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## ***September 5, 2021 / Eleventh 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 PROPHET ZECHARIAH IN TONE FOUR

Robed in the vestments of the priesthood, / according to the Law of God thou didst offer whole-burnt offerings in a sacred manner, wise Zachariah. / Thou didst become a luminary and a seer of the mysteries, / bearing within thyself the signs of grace, all-wise one. / Slain by the sword in the temple of God, O prophet of Christ, / intercede together with the Forerunner // that our souls may be saved!

- *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.*

### RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE ONE

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 First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)**

Brethren, if to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you,

is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

### 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 from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)**

“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

### COMMUNION HYMNS

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

### UPCOMING SERVICES

6:00 PM (Tuesday) – Great Vespers w. Lity<sup>1</sup>

9:30 AM (Wednesday) – Divine Liturgy<sup>1</sup>

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

<sup>1</sup> Wednesday, September 8, 2021 is the Great Feast of the Nativity of the All-holy Virgin Mary.

### TODAY’S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on September 5th: Prophet Zechariah and St. Elizabeth (Parents of St. John the Baptist); Martyr Sarbelus of Edessa; Martyrs Tathuil & Bebaia; Martyrs Juventinus and Maximus the Soldiers, of Antioch; Martyrs Urban, Theodore, Medimnus of Nicomedia, and 77 Companions; Martyr Abdias of Persia; Martyr Herculanus of Rome; Martyrs Quintius, Arcontius and Donatus of Capua; St. Genebald, Bishop of Laon; St. Obdulia of Toledo; St. Bertin, Abbot of Sithin.

### TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory Protopresbyter Vladimir Shishkoff.

*" Man is a being in search of meaning."*  
— Plato (427-347 BC)