

9th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 8)
The Procession of the Holy Cross, Holy Maccabean Martyrs
1 Corinthians 3: 9 – 17 Matthew 14: 22 – 34

Beatitude Verses

4 from Octoechos for Resurrection
4 from Ode 3 from Menaion for the Cross
4 from Ode 6 from Menaion for Martyrs

People: In Your kingdom remember us, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom.

People: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Reader: O Christ the Savior of the world, remember us as You remembered the robber on the Cross; and count us all worthy of Your heavenly kingdom, O You who alone are compassionate.

People: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted!

Reader: Listen, O Adam, and rejoice with Eve; for he who of old stripped you both naked, and took all of us captive by deception, has been defeated by the Cross of Christ.

People: Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth!

Reader: O our Savior, of Your own will You were nailed to the Tree of the Cross. You freed Adam from the curse which came through the tree of the fruit, and as You are compassionate, You rewarded Your creation made in Your image with a dwelling in paradise.

People: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled!

Reader: Today Christ is risen from the tomb, granting incorruption to all the faithful; and He renews the joy of the myrrh-bearing women after His suffering and resurrection.

People: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!

Reader: Of old, a sword was set to guard the blessed tree of life after the disobedience of Adam the first created; but the Cross has opened a path to it.

People: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God!

Reader: With eyes, mouth and soul, with our faces and hearts, let us all bow down before the all-holy Cross of Christ, the Bestower of life, whereby the whole world is sanctified.

People: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God!

Reader: Becoming temples of God today, as the prophets said, bowing down before the wood of the all-holy Cross, all of us who are heirs of it kiss it with fear.

People: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven!

Reader: O Christ, we chant hymns to You, and with faith entreat Your power: Rescue us from the snares of the enemy, and direct all of us who praise You to the haven of salvation.

People: Blessed are you when people revile you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake!

Reader: O Holy Maccabean Martyrs, having arrayed yourselves in the vesture of martyrdom, you embroidered it with the deeds of your suffering.

People: Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven!

Reader: O most glorious martyrs, desiring to be with Christ, you have run the course of suffering with unwavering resolve.

People: **Glory** to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Reader: O holy Maccabean Martyrs, preserving the law which Moses handed down, you suffered lawfully, putting the tyrant Antiochus to shame.

People: **Now** and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Reader: O you who alone gave birth to the Word in the flesh at His word, we pray to you: Rescue our souls from the snares of the enemy.

Troparia & Kontakia

Resurrection Troparion Tone 8

People:

You descended from the heights O Compassionate One, /
You accepted a three-day burial /
to free us from our passions, //
Glory to You O Lord, our Life and Resurrection.

Troparion of the Precious Cross Tone 1

People:

O Lord, save Your people /
and bless Your inheritance. /
Grant victory to Orthodox Christians over their enemies, //
and by the power of Your Cross preserve Your dominion.

Troparion of the Maccabean Martyrs Tone 1

People:

By the pangs of the saints, /
which they suffered for You, O Lord, /
be entreated, and heal all our infirmities, //
we pray to You, O Lover of mankind.

Kontakion of the Maccabean Martyrs Tone 2

People:

O Seven pillars of the wisdom of God /
and seven-branched candlestick of the Divine Light /
you were great martyrs before the martyrs, O supremely-wise Maccabees. /
With them pray to the God of all //
That they who venerate you may be saved.

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion of the Precious Cross Tone 4

People:

You who were lifted up willingly upon the Cross, /
bestow Your compassions upon the new community named after You, /
O Christ God; gladden with Your power Orthodox Christians, /
granting them victory over enemies; //
may they have as Your help the weapon of peace, the invincible trophy.

People: Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**Kontakion of the Resurrection
Tone 8**

People:
Having risen from the tomb, You raised the dead /
and resurrected Adam. /
Eve also rejoices at Your Resurrection, /
and the ends of the world celebrate Your arising from the dead //
O Greatly-merciful Lord.

**Resurrection Prokeimenon
Tone 8**

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 8th Tone: Make your vows to the Lord Your God and keep them.

People: Make your vows to the Lord Your God and keep them.

Reader: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

People: Make your vows to the Lord Your God and keep them.

Reader: Make your vows to the Lord Your God.

People: And keep them.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading is from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Epistle
1 Corinthians 3: 9 – 17

Reader: Brethren, we are God's co-workers! You are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder, I have laid a foundation, and another builds on it. But let everyone be careful how he builds on it! As it is, no one can lay any other foundation than the one that has already been laid, which is Jesus Christ. But as one builds on that foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or stubble, each person's work will be revealed. Certainly, the Day will make it manifest, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire will test everyone's work. If what someone has built on the foundation remains, then a reward shall be received. On the other hand, if someone's work is burned, it will be lost, but that person shall be saved, as through fire. Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him because God's temple is holy, and this is what you are!

Priest: Peace be to you the reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Alleluiarion Tone 8

Reader: Alleluia in the 8th Tone.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Come, let us greatly rejoice in the Lord; let us shout aloud to God our Savior.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving, and let us shout aloud to Him with psalms.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Deacon: Bless Master, him who proclaims the Holy Gospel of the Holy, Apostle and Evangelist Matthew.

Priest: May God, through the intercessions of the holy, glorious, all praised Apostle and Evangelist Matthew, enable you to proclaim the Good News with great power, for the fulfillment of the Gospel of His Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon: Amen.

Priest: Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

Deacon: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

Priest: Let us attend.

Deacon: **Matthew 14: 22 – 34**

People: Glory to You, Lord, glory to You.

Communion Verse (Koinonikon)

People:

O Lord, the light of Your face was stamped upon us.

O you righteous, rejoice in the Lord; praise is worthy for the upright.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.