



Sunday, October 6

All English Liturgy

3rd Sunday of Luke

The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas

HYMNS AT THE SMALL ENTRANCE

First Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless His holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all that He
has done for you.

The Lord in heaven has
prepared His throne, and
His kingdom rules over
all.

Second Antiphon

Praise the Lord, O my soul; I
will praise the Lord in my
life; I will chant unto my
God for as long as I have
my being.

Blessed is He of whom the
God of Jacob is his help,
whose hope is in the Lord
his God.

The Lord shall be King unto
eternity; your God, O
Zion, from generation
to generation.

Third Antiphon

This is the day the Lord has
made; let us rejoice and
be glad in it.

Let the heavens and the earth
praise Him.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrhbearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Apolytikion. For the Apostle

O holy Apostle Thomas, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

Troparion of Saint Sophia (Holy Wisdom)

Blessed are You O Christ our God, Who as all wise the fishermen You showed forth; By sending your Holy Spirit down upon them and through them the universe You drew unto your net. O lover of mankind Glory to You.

Kontakion

O Protection of Christians that never fails, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

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Scripture Reading

Faith comes by hearing....

Epistle Reader: Dimitri June

Priest: Let Us Attend...

Reader: The Lord will give strength to his people...bring the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

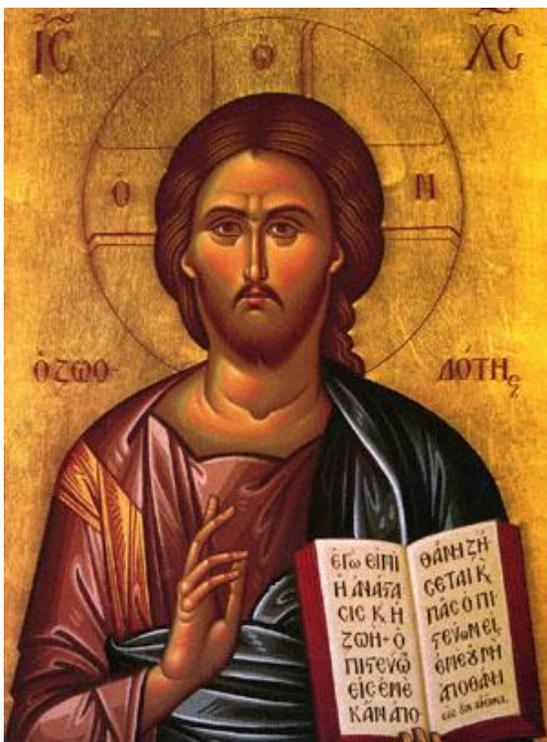
Priest: Wisdom.

Reader: The Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (6:1-10)

Priest: Let us be attentive...

Brethren, working together with him, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE (7:11-16)



At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

Memorials

May their memory be eternal...

Among the spirits of the righteous perfected in faith, give rest, O Savior to the souls of your servants...

Catherine Chakiris Shelton (5 years)

Rise Above

Basil

The Lord doesn't send suffering to the servants of God without a purpose. It tests the genuineness of our love for God the Creator. Just as athletes win crowns struggling in the arena, Christians are perfected by the trial of their temptations if they patiently and gratefully accept what God sends them. Everything is ordained by the Lord's love. We must not be distressed by anything that happens to us even if it affects our present weaknesses. For although we don't know why everything that happens to us is sent by God as a blessing, we should be convinced that everything that happens to us is for our good. Every trial either provides a reward for our patience or keeps our soul from lingering too long in this life and being filled with the world's wickedness. If the Christian's hope was limited to this life, dying prematurely would be a bitter thing. But if those who love God know that the separating of the soul from these bodily constraints begins our real life, why do we grieve like those who have no hope?" Be comforted, then, and don't fall under your troubles. Show that you are superior to them and can rise above them.

The Devil's League

Chrysostom

Why do you bring war into your thoughts? Why do you fill your soul with trouble? Why work up a storm? Why turn things upside down? How will you be able, in this state of mind, to ask forgiveness of sins: For if Christ won't forgive those who won't forgive the things done against them, what forgiveness should He give people who want to hurt those that haven't hurt them? For this is a proof of the worst wickedness. People like this are fighting against the church with the devil. Incidentally, they are even worse than he. For one can guard against the devil, but these kind of people conceal themselves under the mask of friendliness. Secretly they kindle the pile, throwing themselves first into the furnace. They are sick with a disease unworthy of pity by deserving ridicule... What, then, is the remedy? We must all join in prayer and lift up a united voice on their behalf as we would for the demon-possessed. For indeed, these people are even more wretched because their madness is their own choice. This disease needs much prayer and pleading. Even if those who don't love their neighbors give out all their money and have the glory of martyrdom they won't benefit... For envying is even worse than fighting, since those who fight end their hatred when the cause of the war ends. But those who hold grudges would never become our friends.

Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

-Galatians 5:26-

APOSTLE OF THE DAY



JOHN

He was one of the inner circle with Peter and James. The son of Zebedee, he and his brother James were named the "sons of thunder". John is the author of the fourth Gospel, the Book of Revelation and three Catholic Epistles. He was imprisoned with Peter and later appeared in the Sanhedrin. John also was sent with Peter to Samaria, where they prayed that the converts might receive the Holy Spirit. In Jerusalem, he was present at the Council of the Apostles. John was "one of the two" with Andrew who first had an audience with the Lord, He was the one "whom Jesus loved" and who reclined on his bosom at the Mystic Supper.

Jesus from His cross entrusted His mother to John at the foot of the cross. He was the one who ran with Peter to the tomb on the morning of the resurrection, and who recognized the Risen Lord at the Sea of Tiberius, where our Lord spoke to him the words that he would not die (John 21:7).

According to tradition, he went to Asia Minor and settled in Ephesus. Later he was exiled to Patmos, an island.



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- 1. Proclaim and teach the Gospel according to the Orthodox Christian Faith*
- 2. Sanctify and enhance the spiritual life of the faithful through Orthodox Christian worship.*
- 3. Receive persons into the Church through instruction, baptism and/or chrismation.*



Sunday, October 6

8:30 am — Orthros

9:45 am — Memorials

10:00 am — *Divine Liturgy*

Tuesday, October 8

Cancelled — Bible Studies

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