

(In place of the Trisagion, we sing:)

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master,
and Thy holy Resurrection, we glorify.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon *(for the Cross)*

O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance!

(Ps 27/28:9)

v: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

(Ps 27/28:1)

Hebrews 4:14-5:6 (Epistle)

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek";

Mark 8:34-9:1 (Gospel)

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."

Divine Liturgy – Sunday, March 22, 2020

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Tone 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,
and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that Thou art risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Tone 1 Troparion *(for the Cross)*

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

Tone 3 Troparion for St. Athanasius the Great

O holy father Athanasius, / like a pillar of Orthodoxy, /
Thou didst support the Church with thy teaching /
refuting the heretical nonsense of Arius, /
by insisting that the Father and the Son are equal in essence. /
O ven'erable father, // beg Christ our God to grant us his
great mercy!

Glory.....Tone 2 Kontakion for St. Athanasius the Great

When thou didst sow Orthodox doctrine /
and cut away the weeds of falsehood. /
Thou didst make the seeds sprout abundantly by the showers of
the Spirit. //
For this we sing thy praises, Holy Father Athanasius!

now and everTone 7 Kontakion *(for the Cross)*

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden;
it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross.
The sting of death and the victory of hell have been
vanquished;
for Thou, O my Savior, hast come and cried to those
in hell://
"Enter again into Paradise!"

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! (Ps 75/76:11)
v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (St. John Climacus)

Let the saints exult in glory; / let them sing for joy on their
couches! (Ps 149:5)

Hebrews 6:13-20 (Epistle)

For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Mark 9:17-31 (Gospel)

Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."

Divine Liturgy – Sunday, March 29, 2020

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Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

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!

Tone 1 Troparion (for St. John Climacus)

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body,
thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John.
Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer,
healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith.
Glory to Him Who gave thee strength!
Glory to Him Who granted you a ^crown! //
Glory to Him Who grants healing to all!

Tone 3 Troparion for St. Athanasius the Great

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great mercy!

Tone 8 Kontakion (Resurrection)

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!

Glory.....Tone 2 Kontakion for St. Athanasius the Great

When thou didst sow Orthodox doctrine /
and cut away the weeds of falsehood. /
Thou didst make the seeds sprout abundantly by the showers of
the Spirit. //
For this we sing thy praises, Holy Father Athanasius!

now and ever.....Tone 4 Kontakion (for St. John Climacus)

The Lord truly set thee on the heights of abstinence,
to be a guiding star, showing the way to the universe, //
O our father and teacher John.