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TODAY'S SAINTS

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra-in-Lycia; St. Maximus, Metropolitan of Kiev; Ss. Auxilius, Isserninus, and Secundinus (missionaries with St. Patrick in the enlightenment of Ireland); St. Gertrude the Elder, founder and first Abbess of Hamaye

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. NICHOLAS IN TONE FOUR

In truth thou wast revealed to thy flock as a rule of faith, / an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; / thy humility exalted thee; / and thy poverty enriched thee. / O Hierarch Father Nicholas, / entreat Christ our God // that our souls may be saved!

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; 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 vanished. / 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!

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

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (5:9-19)

Brethren, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true, and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall

give you light.” Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (13:17-21)

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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. Thy priests shall be clothed in righteousness, and Thy saints shall rejoice.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (17:12-19)

As he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (6:17-23)

he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came forth from him and healed them all. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: “Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.”

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!

TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Lydia Wanko (anniversary of birth). **St. Nicholas’ Cross** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Right Rev. Bishop Anthony Grabbe.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council is meeting on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

“Before His visible advent in the flesh the Logos of God dwelt among the patriarchs and prophets in a spiritual manner, prefiguring the mysteries of His advent. After His incarnation He is present in a similar way not only to those who are still beginners, nourishing them spiritually and leading them toward the maturity of divine perfection, but also to the perfect, secretly pre-delineating in them the features of His future advent as if in an icon.”

– St. Maximus the Confessor (580-662)