

Sunday of the Prodigal Son
1 Corinthians 6: 12 – 20 Luke 15: 11 – 32

Beatitude Verses

4 from Octoechos for Resurrection
4 from Ode 3, from Triodion
4 from Ode 6, from Menaion for Hierarchs

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.

Reader: O Savior, we offer You the cry of the robber, and we pray: Remember us in Your kingdom.

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

Reader: For the forgiveness of transgressions we offer to You the Cross which You accepted for our sake, O You who loves mankind.

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

Reader: O Master, we bow down in worship before Your burial and rising, whereby You have rescued the world from corruption, O You who loves mankind.

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

Reader: O Lord, by Your death has death been slain, and by Your resurrection You have saved the world, O Savior.

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

Reader: O Christ my God, the depth of sin always holds me fast, and the tempest of transgressions overwhelms me. Pilot me to the haven of life and save me, O King of glory.

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

Reader: I have wasted in evil living the riches which the Father gave me, and now am brought to poverty. I am filled with shame and enslaved to fruitless thoughts. Therefore I cry to You who loves mankind: Have mercy on mercy and save me.

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

Reader: O Christ supreme in loving-kindness, I am wasted with hunger, deprived of every blessing, and an exile from Your presence. Have mercy on me as I return now, and save me as I sing the praises of Your love for mankind.

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

Reader: O Christ, open Your arms, and in loving-kindness receive me as I return from a far country of sin and passions.

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

Reader: O Three Hierarchs, bless the properties of God: the unbegottenness of the Father, the generation of the Word and the procession of the Spirit Himself.

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

Reader: Today salvation, radiantly comes to this house; for Christ, honoring His own name, is present in the midst of the two or three gathered together.

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

Reader: Immeasurably distant from the heights of heaven is the abyss of the earth; yet divine desire has carried the saints from the earth higher than the heavens.

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

Reader: O Virgin, the three divine preachers, having you as a new wellspring and source of mysteries, adopt a novel manner of speech with new sources.

Troparia & Kontakia

Resurrection Troparion Tone 2

People:
When You descended into the realm of death O Life Immortal,
You struck Hades dead with the lightning of Your Divinity,
And when You also raised the dead from the deepest depths,
All the Heavenly Powers cried out:
O Christ our God, the Giver-of-Life, glory to You!

**Troparion of the Three Hierarchs
Tone 2**

People:

In that you share in the ways of the apostles, /
O teachers of the whole world, /
entreat the Master of all, /
that He grant peace to the world //
and great mercy to our souls.

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

**Kontakion of the Prodigal Son
Tone 4**

People:

O Father, I have run away foolishly from Your glory, /
wasting in sin the wealth that You gave me. /
Therefore I cry to You with the words of the Prodigal: /
I have sinned before You, O compassionate Father. /
Accept me in repentance //
and make me one of Your hired servants.

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

**Resurrection Kontakion
Tone 2**

People:

You arose from the tomb, O all-powerful Savior; /
Hades was terrified seeing this wonder;
the dead arose, and creation exults with You at this sight. /
Adam also rejoices, //
and the world praises You forever O my Savior.

**Resurrection Prokeimenon
Tone 2**

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 2nd Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song, and He became my salvation.

People: The Lord is my strength and my song, and He became my salvation.

Reader: The Lord chastened and corrected me, but He did not give me up to death.

People: The Lord is my strength and my song, and He became my salvation.

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People: And He became my salvation.

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 6: 12 – 20

Reader: Brethren, you say: "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be brought under the power of anything. "Food is for the stomach, and the stomach is for food," but God will bring to nothing both of these. However, the body is not for sexual immorality, but for the Lord; and the Lord is made for the body. Now God raised up the Lord, and He will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? May it never be! Or do you not know that whoever is joined to a prostitute is one body? For God says, "The two will become one flesh." But whoever who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Flee sexual immorality! "Every sin that a person can do is outside the body," but whoever commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which dwells in you, and which you have from God? You are not your own! You were bought with a price! Therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which belong to God.

Priest: Peace be to you the reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Alleluiarion Tone 2

Reader: Alleluia in the 2nd Tone.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: May the Lord hear you in the day of affliction; may the name of the God of Jacob defend you.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: O Lord, save Your King, and hear us in the day we call upon You.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

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

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

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

Priest: Let us attend.

Deacon: **Luke 15: 11 – 32**

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

Communion Verse (Koinonikon)

People:

Resurrection:

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

Hierarchs:

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.