasilewski Family in memory of Valentina Travis (26th anniversary of repose). **Triple Candelabra** offered by the Wasilewski Family in memory of Julia Wasilewski (18th anniversary of repose).

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy w. Rite of Forgiveness

UPCOMING EVENTS

Orthodoxy Sunday Vespers is scheduled for 5:00 PM on Sunday, March 13, 2022, at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 285 French Hill Rd., Wayne, New Jersey. Right Rev. Bishop Alexis (Trader) of Bethesda is the homilist. Refreshments to be served in the church parking lot after service.

" As the eye naturally seeks the light and vision, and our body naturally desires food and drink, so our mind is possessed with a becoming and natural desire to become acquainted with the truth of God and the causes of things."

— Origen of Alexandria (c. 184-253)