

Sunday, February 5, 2023
34th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 1
(Beginning of the Lenten Triodion)
Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Troparion:

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body: Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. Enlightening those who sat in darkness! Rejoice, and be glad, O righteous elder; You accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection.

Kontakion:

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee and learn humility from the Publican's tears. Let us cry to our Savior. Have mercy on us, O only-merciful One.

By Your nativity, You did sanctify the Virgin's womb, And did bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of man.

Prokeimenon in the 1st Tone:

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.
(Vs.) Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

Epistle:

The reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy. (2 Tim 3:10-15)

My child Timothy, now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Ico'nium, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia Verses:

God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.
(Vs.) He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever.

Gospel:

The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke. (Chapter 18:10-14)

The Lord told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and began to pray thus within himself: ‘O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of men, robbers, dishonest, adulterers, or even like this publican. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all I possess.’ But the publican, standing far off, would not so much as lift up his eyes to heaven, but kept striking his breast, saying, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went back to his home justified rather than the other; for anyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself shall be exalted.”