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**Sunday, June 30, 2024**  
**1st Sunday After Pentecost-Tone 8**  
**All Saints**

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Troparion:

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!

As with fine porphyry and royal purple, Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyrs' blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation, and great mercy to our souls.

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Kontakion:

The universe offers Thee the God-bearing martyrs as the first-fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. Through the Theotokos and their prayers establish Thy Church in peace.

Prokeimenon in the 8th Tone:

Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!  
(Vs.) In Judah God is known: His name is great in Israel!

Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone: (To the Saints)

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

Epistle:

The reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews. (Heb. 11:33-12:2)

Brethren, 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, 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:

The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their troubles.  
(Vs.) Many are the afflictions of the righteous: the Lord will deliver them out of them all.

Gospel:

The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew. (Chapters 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I in turn will disown before my Father in heaven. Anyone who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me and anyone who does not take up his cross and follow me, is not worthy of me." Then Peter addressed Him saying, "Behold, we have left all and followed you; what then shall we have?" And Jesus said to them, "Amen I say to you that you who have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit on the throne of His glory, shall also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall possess life everlasting. But many who are first now will be last, and many who are last now will be first."