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RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: / “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

TROPARION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN TONE TWO

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, / but the Lord’s testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. / Thou wast shown in truth to be the most honorable of the Prophets, / for thou wast deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan Him Whom they foretold. / Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy, / thou didst proclaim to those in hell God Who appeared in the flesh, / Who takes away the sin of the world, // and grants us great mercy.

- *Sing the troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

KONTAKION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN TONE FIVE

The glorious beheading of the Forerunner / became an act of divine dispensation, / for he preached to those in hell the coming of the Savior. / Let Herodias lament, for she entreated lawless murder, / loving not the Law of God, nor eternal life, // but that which is false and temporal.

- *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE ONE

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / raising the world with Thyself. / Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanded. / Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: // “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

PROKEIMENON IN TONE ONE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

v. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

Prokeimenon in Tone Seven: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus, I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore, I urge you, imitate me.

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (13:25-33)

In those days, as John was finishing his course, he said, 'Who do you think I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose.' Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent. For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him. And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death. Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. But God raised Him from the dead. He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people. And we declare to you glad tidings – that promise which was made to the fathers. God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.'

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. *God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.*

v. *He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.*

v. *The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.*

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:14-23)

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (6:14-30)

Now King Herod heard of Him, for His name had become well known. And he said, "John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him." Others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets." But when Herod heard, he said, "This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!" For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her. Because John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." Therefore, Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but

she could not; for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you." He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom." So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!" Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb. Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers w. Lity
9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on August 29th: Beheading of St. John the Baptist; St. Arcadius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Arsinoe (Cyprus); New Martyr Anastasius of Strumitza; Martyr Sabina of Rome; Martyr Sabina of Troyes; St. Adelphus the Confessor, Bishop of Metz; St. Sebbi, King of Essex; St. Eadwold of Cerne; St. Mederic, Abbot of St. Martin's Abbey (Autun, France); Martyr Candida of Rome.

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by the Zuber Family in memory of Michael J. Zuber (100th anniversary of birth).

CONFESIONS

In-person confessions may be done without masks for those who are fully vaccinated. If you prefer to wear a mask, of course that is fine, and Fr. Sophrony will wear a mask upon request. Confessions may be heard after any Vespers; otherwise, call the Rectory at 201-436-3244 for an appointment.

"What makes the desert beautiful,' said the little prince, 'is that somewhere it hides a well. '"
— Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (1900-1944), The Little Prince