

Sunday, January 28, 2024
34th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 1

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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.

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:

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as god, for death has vanished! Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage, and cries to Thee: Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

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 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 Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians. (Col. 3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scyth'ian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Alleluia Verses:

God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me!
(Vs.) He magnifies the salvation of His King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

Gospel:

The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew. (Chapter 22:35-46)

At that time one of the doctors of the Law, putting Jesus to the test and questioning Him, asked, "Master, which is the great commandment in the Law?" Jesus said to him, "'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind.' This is the greatest and the first commandment. And the second is like it, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus questioned them, saying, "What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is He?" They said to him, "David's." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord: Sit thou at my right hand till I make thy enemies thy footstool?' If David, therefore, calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his son?" And no one could answer Him a word; neither did anyone dare from that day on to ask Him any more questions.