

Sunday, February 7, 2021
35th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 2
Afterfeast of the Meeting

Troparion:

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

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.

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:

Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee! And the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever.

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 2nd Tone:

The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.
(Vs.) The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

Tone 3 (Song of the Theotokos):

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Epistle:

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

My Son 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.

Alleluia Verses:

May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee!
(Vs.) Save the king, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call to Thee!

Tone 8 (Song of St. Simeon):

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.

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.