

Sunday, August 16, 2020
10th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 1
Afterfeast of the Dormition

Troparion:

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

In giving birth, you preserved your virginity! In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos! You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death!

Kontakion:

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished! Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage, and cries to Thee: Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life by the One who dwelt in her virginal womb!

Prokeimenon in the 1st Tone:

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.
(Vs.) Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

Tone 4 (Image):

O sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord hath done marvelous things.

Epistle:

The reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians. (1 Cor. 4:9-16)

Brethren, for I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Brethren, give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities - all things were created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything He might be pre-eminent. (Col 1:12-18)

Alleluia Verses:

God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.

(Vs.) He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever.

Tone 4 (Image):

O Lord, we shall walk in the light of Thy countenance, and exult in Thy Name forever!

Gospel:

The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew. (Chapter 17:14-23)

At that time a man approached Jesus, and threw himself on his knees before Him, saying, "Lord, have pity on my son, for he is a lunatic, and suffers severely; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him." Jesus answered and said, "O unbelieving and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him; and the devil went out of him, and from that moment the boy was cured. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and asked, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith; for amen I say to you, if you have faith like a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here,' and it will move. And nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind can only be cast out by prayer and fasting." Now while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and on the third day He will rise again."

At that time it came to pass, when the days had come for Jesus to be taken up, that He was intent on going to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before Him. And they went and entered a Samaritan town to make preparations for Him; and they did not receive Him, because He was intent on going to Jerusalem. When His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" But He turned and rebuked them, saying, "You do not know of what manner of spirit you are: for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." And as they were going on their journey, Jesus said to those who had followed Him, "All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." And turning to His disciples He said to them personally, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I say to you, many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and they have not seen it; and to hear what you hear, and they have not heard it." And Jesus passed on through towns and villages, teaching and making His way towards Jerusalem. (Luke 9:51-56; 10:22-24; 13:22)