

July 19, 2023 – First Uncovering of the Relics of venerable Seraphim of Sarov

FIRST ANTIPHON. PSALM 91.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord; to sing praises to Your name, O most High.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

To show that the Lord is upright, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.
Amen.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

SECOND ANTIPHON. PSALM 92.

The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, He has girded Himself.

Refrain: Through the prayers of Your saints, O Savior, save us.

The world also is established, so that it cannot be moved.

Refrain: Through the prayers of Your saints, O Savior, save us.

Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore.

Refrain: Through the prayers of Your saints, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.
Amen.

Only-begotten Son...

THIRD ANTIPHON. PSALM 94

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is His also.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

TROPARIA

Tone 4 You loved Christ from your youth, O blessed one, / and, longing to work for Him alone, you struggled in the wilderness in constant prayer and labor. / With penitent heart and great love for Christ you were favored by the Mother of God. / Therefore we cry to you: // "Save us by your prayers, venerable Seraphim, our father!"

Tone 4 In truth you were revealed 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 Father 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 unto ages of ages.

Amen. **KONTAKION**

Tone 2 Forsaking the beauty as well as the corruption of this world, / you settled in the monastery of Saróv, O Saint. / There you lived an angelic life, / becoming for many the way to salvation. / Therefore, Christ has glorified you, O Father Seraphim, / enriching you with abundant healing and miracles. // So we cry to you: Save us by your prayers, venerable Seraphim, our father!

THE APOSTLE

Priest: Let us attend! Peace to all!

Reader: **And to your spirit!**

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: **The prokeimenon in the seventh tone: Precious in front of the Lord – the death of his venerable ones.** (*Psalm 115:6*)

Cantor: Precious in front of the Lord – the death of his venerable ones.

Reader: **What will I repay to the Lord for all which he has yielded to me?** (*Psalm 115:3*)

Cantor: Precious in front of the Lord – the death of his venerable ones.

Reader: **Precious in front of the Lord**

Cantor: – the death of his venerable ones.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: **The reading from the letter of the holy apostle Paul to the Galatians (5:22-6:2)**

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: **Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.**

Priest: Peace to you (who have read)!

Reader: **And to your spirit! Alleluia in the sixth tone. Alleuia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: **Happy the man who fears the Lord, who will greatly will in his commandments.** (*Psalm 111:1*)

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: **Powerful in earth will be his seed.** (*Psalm 111:2*)

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (6:17-23)

COMMUNION HYMN

A righteous one will be into eternal remembrance, he will not be frightened by an evil hearing.
(*Psalm 111:6b-7a*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!