

Sunday, February 11, 2024
36th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 3

Troparion:

Let the Heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down Death by death! He has become the First-born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted the world great mercy.

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:

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices, with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

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 3rd Tone:

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
(Vs.) Clap your hands, all ye people! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

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.

Alleluia Verses:

In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame.
(Vs.) Be thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, in order to save me!

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.