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**Sunday, November 26, 2023**  
**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.

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!

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 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 13:10-17)

At that time Jesus was teaching in one of their synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent over and utterly unable to look up. When Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are delivered from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and instantly she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus was curing on the Sabbath, addressed the crowd, saying, "There are six days in which one ought to work; on these therefore come and be cured, and not on the Sabbath." But the Lord answered him and said, "Hypocrites! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath let go his ox or colt from the manger, and lead it out to water? And this woman, daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound, lo, for eighteen years, ought not she too be released from this bond on the Sabbath?" And as He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and the entire crowd rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.