Sunday, January 14, 2024 32nd Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 7

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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!

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest! For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son! And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

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!

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, and Thy light, O Lord, has shown on us, who with understanding praise Thee: Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, O Light Unapproachable!

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!

Another, Tone 4 (Feast):

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. The Lord is God and hath revealed Himself to us.

Epistle:

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Ephesians. (Eph. 6:10-17)

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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!

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<u>Gospel:</u> The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke. (Chapter 18:35-42)

At that time when Jesus came close to Jericho, a certain blind man was sitting by the wayside, begging; but hearing a crowd passing by, he inquired what this might be. And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was going past. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who went in front angrily tried to silence him. But he cried out all the louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then Jesus stopped and commanded that he should be brought to Him. And when he came close, He asked him, saying, "What would you have Me do for you?" And he said, "Lord, that I may see!" And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight, your faith has saved you." And at once he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people upon seeing it gave praise to God.