

Sunday, November 7, 2021
20th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 3

Troparion:

Let the Heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the First-born of the dead; He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted the world great mercy.

O Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ, in spite of our honor and devotion we are unable to give you worthy praise, through your glorious and noble birth your mother's childlessness was ended, your father's tongue was freed, and the incarnation of the Son of God was proclaimed to the world.

Your thirty-three holy martyrs, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!

You watered your pillar with prayerful vigils and flowing tears; you brought forth fruit a hundredfold with sighs from the depths of your soul. You were a shepherd, granting the requests of all. Entreat Christ God, venerable Lazarus our father, that our souls may be saved.

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Kontakion:

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day, Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

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 3rd Tone:

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
(Vs.) Clap your hands, all people! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Epistle:

The reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians. (Gal. 1:11-19)

Brethren, I make known to you that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Alleluia Verses:

In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame!
(Vs.) Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, in order to save me!

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Gospel:

The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke. (Chapter 8:41-56)

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At that time behold, there came a man named Jairus to Jesus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at the feet of Jesus, he begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. (And it happened as He went that He was pressed upon by the crowds. And a certain woman who for twelve years had had a loss of blood, and had spent all her livelihood on physicians, but could not be cured by anyone, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak; and at once her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" But as all were denying it, Peter, and those who were with Him, said, "Master, the crowds throng and press upon you, and you ask, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I perceived that power had gone out from me." But the woman, seeing she had not escaped notice, came up trembling, and falling down at His feet, declared to Him in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been healed instantly. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace.") While He was yet speaking, there came one from the house of the ruler of the synagogue, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble Him." But Jesus on hearing this word answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only have faith and she shall be saved." And when He came to the house, He allowed no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the girl's father and mother. And all were weeping and mourning for her. But He said, "Do not weep; she is asleep, not dead." And they laughed at Him, knowing she was dead. But He, making them all get out, and taking her by the hand, cried out, saying, "Girl, arise!" And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately. And He directed that something be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.