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OCTOBER 15, 2023 / 19TH 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. EUTHYMIUS IN TONE EIGHT

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father, / for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ. / By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; / but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. // Therefore thy spirit, venerable Euthymius, rejoices with the angels.

TROPARION OF MARTYR LUCIAN IN TONE FOUR

Thy holy martyr Lucian, O Lord, / through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from Thee, our God. / For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through his intercession, save our souls!

- *Choir sings troparion of Apostles Peter & Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; 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 Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (11:31-12:9)

Brethren, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know,

God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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. Luke. (8:5-15)

“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

TODAY’S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on October 15: St. Euthymius the New, of Mount Athos; Martyr Lucian, Presbyter of Antioch; Martyrs Sarbelus and Bebaia of Edessa; St. Sabinus, Bishop of Catania; St. Aurelia of Strasbourg; St. Severus, Bishop of Trier; St. Cannatus, Bishop of Marseille; Hieromartyr Bruno of Querfurt, Second Apostle to the Prussians; St. John, Bishop of Suzdal.

TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by the Wasilewski Family in memory of Anna Wasilewski (anniversary of repose).

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

PARISH & LOCAL EVENTS

(1) Today's Social Hour is sponsored by the Parish Council. The Parish Council will have its monthly meeting following Social Hour.

(2) The Second Annual Mountain Men's Respite Camping Retreat is happening on October 20-22! The Retreat is open to high school age young men and older. The retreat will take place in the Adirondack Mountains of New York and will feature hiking, campfires, fellowship, and an outdoor Divine Liturgy. See flyer in the church vestibule.

(3) Ss. Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Roseland, N.J. is having Dr. Philip Mamalakis from Holy Cross School of Theology as a guest lecturer on Saturday, November 11th at 6:00 p.m. The lecture's title is *Connecting the Church and the Home*. Admission is free and there is a complimentary dinner that evening. If you are interested, please RSVP to Mark Adams at mark.robert.adams@gmail.com by November 5th. See flyer in church vestibule.

(4) Given last week's low attendance, we're having the "College Student Sunday" special collection again today. If you didn't have a chance to contribute last week, please give generously to help support OCF programs at college campuses around the country!

(5) Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in South River, N.J. is having its annual Fall Ethnic Festival, on Saturday, October 28th, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, in the Church Hall located at 9 Jeffrie Ave., South River, N.J. Free ethnic entertainment will be provided and will feature lots of great food (such as stuffed cabbage, pierogies, kielbasa and sauerkraut, and desserts etc.). There will also be many great tricky tray raffle baskets to try your luck with!

Remember to support the parish every time you shop!



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