

January 24 - venerable mother Xenia

DAILY ANTIPHONS in the music book

TROPARIA

Tone 8 The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother, / for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. / By so doing you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away / but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal. / Therefore your spirit, venerable Xenia, rejoices with the angels.

Tone 4 The truth of things has revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen. KONTAKION **Tone 1** In Your birth sanctifying a virgin womb / and blessing, as is fitting, the hands of Symeon, / You have come now, also, and saved us, Christ God. / But give peace in wars to the people, / and strengthen the kings whom You have loved // Who alone love mankind.

Priest: Let us attend! Peace to all!

Reader: And to your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: **The prokeimenon in the third tone: My soul magnifies the Lord / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. (Luke 1:46-47)**

People: My soul magnifies the Lord / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Reader: **For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. (Luke 1:48)**

People: My soul magnifies the Lord / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Reader: **My soul magnifies the Lord**

People: and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: **The reading is from the epistle of the holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews (5:11-6:8)**

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren: of Melchisedek we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits. For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame. For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; but if it bears thorns and briers, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned.

Priest: Peace to you (who have read)!

Reader: And to your spirit! Alleluia in the eighth tone. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Hear, O daughter, and see and incline your ear. (*Psalm 44:10*)

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Your face the rich of the people will entreat. (*Psalm 44:12*)

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (21:5-7, 10-11, 20, 24)

COMMUNION HYMN

I will take a cup of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (*Psalm 115:4*)