

**FATHERS OF THE 6TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**  
**6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**HYMNS & READINGS • JULY 16, 2017**

**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.*

When Thou wast crucified between two condemned thieves, O Christ, one of them blasphemed Thee and was justly damned, while the other confessed Thee and hath now come to dwell in paradise.

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

O indivisible Trinity, all-effecting and all-powerful Unity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: thee do we hymn as our True God and Saviour!

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

Rejoice, O living temple of God and impassible gate! Rejoice, O fiery throne which burneth yet is not consumed! Rejoice, O Mother of Emmanuel, Christ our God!

## **TROPARION AND KOTAKION**

### **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 Holy Fathers, Tone VIII**

Most glorified art thou, O Christ our God, who hast established our fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to thee.

### ***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit***

### **Kontakion of the Holy Fathers, Tone VIII, 'The universe offers thee...'**

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, it defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

### ***Now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen.***

### **Kontakion of the Resurrection, Tone V**

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Saviour, / shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to thee, O Lord, save us!

## **PROKEIMENON AND EPISTLE**

**Tone 5:** Thou, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

*Verse:* Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

**Tone 4:** (*The song of the Three Children*) Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

**EPISTLE:** (*Romans 12:6-14*) *Brethren*, having gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them:* if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> or ministry, *let us use it* in *our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; <sup>8</sup> he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. <sup>9</sup> *Let love be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> *Be kindly affectionate* to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; <sup>11</sup> not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; <sup>12</sup> rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; <sup>13</sup> distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

### **Alleluia Verses**

(*Tone 5*) I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation!

(*Tone 5*) For Thou hast said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

(*Tone 1*) The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**GOSPEL** (Matthew 9:1-8) At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. <sup>2</sup> Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.” <sup>3</sup> And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes!” <sup>4</sup> But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? <sup>5</sup> For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’? <sup>6</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—then He said to the paralytic, “Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” <sup>7</sup> And he arose and departed to his house. <sup>8</sup> Now when the multitudes saw *it*, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

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