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THE THIRTY-FIFT SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — TONE II

The Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of the Russian Land

AT THE DIVINE LITURGY

The Third Antiphon (The Beatitudes)

10 Troparia: 6 from the Octoechos in the Tone of the Week, and 4 special Troparia from the Menaion after 'Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.'

1. We offer Thee the cry of the thief, and we pray: Remember us in Thy kingdom, O Saviour.

2. For the forgiveness of transgressions we offer unto Thee the Cross, which Thou didst accept for our sake, O Thou who lovest mankind.

3. We bow down in worship, O Master, before Thy burial and rising, whereby Thou hast delivered the world from corruption, O Thou Who lovest mankind.

4. By Thy death hath death been slain, O Lord, and by Thy resurrection hast Thou saved the world, O Saviour.

5. Risen from the tomb, Thou didst meet the myrrh-bearing women; and Thou didst tell Thy disciples to announce Thine arising.

6. Those who slept in darkness, beholding Thee, the Light, in the nethermost parts of hades, O Christ, were raised from the dead.

7. Remember, O Lord, the dreadful torments which the new passion-bearers, who have now arisen from our race, suffered for Thee; and accept their entreaties for our salvation.

8. O righteous Judge, Thou hast opened the kingdom of heaven unto the confessors of the Church of Russia. Hearken, O Lord, unto their righteousness, and give ear unto their supplication for the salvation of our souls.

9. *Triadicon:* O most divine Trinity, return us from our captivity! We know that sin hath increased in our land more than ever before; yet grace also hath shone forth in the struggle of the new saints who also entreat Thee, O thrice-holy God, for the salvation of our souls!

10. *Theotokion:* Gather the dispersed; raise up the faint-hearted; call those who have renounced the holy Faith and convert them, O gracious and all-pure Virgin Mary, entreating Christ the Saviour, with the holy new martyrs and confessors, for the forgiveness and salvation of our souls.

After the Small Entry, we sing the following troparia and kontakia:

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2)

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, * then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. * And when Thou didst also raise the dead * out of the nethermost depths, * all the Hosts of the heavens cried out: * O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

Troparion of the New Martyrs of Russia (Tone 4)

O ye holy hierarchs, royal passion-bearers and pastors, * monks and laymen, * men, women, and children, * ye countless new-martyrs, confessors, * blossoms of the spiritual meadow of Russia, * who have borne fruit for Christ in your endurance: * Entreat Him, as the One that planted you, * that He deliver His people from godless and evil men, * and that the Church of Russia be made steadfast * through your blood and suffering, * unto the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Resurrection (Tone 2)

Thou didst rise from the tomb, O omnipotent Saviour, * and Hades was terrified on beholding the wonder; * and the dead arose, and creation at the sight thereof rejoiceth with Thee. * And Adam also is joyful, * and the world, O my Saviour, * praiseth Thee forever.

Glory...

Kontakion of the New Martyrs of Russia (Tone 2)

O ye new passion-bearers of Russia, * who have with your confession finished the course of this earth, * receiving boldness through your sufferings: * Beseech Christ Who suffered for you, * that they who pray to you in the hour of the testing of their faith * may receive the gift of courage. * For ye are a witness to us who kiss your feet, * that neither tribulation, prison, nor death * can separate us from the love of God.

Both now...

O Protection of Christians (Tone 6)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, * O mediation unto the Creator unailing, * disdain not the suppliant voices of sinners, * but be thou quick, O good one, * to help us who in faith cry unto thee; * hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, * thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, * those who honour thee.

Prokeimenon, Psalm 117, in Tone II

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Second Tone:

The Lord is my strength and my song, and He is become my salvation.

Chanters: The Lord is my strength and my song, * and He is become my salvation.

Reader: *Stichos:* With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me, but He hath not given me over unto death.

Chanters: The Lord is my strength and my song, * and He is become my salvation.

Prokeimenon, Psalm 43, in Tone VII

Reader: And in the Seventh Tone:

For Thy sake, O Lord, we are slain all the day long.

Chanters: For Thy sake, O Lord, * we are slain all the day long.

The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy, §280a [1 Timothy 1:15-17]

Timothy my child: This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. Nonetheless, for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all longsuffering as a pattern for those who should hereafter believe in Him to life everlasting. Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans, §99 [8:28-39]

Brethren: We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover, whom He predestined, those He also called; and whom He called, those He also justified; and whom He justified, those He also glorified. What then shall we say of these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge against God's elect? It is God who justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ who died, yea rather, who is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: 'For Thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.' Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be

able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia, Psalm 19, in Tone II

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: Alleluia in the Second Tone:

Stichos: The Lord hear thee in the day of affliction; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

Chanters: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: *Stichos:* O Lord, save the king, and hearken unto us in the day when we call upon Thee.

Chanters: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Psalm 33, in Tone IV

Reader: And in the Fourth Tone:

Stichos: The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them out of all their tribulations.

Chanters: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, §93 [18:35-43]

At that time, as Jesus came nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the wayside begging. And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried, saying, 'Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me!' And those who went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace, but he cried out all the more, 'Thou Son of David, have mercy on me!' And Jesus stood and commanded him to be brought unto Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, 'What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee?' And he said, 'Lord, that I may receive my sight.' And Jesus said unto him, 'Receive thy sight; thy faith hath saved thee.' And immediately he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

Holy Gospel according to Luke, §106 [21:12-19]

The Lord said to His disciples, 'Beware of men, they shall lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and into prisons, and you will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake. And it shall turn to you to bear testimony. Settle it therefore in your hearts not to meditate beforehand what ye shall answer. For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. And ye shall be betrayed both by parents and brethren and kinsfolk and friends, and some of you they shall cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated by all men for My name's sake. But there shall not a hair of your head perish. In your patience possess ye your souls.'

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord in the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Psalm 148:1*)

Another: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise is meet for the upright. (*Psalm 32:1*)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!