

1ST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

HYMNS AND READINGS • MARCH 1, 2015

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY. TONE V -

Verses for the Beatitudes (Tone 5)

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

Believing Thee to be God, O Christ, the thief on the cross confessed Thee in a pure manner, crying out from the depths of his heart. Remember me in Thy Kingdom, O Lord!

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

Together let us hymn as Saviour and Creator Him Who on the tree of the Cross budded forth life for the human race and caused the curse which originated from the tree to wither up.

*Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you,
and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.*

Arriving at Thy tomb, O Christ, the honorable women sought to anoint Thee with myrrh, O Bestower of life; but an angel appeared to them, crying out: the Lord is risen!

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

(Sunday of Orthodoxy) Once more the Master's countenance is depicted, honored with faith and venerated; once more the Church regains her boldness of approach to God, reverently glorifying the Savior.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

(Sunday of Orthodoxy) The Orthodox people has regained the light and glory which it had of old, through the decision of the Empress Theodora and her pious son the Emperor Michael.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen!

(Sunday of Orthodoxy) Moses, great among the prophets, prefigured thee in the ark, the table, the candlestick and the jar, signifying the incarnation of the Most High which took place through thee, O Virgin Mother of God.

TROPARION AND KONTAKION

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone V —

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion of the Sunday of Orthodoxy, Tone II —

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thy good will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh and deliver Thy creatures from the bondage to the enemy. Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, for Thou didst come to save the world.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.***

Kontakion of the Sunday of Orthodoxy, Tone VIII —

No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty. We confess and proclaim our salvation in word and images.

PROKEIMENON in the 4th tone (The Song of the Fathers)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

Verse: For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

EPISTLE (*Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2*): *Brethren*, by faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, *in* dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Alleluia Verses

Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called upon His Name.

They called to the Lord and He answered them.

GOSPEL: (John 1:43-51) *At that time, Jesus found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."*

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