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OCTOBER 1, 2023 / 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 8)

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 OF VIRGIN MARY PROTECTION IN TONE FOUR

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy, / illumined by thy coming, O Mother of God. / Beholding thy pure image, we fervently cry to thee: / “Encompass us beneath the precious veil of thy protection; / deliver us from every form of evil / by entreating Christ, thy Son and our God, // that He may save our souls.”

TROPARION OF ST. ROMANUS IN TONE FOUR

Thou didst gladden Christ’s Church by thy melodies / like an inspired heavenly trumpet. / Thou wast enlightened by the Mother of God / and didst shine on the world as God’s poet. // We lovingly honor thee, O righteous Romanus.

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

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE EIGHT

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. / Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, // and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

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

KONTAKION OF VIRGIN MARY PROTECTION IN TONE THREE

Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church, / and with choirs of saints she invisibly prays to God for us. Angels and bishops worship, / Apostles and Prophets rejoice together, // since for our sake she prays to the pre-eternal God.

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.

Prokeimenon in Tone Three: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)

Brethren, what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (8:28-39)

Brethren, then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance.

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 face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

v. Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:38-42; 11:27-28)

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on October 1: *Feast of the Protecting Veil of the All-holy Virgin Mary*. St. Romanus the Melodist; Apostle Ananias of the Seventy; St. John Koukouzelis, Hymnographer of Mount Athos; Martyr Dominus of Thessalonica; Martyr Michael, Abbot in Armenia, and 36 Companions; St. Gregory, Domesticus of the Great Lavra on Mount Athos; St. Platon of Tournai; St. Sabbas, Abbot of Vyshera Monastery near Novgorod.

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils and **Sacramental Bread** offered by Stephen Wasilewski in honor of Tatiana Julia Wasilewski's seventh birthday. **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Omer J. Royer.

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

PARISH & LOCAL EVENTS

(1) On October 15th we will resume having parish social hour after Sunday Divine Liturgy. In preparation for its resumption, there will be a sign-up sheet for sponsoring each week's social hour. Once a month the parish council will sponsor, but for the weeks in between we need parishioners to do so. The October issue of "Quo Vadis" will specify what sponsoring social hour entails. Please note that for those Sundays in which there is no sponsor, there will not be a social hour.

(2) Sunday, October 8, 5:00pm – Next Sunday, an appreciation dinner for all Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors (DDB) and interested parties will take place at Ss. Peter & Paul Church, 605 Washington Ave., Manville, NJ. Kindly RSVP via email to Fr. James Parsells at frjames@ssppoc.org if you plan to attend.

(3) St. Tikhon's Seminary is planning a Tricky Tray/Basket Raffle fundraiser in Waymart, Pennsylvania on October 28, 2023. The Seminary is asking for your help by donating gift certificates or gift cards, any new merchandise items, or monetary donations to be raffled off at this event. Donations can be picked up or sent to St. Tikhon's Seminary, PO Box 130, 178 St. Tikhon's Rd., Waymart, PA 18472. For more information, contact Martha Spreen at martha.spreen@stots.edu or Kathy Kowalczyk at kathy.kowalczyk@stots.edu.

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