

Sunday, January 30, 2022
32nd Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 7

Synaxis of the three great Ecumenical Teachers and Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom

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!

Let us who love their words gather together and honor with hymns the three great torch-bearers of the triune Godhead: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom. These men have enlightened the world with the rays of their divine doctrines. They are sweetly-flowing rivers of wisdom filling all creation with springs of heavenly knowledge. Ceaselessly they intercede for us before the Holy Trinity!

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!

O Lord, You have taken up to eternal rest and to the enjoyment of Your blessings the divinely-inspired heralds, the greatest of Your teachers, for You have accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet-smelling sacrifice, for You alone are glorified in Your saints!

Steadfast Protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the Creator, despise not the entreating cries of us sinners, but in thy 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 8 (Saints):

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

Epistle:

The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy. (1 Tim. 1:15-17)

My child Timothy, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore let us go forth to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Heb 13:7-16)

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 4 (Saints):

The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints!

Gospel:

The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew. (Chapter 15:21-28)

At that time Jesus retired to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman came out of that territory and cried out to Him, saying; "Have pity on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a devil." He answered her not a word. And His disciples came up and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." But He answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and worshipped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" He said in answer, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and to cast it to the dogs." But she said, "Yes, Lord; for even the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done to you as you will." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The Lord said to His disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Neither do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but upon the lampstand, so as to give light to all in the house. Even so let your light shine before men, in order that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For amen I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not one letter or one stroke shall be lost from the Law till all things have been accomplished. Therefore whoever does away with one of these least commandments, and so teaches men, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever carries them out and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 5:14-19)