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RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SIX

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thy most pure body. / Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. / Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. / O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, // glory to Thee.

TROPARION OF ST. DIONYSIUS IN TONE FOUR

Having learned goodness and maintaining continence in all things, / thou wast arrayed with a good conscience as befits a priest. / From the Chosen Vessel thou didst draw ineffable mysteries; / thou didst keep the Faith, and didst finish a course equal to his. // Hieromartyr Dionysius, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved!

- *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 the ages of ages. Amen.*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE SIX

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, / raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, / He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SIX

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!
v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:6-15)

Brethren, for it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

ALLELUIA IN TONE SIX

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

v. He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore, be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

COMMUNION HYMNS

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

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on October 3rd: Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, 1st Bishop of Athens; Martyrs Rusticus the Presbyter and Eleutherius the Deacon; St. John the Chozebite, Bishop of Caesarea-in-Palestine; St. Damaris of Athens; St. Hesychius the Silent, of Mount Horeb; Martyr Candidus of Rome; St. Cyprian, Bishop of Toulon; Hieromartyrs Ewald "the White" & Ewald "the Dark" of Cologne; St. Utto, founder of Metten Abbey; St. Gérard, Bishop of Brogne.

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Right Rev. Bishop Gregory (Grabbe).

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Today's special collection, mandated by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in North America, is for the Orthodox Christian Fellowship, the pan-Orthodox university fellowship.

"It is no mistake then to speak of God and to honor him as known through all being... But the way of knowing God that is most worthy of Him is to know Him through unknowing, in a union that rises above all intellect. The intellect is first detached from all beings, then it goes out of itself and is united to rays more luminous than light itself. Thanks to these rays it shines in the unfathomable depths of Wisdom. It is no less true, however, as I have said, that this Wisdom can be known from every reality."

— Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite (c. late 5th/early 6th century)