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## **MARCH 21, 2021 / 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT (TONE 8)**

### TODAY'S SAINTS

*Sunday of Orthodoxy.* Ss. Beryllus, James the Confessor and Cyril, Bishops of Catania; St. Thomas, Patriarch of Constantinople; St. Serapion, Bishop of Thmuis (in Lower Egypt); St. Lupicinus of Condat; St. Seraphim of Vyritsa

### 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 FROM TRIODION IN TONE TWO

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One; / and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. / Of Thine own will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh / and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the Enemy. / Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: / “Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, // by coming to save the world.”

- *Choir sings the troparion of Apostles 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 TRIODION IN TONE EIGHT

No one could describe the Word of the Father; / but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, / and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty. // We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

### PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!  
*v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!*

### THE EPISTLE

#### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (11:24-26, 11:32-12:2)**

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong,

became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented -- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

#### ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name.*

*v. They called to the Lord and He answered them.*

#### THE GOSPEL

##### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (1:43-51)**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

#### HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

*[Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing the following]*

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: / the assembly of angels and the race of men. / 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! Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### SERVICES FOR ANNUNCIATION

6:00 PM (Wednesday) – Vigil w. Lity

9:30 AM (Thursday) – Vesperal Divine Liturgy

#### NEXT WEEKEND'S SERVICES

6:00 PM (Friday) – Akathistos & General Panichida

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

*"Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Make for it two wings: fasting and almsgiving."  
– St. Augustine (354-430)*