

Sunday of the Tax Collector & Pharisee (Tone 1)
The Beginning of the Triodion
Fast-Free Week
2 Timothy 3: 10 – 15 Luke 18: 10 – 14

Beatitude Verses

6 from Octoechos for Resurrection
4 from Triodion, Matins Canon, Ode 6

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: The enemy led Adam out of Paradise through food; but by the Cross, Christ has led back to Paradise the Wise Robber who cried: Remember me when You come into Your kingdom!

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

Reader: With Adam and the Wise Robber, I venerate Your suffering and glorify Your resurrection; and I cry out with a splendid voice: Remember me when You come into Your kingdom!

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

Reader: O Sinless Lord, of Your own will You were crucified and placed in the tomb, yet You arose as God, raising up also Adam who cries out: Remember me when You come into Your kingdom!

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

Reader: O Christ God, raising up the temple of Your body by Your resurrection on the third day, You raised up Adam and his descendants who cry: Remember me when You come into Your kingdom!

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

Reader: O Christ God, the myrrh-bearing women arrived very early, weeping at Your tomb, and they found an angel sitting there, clothed in white garments who said: What are you searching for? Christ is risen! Do not lament any longer!

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

Reader: O Savior, when Your apostles went to the mountain where You had commanded them to go, they worshipped You; and You sent them to the nations, to teach and baptize them.

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

Reader: The Tax Collector and the Pharisee ran the race of life together, but one was overcome by foolish pride and brought to shameful shipwreck, while the other was saved by humility.

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

Reader: To change to a righteous course of life, let us emulate the wisdom of the Tax Collector and flee from the hateful conceit of the Pharisee; and therefore attain to eternal life.

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

Reader: Let us eagerly follow the ways of Jesus the Savior and His humility, if we desire to attain the eternal habitation of joy and to dwell in the land of the living.

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

Reader: O Theotokos, I was created naked in innocence and simplicity; then the enemy clothed me in the garments of transgression and the grossness of the flesh. But now, O Maiden, I am saved through your mediation.

Troparia & Kontakia

Resurrection Troparion Tone 1

People:
When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, /
And the soldiers were guarding Your immaculate Body. /
You rose on the third day O Saviour, /
Granting Life to the world. /
Therefore the Heavenly Powers cried to You O Giver-of-Life: /
Glory to Your Resurrection O Christ, //
Glory to Your Kingdom, //
Glory to Your Dispensation, O only Lover-of-mankind!

**Troparion of the Tax Collector & Pharisee
Tone 3**

People:

Let us sinners offer tears to the Lord like those of the Tax Collector /
and let us fall down before the Lord, as He is Master. /
For He desires the salvation of all men; /
He grants forgiveness to all who repent. /
For our sake He became incarnate, //
He who with God the Father is without beginning.

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

**Kontakion of the Tax Collector & Pharisee
Tone 4**

People:

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee /
and learn humility from the Tax Collector's tears. /
Let us cry to our Savior: /
Have mercy on us, //
O only merciful Lord.

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

**Resurrection Kontakion
Tone 1**

People:

O Greatly-merciful Lord, /
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.

**Resurrection Prokeimenon
Tone 1**

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 1st Tone: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us,
just as we hope in You.

People: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, just as we hope in You.

Reader: Rejoice greatly in the Lord, O righteous ones; praise is fitting for the upright.

People: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, just as we hope in You.

Reader: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

People: Just as we hope in You.

Deacon: Wisdom!

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

Deacon: Let us attend.

Epistle
2 Timothy 3: 10 – 15

Reader: My child Timothy, you have paid close attention to my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, steadfastness, persecutions, and sufferings. You know what happened to me at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. I endured those persecutions and the Lord delivered me out of them all! Yes, all those who desire to lead godly lives in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others, being themselves deceived. As for you, remain in what you have learned, which is what you firmly believe, knowing from whom you have learned them. From infancy, you have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus.

Priest: Peace be to you the reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Alleluiarion Tone 1

Reader: Alleluia in the 1st Tone.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: The God who vindicates me, and who subdued the peoples under me.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: He who magnifies the salvation of His king and shows mercy to His anointed, to David and his seed forever.

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 18: 10 – 14**

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

Communion Verse (Koinonikon)

People: Praise the Lord in the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.