

12th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 3)
Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos
1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 11 Matthew 19: 16 – 26

Beatitude Verses

6 from Octoechos for Resurrection
4 from Festal Menaion for Dormition: Canon Ode 4

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, You drove our forefather Adam from paradise when he broke Your commandment; but, O Compassionate One, You allowed the Robber to live there when he confessed You on the cross, crying out: “O Savior, remember me in Your kingdom!”

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

Reader: O Lord, bestower of life, You condemned us who had sinned with the curse of death; and yet O sinless Master, by having suffered in Your flesh, You have granted life to mortals who cry out: “Remember us also in Your kingdom!”

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

Reader: O Lord, by rising from the dead, You have also raised us up from the passions through Your resurrection; and You have destroyed all the power of death, O Savior. Therefore, with faith we cry out to You: “Remember us also in Your kingdom!”

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

Reader: As God You grant life by Your three days in the tomb, and You raised up the dead from Hades, and as You are good, You have poured out incorruption upon all of us who with faith always cry out: “Remember us also in Your kingdom!”

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

Reader: Risen from the dead, O Savior, You first appeared to the myrrh-bearing women crying out: "Rejoice!" and through them O Christ, You announced Your resurrection to Your friends. Therefore with faith we cry out to You, "Remember us also in Your kingdom!"

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

Reader: Moses, stretching out his arms on the mountain, prefigured the Cross and thus conquered Amalek. And, receiving the Cross with faith as a mighty weapon against the demons, we all cry out: "Remember us also in Your kingdom!"

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

Reader: O Christ, the mysterious sayings and riddles of the prophets foreshadowed Your incarnation from a Virgin. Even the radiance of Your brightness which was to come as a light to enlighten the gentiles, along with the depths, utter their voices to You in joy: 'Glory to Your power, O You who loves mankind.'

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

Reader: O people, see this and marvel, for the Theotokos, that holy and openly revealed mountain of God, is exalted on high to the mansions of Heaven: She is the earthly heaven who became a celestial and incorrupt habitation for the Lord.

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

Reader: O pure Lady, your dormition became a passage to an eternal and better life, translating you from transitory life to that which is truly divine and eternal, so that you may behold your Son and Lord in gladness.

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

Reader: The gates of Heaven were raised and the angelic choirs chanted; and Christ received the vessel of His Mother's virginity. The cherubim lifted her up with gladness, and the seraphim glorify her with rejoicing.

Troparia & Kontakia

Resurrection Troparion Tone 3

People:

Let the heavens rejoice, /
let everything on earth be glad, /
For the Lord established great power with His mighty arm. /
He has trampled down Death by death, /
He has become the first-born of the dead, /
He has rescued us from the depths of Hades, /
And has granted the world //
His Great Mercy.

Troparion of the Dormition of the Theotokos Tone 1

People:

In giving birth, you preserved your virginity! /
In falling asleep you did not abandon the world O Theotokos! /
You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, //
and by your prayers you rescue our souls from death!

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

Kontakion of the Dormition of the Theotokos Tone 2

People:

Neither the grave, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, /
who is constant in prayer and our sure hope through her intercessions.
As the Mother of Life, she was translated to life //
by the One who dwelt in her ever-virginal womb!

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

Kontakion of the Resurrection Tone 3

People:

Today You arose from the tomb, O compassionate One, /
and You led us up from the gates of death. /
Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices, /
and with them the prophets and patriarchs praise without ceasing, //
the divine might of Your dominion.

**Resurrection Prokeimenon
Tone 3**

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 3rd Tone: Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises.

People: Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises.

Reader: Oh, clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with the voice of rejoicing.

People: Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises.

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

Deacon: Let us attend.

**Epistle
1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 11**

Reader: Brethren, I declare to you, the Good News which I preached to you, which also you accepted, in which you also stand. And you are saved by it, that is if you hold firmly to the word which I preached to you. Otherwise, you believed in vain. For I delivered to you, first of all, what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Kephaz, then to the Twelve. After that, He appeared to over five hundred brethren at once, most of whom remain alive until now, but some have also fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all, as to the child born at the wrong time, He appeared to me also. Indeed, I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God, I am what I am. His grace which was bestowed on me was not in vain, but I worked more than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of

God which was with me. It does not matter whether it is I or they: this is what we preach, and so you believed.

Priest: Peace be to you the reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Alleluiarion Tone 3

Reader: Alleluia in the 3rd Tone.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: O God, in You I hope; may I never be put to shame.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Be to me a God for protection and a strong place for salvation.

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.

Matthew 19: 16 – 26

Deacon: At that time, a man came to Jesus and asked, “Good teacher, what good thing shall I do in order to have eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” The man asked Him, “Which ones?” Jesus replied, “‘You shall not murder.’ ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ‘You shall not steal.’ ‘You shall not bear false witness.’ ‘Honor your father and mother;’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” The young man then said to Him, “All these things I have observed from my youth! What do I still lack?” Jesus replied, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have, give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in Heaven. Then come, and follow Me!” But when the young man heard these words, he went away sad because he was a person with great possessions. Jesus said to His disciples, “Truly I tell you: it will be hard for someone who is rich to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven! Indeed, I tell you that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God.” When His disciples heard this, they were extremely astonished and said, “Who then can be saved?” Gazing at them, Jesus answered, “By human resources, this is impossible, but with God all things are possible!”

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

The Hymn to the Theotokos

Or the Magnification (Megalynarion) of the Feast

Instead of “It is truly right...” we sing the Irmos of the 9th Ode of the First Canon of the Dormition:

Tone 1

Refrain

The angels having seen the Dormition of the most pure Lady /
were struck with wonder, //
at how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

Irmos

In you, O Virgin without spot, /
the bounds of nature are overcome: /
for childbirth remains virgin /
and death is betrothed to life. /
O Theotokos, Virgin after bearing child and alive after death, //
Always protect and save your inheritance.

Communion Verse (Koinonikon)

People:

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

Theotokos: I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.