

Sunday, December 4, 2022
25th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 8

Troparion:

Thou didst descent 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!

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.

Let us honor the holy martyr Barbara, for as a bird she escaped the snares of the enemy, and destroyed them through the help and defense of the Cross.

Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship, the enlightener of the universe and the adornment of hierarchs: all-wise father John, your teachings have gleamed with light upon all things. Intercede before Christ God to save our souls.

Kontakion:

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Singing the praises of the Trinity, you followed God by enduring suffering; you renounced the multitude of idols, O holy martyr Barbara. In your struggles, you were not frightened by the threats of your torturers, but cried out in a loud voice: "I worship the Trinity in one God-head."

Let us sing praises to John, worthy of great honor, the composer of hymns, the star and teacher of the Church, the defender of her doctrines: through the might of the Lord's Cross he overcame heretical error and as a fervent intercessor before God he entreats that forgiveness of sins may be granted to all.

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 8th Tone:

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

Epistle:

The reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians. (Eph. 4:1-6)

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Alleluia Verses:

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

(Vs.) Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

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."