

17th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 8)
Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross
St Eumenius, Bishop of Gortyna
Galatians 2: 16 – 20 Mark 8: 34 – 9: 1

Beatitude Verses

6 from Octoechos for Resurrection
4 from Menaion Ode 6 for Feast

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

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

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

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

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 hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled!

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 merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!

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 the pure in heart, for they shall see God!

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 peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God!

Reader: Rejoice, O wise myrrh-bearing women, who were first to behold the resurrection of Christ, and who proclaimed to the apostles the glad tidings of the restoration of the whole world!

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

Reader: O apostles, you are manifestly the friends of Christ and are to be enthroned with Him in glory: entreat Him with boldness, that He intercede for us, for you are His disciples.

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

Reader: Jonas stretched out his hands in the form of a cross within the belly of the sea monster, plainly prefiguring the redeeming Passion. Cast out from there after three days, he foreshadowed the marvellous Resurrection of Christ our God, who was crucified in the flesh and enlightened the world by His Rising on the third day.

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

Reader: Bent with age and weighed down with infirmity, Jacob drew himself up when he crossed his arms, showing forth the power of the life-bearing Cross; for God who was nailed in the flesh has set aright the obsolescence of the law of the Scripture which was written in shadows, and has dispelled the soul-destroying disease of deception.

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

Reader: Divine Israel, laying his hands cross-wise upon the heads of the young, revealed that the people who has the honor of being the elder is a slave to the law. Therefore, when suspected of erring in so doing, he did not alter the life-bearing image, for, he said, protected by the Cross, the newly established people of Christ God surpass them.

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

Reader: Israel, foreseeing things to come, laid hold of the tip of Joseph's staff, revealing beforehand that the most glorious Cross would seize the power of the kingdom, for it is the victorious boast of kings and a light for those who cry out with faith: O all-praised God of our fathers, blessed are You!

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 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.

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

Kontakion of the 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.

Prokeimenon of the Exaltation

(Psalm 98: 5, 1)

Tone 7

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 7th Tone: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at the footstool of His feet; for He is holy.

People: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at the footstool of His feet; for He is holy.

Reader: The Lord reigns; let the peoples be angry.

People: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at the footstool of His feet; for He is holy.

Reader: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at the footstool of His feet.

People: For He is holy.

Deacon: Wisdom!

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

Deacon: Let us attend.

Epistle

Galatians 2: 16 – 20

Reader: Brethren, knowing that no one is justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, we believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, even though we desired to be justified in Christ, we were found to be sinners, does that mean that Christ is a servant of sin? Certainly not! Indeed, if I build up again those things which I once destroyed, I show that I am breaking the law. For I, through the law, died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. I now live this life in the flesh, but I live it by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and who gave Himself up for me.

Priest: Peace be to you the reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Alleluarion of the Exaltation

(Psalm 73: 2, 12)

Tone 1

Reader: Alleluia in the 1st Tone.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Remember Your congregation You acquired from the beginning.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: God is our King before the ages; He worked salvation in the midst of the earth.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

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

Priest: May God, through the intercessions of the holy, glorious, all praised Apostle and Evangelist Mark, 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 Mark.

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

Priest: Let us attend.

Deacon: **Mark 8: 34 – 9: 1**

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

The Hymn to the Theotokos

Instead of "It is truly right..." we chant the Irmos of the 9th Ode of the 1st Canon of the Feast.

Tone 8

People: Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord.

Irmos:

O Theotokos, you are a mystical Paradise, /
who untilled has brought forth Christ. /
He has planted upon the Earth the life-giving Tree of the Cross: /
therefore at its Exaltation on this day, //
we worship Him and we magnify you.

Communion Verse (Koinonikon)

People:

Sunday: Praise the Lord in the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

Feast:

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.