

**Sunday, October 8, 2023**  
**18th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 1**  
**Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council**

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.

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God! Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! Through them Thou hast guided us to the true faith! O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

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!

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 Orthodoxy.

Steadfast Protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the Creator, despise not the entreating cry of us sinners, but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, For you always ever protect those who honor you!

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: (Song of the Fathers)

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

Epistle:

The reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians. (2 Cor. 9:6-11)

Brethren, this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore let us go forth to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Heb. 13:7-16)

Alleluia Verses:

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

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

Tone 1: (Fathers)

The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Gospel:

The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke. (Chapter 7:11-16)

At that time it came to pass that Jesus went to a town called Nain; and several of His disciples and a large crowd went with Him. And as He came close to the gate of the town, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large gathering from the town was with her. And the Lord, seeing her, was sorry for her, and said to her, "Do not weep." And He went up and touched the stretcher; and the bearers stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the one who was dead sat up, and began to speak. And He gave him to his mother. But fear seized them all, and they began to glorify God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us." And "God has visited His people."

At that time Jesus raised His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come! Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you, even as you have given Him power over all flesh, in order that to all you have given Him He may give everlasting life. Now this is everlasting life, that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent, Jesus Christ. I have glorified You on earth; I have accomplished the work you have given me to do. And now do you, Father, glorify me with yourself, with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. I have manifested your name to the men you have given me out of the world. They were yours, and you have given them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they have learned that whatever you have given me is from you; because the words that you have given me I have given to them. And they have received them, and have known as a fact that I came forth from you, and they have believed that you did send me. I pray for them; not for the world do I pray, but for those whom you have given me, because they are yours; and all things that are mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I am coming to you, Holy Father, keep in your name those you have given me, that they may be one even as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in your name. Those you have given me I guarded; and not one of them perished except the son of perdition, in order that the Scriptures might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you and these things I speak in the world, in order that they may have my joy made full in themselves." (John 17:1-13)