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JUNE 25, 2023 / 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 2)

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

TROPARION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN TONE FOUR

O Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ, / although we cannot praise thee worthily, / we honor thee in love at thy nativity, / for by it thou hast ended thy father’s silence and thy mother’s barrenness, // proclaiming to the world the incarnation of the Son of God!

TROPARION OF ST. FEBRONIA IN TONE FOUR

Thy lamb Febronia calls out to Thee, O Jesus, in a loud voice: / “I love Thee, my Bridegroom, and in seeking Thee, I endure suffering. / In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in Thee, / and I died so that I might live with Thee. / Accept me as a pure sacrifice, / for I have offered myself in love.” // Through her prayers save our souls, since Thou art merciful!

- *Choir sings troparion of Apostles Peter & Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

KONTAKION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN TONE THREE

Today the formerly barren woman gives birth to Christ’s Forerunner, / who is the fulfillment of every prophecy; for in the Jordan, / when he laid his hand on the One foretold by the Prophets, // he was revealed as Prophet, Herald, and Forerunner of God the Word.

- *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, / seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! / The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE TWO

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.
v. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (5:1-10)

Brethren, therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

ALLELUIA IN TONE TWO

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee!

v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:22-33)

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

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 June 25: *Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Forerunner*. Virgin-Martyr Febronia of Nisibis; Ss. Peter and Febronia, Wonderworkers of Murom; Martyr Gallicanus the Patrician, of Egypt; St. Prosper, Bishop of Reggio; St. Maximus, Bishop of Turin; St. Adalbert of Egmond; Virgin-martyr Eurosia of Jaca (in Spain); St. Salomon III, King of Brittany; Ss. Dionysius and Dometius of Dionysiou Monastery (Mount Athos).

TODAY'S PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of Joseph and Anna Pirniak, offered by Olga DeMay.

UPCOMING SERVICES

6:00 PM (Wednesday) – Great Vespers w. Lity [*Ss. Peter & Paul*]

9:30 AM (Thursday) – Divine Liturgy [*Ss. Peter & Paul*]

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

PARISH & LOCAL EVENTS

(1) St. Mary's Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church's annual tricky tray and dinner is today at 11:30 AM.

(2) Thank you to R.B.O. Lodge #100 for sponsoring yesterday's brunch and for its 100 years of supporting our parish and its activities.

Remember to support the parish every time you shop!



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