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SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 / 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 4)
*** AFTER-FAST OF HOLY CROSS ELEVATION ***

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!”

FESTAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thy inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

TROPARION OF HOLY MARTYRS IN TONE EIGHT

God praised in Trinity has glorified a trinity of martyrs: / Trophímus, Sabbátius, and Dorýmedon. / By their faith, they overthrew the adversary. // Through their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us!

- *Sing the troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE FOUR

My Savior and Redeemer / as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. / He has shattered the gates of hell, / and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

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

FESTAL KONTAKION IN TONE FOUR

As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, / grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; / make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, / granting them victories over their adversaries // by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy!
v. The Lord reigns, let the people tremble!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (16:13-24)

Brethren, watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the first-fruits of Achaëa, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore, acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand – Paul’s. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast gotten of old!

v. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (21:33-42)

Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?” They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

FESTAL MEGALYNARION IN TONE EIGHT

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!

Thou art a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos, / who, though untilled, hast brought forth Christ; / through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth. / Now at its Exaltation, / as we bow in worship before it, we magnify thee.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The light of Thy countenance has been signed upon us, O Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- *Instead of "We have seen the true light ...," we sing the festal troparion, followed by "Let our mouths be filled ..."*

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on September 19th: Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedon of Synnada; Martyr Zosimas the Hermit, of Cilicia; St. Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury; St. Theodore, Prince of Smolensk and Yaroslavl, and his sons, Ss. David and Constantine; Martyrs Felix and Constantia of Nocera; St. Eustochius, Bishop of Tours (nephew of St. Eustochium); St. Goeric, Bishop of Metz; Nun-martyr Pomposa of Cordoba.

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Mary Grudinoff (anniversary of birth). **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by John and Loraine in memory of James Ridgik. **Triple Candelabra** offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Anastasia Sahonchik.

TODAY'S PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of James Ridgik, offered by John and Loraine.

PARISH EVENTS

The parish council is meeting in the church hall today after Divine Liturgy.

<p><i>"Man is a being in search of meaning."</i> — Plato (427-347 BC)</p>
