

Sunday, December 5, 2021
24th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 7
Venerable Savva the Sanctified

Troparion:

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting 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.

With the streams of your tears you cultivated the barrenness of the desert; and by your deep sighs, you bore fruit a hundredfold in your labors. You became a luminary, shining upon the world with miracles. O our righteous Father Savva, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved!

Kontakion:

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: The Savior has come to those in faith! Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

From your youth you offered yourself to God as a blameless sacrifice, having been dedicated to Him before your birth, blessed Savva. You were an adornment of the righteous and a praiseworthy citizen of the desert. Therefore, we cry to you: "Rejoice, ever glorious Father."

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 7th Tone:

The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

(Vs.) Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

Tone 7 (Savva):

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Epistle:

The reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians. (Eph. 2:14-22)

Brethren, for He is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-

conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. (Gal 5:22-6:2)

Alleluia Verses:

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High!
(Vs.) To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night!

Tone 6 (Savva):

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments.

Gospel:

The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke. (Chapter 17:12-19)

At that time as Jesus was entering a certain village, there met Him ten lepers, who stood far off and lifted up their voice, crying, "Jesus, master, have pity on us!" And when He saw them He said, "Go and show yourselves to priests." And it happened as they were on their way, that they were made clean. But one of them, seeing that he was made clean, returned, with a loud voice glorifying God, and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks; and he was a Samaritan. But Jesus spoke to him and said, "Were not the ten made clean? But where are the nine? Has no one been found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise, go on your way, for your faith has saved you."

The Lord said to His disciples, "All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Matt 11:27-30)