

Sunday, October 30, 2022
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.

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 ye people! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Epistle:

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

Brethren, I would have you know, that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, 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!

Gospel:

The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke. (Chapter 8:26-39)

At that time when Jesus came to the country of the Gerasenes there met Him a certain man from the town who for a long time was possessed by a devil, and wore no clothes, and lived in the tombs, not in a house. And when he saw Jesus, he fell down before Him, and crying out with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with you, Jesus, Son of the most high God? I pray you, do not torment me." For He was forcing the unclean spirit to go out from the man. For many times it had laid hold of him; and he was bound with chains and ropes, and kept under guard, but he would break the bonds asunder, and be driven by the devil into the wilderness. And Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many

devils had entered into him. And he begged Him not to command them to go into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was there, feeding on the mountainside. And they kept begging Him to let them enter into them. And He did. And the devils came out from the man and entered into the swine; and the herd rushed down the cliff into the lake and were drowned. And when the swineherds saw what had happened, they fled and reported it in the town and in the country; and people came out to see what had happened. And they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the devils had gone out sitting at His feet, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those also who had seen it reported to them how the demoniac had been saved. And all the people of the Gerasene district asked Him to go away; for they were seized with great fear. And He got into a boat and went back. But the man from whom the devils had gone out prayed Him that he might remain with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your house, and tell all that God has done for you." And he left proclaiming throughout the whole town all that Jesus had done for him.