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## **MARCH 6, 2022 / SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS (TONE 4)**

### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

When the women disciples of the Lord / learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the apostles: / “Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

- *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 SIX

O Master, Teacher of wisdom, / Bestower of virtue, / Who teaches the thoughtless and protects the poor, / strengthen and enlighten my heart! / O Word of the Father, / let me not restrain my mouth from crying to Thee: / “Have mercy on me, a transgressor, // O merciful Lord!”

### PROKEIMENON IN TONE EIGHT

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!  
*v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.*

### THE EPISTLE

#### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (13:11-14:4)**

Brethren, do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

### ALLELUIA IN TONE SIX

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.*

*v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.*

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:14-21)**

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## COMMUNION HYMN

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

## LENTEN APOLYTIKIA IN TONE FIVE

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Mary full of grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, for thou didst give birth to the Savior of our souls. (*The clergy and people prostrate.*)

O Baptizer of Christ, remember our congregation, that we may escape from our iniquities, for to thee was given grace to intercede for us. (*The clergy and people prostrate.*)

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

O pure apostles, and all ye saints, pray for our sakes, that we escape tribulations and sorrows, for we have taken ye as fervid intercessors with the Savior. (*The clergy and people prostrate.*)

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

We have taken refuge under the wing of thy compassion, O Theotokos. Turn not away from our beseechings in tribulation, but save us from distress, O thou who alone art pure and blessed. (*No prostration.*)

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (40 times)

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, without defilement thou gavest birth to God the Word. true Theotokos: we magnify thee.

Bless, father, in the Name of the Lord.

Priest: Christ our God, the Existing One, is blessed, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. O heavenly King, support our believing kings; confirm their faith; guide the nations; give peace to the world and preserve well this holy church. Grant repose to our departed fathers and brothers, in the dwelling-places of the righteous. Receive us in repentance and confession, for Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

## THE PRAYER OF ST. EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN

Priest: O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, meddling, lust of power, and idle talk. (*The clergy and people prostrate.*)

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to Thy servant. (*The clergy and people prostrate.*)

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own sins and not to judge my brother; for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen. (*The clergy and people prostrate.*)

### DISMISSAL

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee.

Choir: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy (*thrice*). Father, bless.

- *The Priest reads the Dismissal Prayer*

### TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on March 6th: 42 Martyrs of Amorium; Monk-martyrs Conon and Conon of Isauria; St. Arcadius of Cyprus; St. Marcian of Tortona; St. Basil, Bishop of Bologna; St. Fridolin, Founder and Abbot of Säcking Abbey, "Enlightener of the Alemanni"; St. Chrodegang, Bishop of Metz; Uncovering of the Precious Cross and the Precious Nails by Empress St. Helena in Jerusalem; Czestochowa Icon of the All-holy Virgin Mary.

### TODAY'S PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of Concetta Royer, Antonetta Cusano, and Angela DiGiovanni, offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer.

### TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Altar Vigils** offered by Elizabeth Zuber in memory of Frances Zuber (anniversary of birth) and Joseph Zuber (anniversary of repose). **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Concetta Royer (anniversary of birth). **St. John's Cross** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Rt. Rev. Bishop John (Legky). **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Antonetta Cusano (anniversary of birth). **Triple Candelabra** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Angela DiGiovanni (10th anniversary of repose). **Sacramental Bread** offered by Tais Fedetz for the health of her family and friends.

### UPCOMING SERVICES

6:00 PM (Monday) – Compline w. Great Canon of Repentance  
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6:00 PM (Wednesday) – Compline w. Great Canon of Repentance  
6:00 PM (Thursday) – Compline w. Great Canon of Repentance  
9:30 AM (Saturday) – Divine Liturgy w. Blessing of Kolyva  
5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers  
9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

### 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.

"Genuine forgiveness is participation, reunion overcoming the powers of estrangement . . . We cannot love unless we have accepted forgiveness, and the deeper our experience of forgiveness is, the greater is our love."  
— Paul Tillich (1886-1965)