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OCTOBER 17, 2021 / 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 PROPHET HOSEA IN TONE TWO

We celebrate the memory / of Thy prophet Hosea, O Lord; / through him we beseech Thee: // “Save our souls!”

TROPARION OF MONK-MARTYR ANDREW IN TONE FOUR

Trained in asceticism on the mountain, / with the weapon of the Cross thou didst destroy the spiritual assaults of the hostile powers, O all-blessed one. / Again thou didst bravely prepare for combat / and didst slay Copronymus with the sword of faith; / for both struggles thou hast been crowned by God, monk-martyr Andrew of eternal memory.

- *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 the ages of ages. Amen.*

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

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

Brethren, and 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.

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. He will say to the Lord: "Let us come before His face with thanks-giving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!"

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from 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!

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on October 17th: Prophet Hosea; Monk-martyr Andrew of Crete; Martyrs and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian in Cilicia, and their brothers, Leontius, Anthimus, and Eutropius; Translation of the relics of St. Lazarus "of the Four Days in the Tomb," Bishop of Kition (in Cyprus); St. Joseph, Catholicos of Georgia; St. Regulus of Scotland; St. Florentius, Bishop of Orange; St. Victor, Bishop of Capua; St. Anstrudis of Laon (daughter of Ss. Blandinus and Sadalberga, and sister of St. Baldwin); Martyrs Æthelred and Æthelberht, Princes of Kent; St. Nothhelm, Archbishop of Canterbury.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Today's special collection is for Hurricane Ida relief within the Diocese of New York & New Jersey, and will be ongoing until the end of the month. Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council is meeting next Sunday, October 24, 2021, after Divine Liturgy.

"I was no longer the center of my life and therefore I could see God in everything."
—St. Bede (673-735)