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SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE – TONE V

Our Father Among the Saints, Alexis, Metropolitan of Moscow

AT THE DIVINE LITURGY

The Third Antiphon (The Beatitudes)

12 Troparia: 4 from the Octoechos; 4 from Ode III of the canon of the Triodion; and 4 troparia from Ode VI of the canon of the saint after ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.’

1. Believing Thee to be God, O Christ, the thief on the cross confessed Thee in a pure manner, crying out from the depths of his heart: Remember me in Thy kingdom, O Lord!

2. Together let us hymn as Saviour and Creator Him Who on the Cross budded forth life for our race and caused the curse which originated from the tree to wither up.

3. By Thy death hast Thou destroyed the power of death, O Christ, and Thou didst raise up with Thyself the dead of ages past, who now hymn Thee as our true God and Saviour.

4. Arriving at Thy tomb, O Christ, the honourable women sought to anoint Thee with myrrh, O Bestower of life; but an angel appeared to them, crying out: The Lord is risen!

5. From the dung-hill of the passions the humble is lifted up on high, while the proudhearted suffers a grievous fall from the height of the virtues: let us flee from his evil ways.

6. Vainglory brings to nothing the riches of righteousness, but humility scatters a

multitude of passions. Grant then that we may seek humility, O Saviour, and do Thou bestow upon us the portion of the Publican.

7. As the Publican let us also beat our breasts and cry out in compunction, ‘God be merciful unto us sinners’, that like him we may receive forgiveness.

8. O ye faithful, let us increase in zeal and meekness, and let us pass our days in humility, with cries of sorrow from our heart and weeping and prayer, that we may receive forgiveness from God.

9. O most blessed Alexis, thou golden star of Russia who hast splendidly illumined the divinely wrought firmament of the Church of God with the bright beams of thine apostolic corrections and with godly success hast dispelled the gloomy darkness of the assaults of the barbarians: dispel the dark cloud of the assaults of the enemy.

10. O God-bearing Alexis, thou noetic temple of God, who with divine zeal erected material temples of God to the majestic glory of the immaterial God, we beseech thee: By thy God-pleasing entreaties fashion our hearts into temples of God fit for His dwelling.

11. O most wondrous Alexis, thou right fruitful root of a heavenly tree, who uprooted the pernicious thorns of prideful pretension and with godly success didst plant the goodly saplings of humble-minded contemplation of God: Plant thou in our hearts the divinely growing scion of God-pleasing humility.

12. *Theotokion*: O Virgin Theotokos, who gavest birth to the incarnate Word of God, the almighty Stiller of the waves of the sea: By the celestial calm of thine aid still thou the most tempestuous tumult of our sorrows.

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

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5)

Let us, O faithful, praise and worship the Word * Who is co-unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, * and Who was born of the Virgin for our salvation; * for He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh * and to endure death, * and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion of St Alexis of Moscow *(Tone 8)*

Hastening to thy precious shrine, O holy hierarch Alexis, divinely wise wonder-worker, * assembling with love, we celebrate with splendour * the memory of thee who art equally enthroned with the apostles, * the all-good physician, the right pleasing servant; * and we rejoice with songs and hymns, glorifying Christ Who hath given thee such grace to heal * and hath bestowed upon thy city so great a bulwark.

Kontakion of the Resurrection *(Tone 5)*

Unto hades, O my Saviour, didst Thou descend, * and having broken its gates as one omnipotent, * Thou, as Creator, didst raise up the dead together with Thyself. * And Thou didst break the sting of death, * and didst deliver Adam from the curse, O Lover of mankind. * Wherefore, we all cry unto Thee: * Save us, O Lord.

Glory...

Kontakion of St Alexis of Moscow *(Tone 8)*

O all ye people, hymning with faith the new wonder-worker Alexis, * the godly and all-honourable hierarch of Christ, * let us bless him with love, as a great pastor, an all-wise minister, and teacher of the land of Russia. * And hastening today to his memorial, let us joyfully give utterance unto a hymn to the God-bearer: * As thou hast boldness before God, deliver us from all manner of evil circumstances, * that we may cry to thee: Rejoice, O confirmation of our city!

Both now...

Kontakion of the Publican and Pharisee *(Tone 3)*

Unto the Lord let us sinners offer groanings like those of the Publican * and let us fall down before Him, as He is Master. * For He desireth the salvation of all men; * He granteth forgiveness unto all that repent. * For our sake He became incarnate, * He Who with the Father is co-unoriginate God.

Prokeimenon, Psalm 11, in Tone V

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Fifth Tone:

Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and shalt preserve us from this generation and for evermore.

Chanters: Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and shalt preserve us * from this generation and for evermore.

Reader: *Stichos:* Save me, O Lord, for a righteous man there is no more.

Chanters: Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and shalt preserve us * from this generation and for evermore.

Prokeimenon, Psalm 115, in Tone VII

Reader: And in the Seventh Tone:

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Chanters: Precious in the sight of the Lord * is the death of His saints.

The Reading from the Second

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy,

§296 [*II Timothy 3:10-15*]

My son Timothy: Thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, persecutions, afflictions which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra -- what persecutions I endured. But out of them all, the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all who will live a godly life in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing from whom thou hast learned them, and that from

childhood thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews,

§335 [13:17-21]

Brethren: Obey those who have the rule over you and submit yourselves, for they keep watch over your souls as ones who must give an account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief, for that is unprofitable for you. Pray for us, for we trust we have a good conscience in all things, willing to live honestly. But I beseech you the more earnestly to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia, Psalm 88, in Tone V

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: Alleluia in the Fifth Tone:

Stichos: Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing for ever. Unto generation and generation will I declare Thy truth with my mouth.

Chanters: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: *Stichos:* For Thou hast said: Mercy shall be built up for ever, in the heavens shall Thy truth be established.

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,**

§89 [18:10-14]

The Lord said this parable: ‘Two men went up into the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men are: extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the publican, standing afar off, would not so much as lift up his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other; for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.’

Holy Gospel according to Luke,

§24 [6:17-23a]

At that time, Jesus stood on the plain with the company of His disciples and a great multitude of people out of all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were vexed with unclean spirits; and they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for there went virtue out of Him and healed them all. And He lifted up His eyes on His disciples and said, ‘Blessed be ye poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God. Blessed are ye that hunger now, for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now, for ye shall laugh. Blessed are ye when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in Heaven.’

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

Another: In everlasting remembrance shall the righteous be; he shall not be afraid
of evil tidings. (*Psalm 111:6*)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ST. GEORGE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Phase 1 – Design and construction of a new toilet with connection to the city sewage.

Phase 2 – Design and construction of either a permanent or temporary facility on the site. That structure is to accommodate the Divine Services during the construction of the new church building.

Phase 3 – Design and construction of the new church.

Design responsible Andrew Malyshev