

**JUNE 29, 2024**

**LEAVETAKING OF PENTECOST. THE HOLY GLORIOUS AND ALL-PRAISED LEADERS OF THE APOSTLES, PETER AND PAUL (1ST C.).**

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

The heavens are telling the glory of God; / and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. *(Psalm 18:1)* **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Day to day pours forth speech, / and night to night declares knowledge. *(Psalm 18:2)* **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Their voice goes out through all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the world. *(Psalm 18:4)* **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, 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. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

**SECOND ANTIPHON**

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble; / the Name of the God of Jacob protect you! *(Psalm 19:1)* **O Good Comforter, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"**

May He send you help from the sanctuary / and give you support from Sion! *(Psalm 19:2)* **O Good Comforter, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"**

May He grant you your heart's desire, / and fulfill all your plans! *(Psalm 19:3)* **O Good Comforter, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"**

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 and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation willed to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and were crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

**THIRD ANTIPHON**

**O Lord, in your power the king will be gladdened, and in your salvation will rejoice greatly.** *(Psalm 20:1)*  
*Troparion - Tone 8* Blessed are You, O Christ our God, You have revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of Man, glory to You!

**His heart's desire you gave him, and of the will of his lips you did not deprive them.** *(Psalm 20:2)* Blessed are You...

**For you came before him with blessings of kindness, you set upon his head a crown of precious stone.** *(Psalm 20:3)* Blessed are You...

**SMALL ENTRANCE**

*Deacon* Wisdom! Upright!

*Priest:* Be lifted up, Lord, in your power; we will sing and chant your mighty works. *(Psalm 20:13)* O Good Comforter, save us who sing to you: "Alleluia!"

**TROPARIA**

**Tone 8** Blessed are You, O Christ our God, You have revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of Man, glory to You!

**Tone 4** O first-enthroned of the Apostles, / and teachers of the universe: / entreat the Master of all / to grant peace to the world, // and to our souls great mercy!

**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.

**KONTAKION**

**Tone 8** When the Most High came down and confused the tongues He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the All-Holy Spirit!

## INSTEAD OF THE TRISAGION

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ! (*Galatians 3:27*) Alleluia!

*The prokeimenon in the eighth tone: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth;/ and their words to the ends of the universe. (Psalm 18:4)*

*v. The heavens describe the Glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the making of his hands. (Ps. 18:1)*

## **THE READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE**

**CORINTHIANS (11:21-12:9)** Brethren: To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever any one dares to boast of -- I am speaking as a fool -- I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one -- I am talking like a madman -- with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I have received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. Three times I have been shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brethren; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed to the ages, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**Tone 1 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*v. The heavens will confess your wonders, O Lord; and your truth in the church of the holy ones. (Ps. 88:4)*

*v. God -- glorified in the counsel of the holy ones. (Ps. 88:6a)*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (16:13-19)**

At that time, when Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

## THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

**Tone 4 2nd Canon, Ode 9 - Heirmos**

Rejoice, O Queen, glory of mothers and virgins!

No tongue, however sweet or fluent, is eloquent enough to praise you worthily.

Every mind is overawed by your childbearing.

Therefore, with one voice, we glorify you.

## COMMUNION HYMN

Let Your good Spirit lead me on a level path! (*Psalm 142:12a*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."

**Tone 8** Blessed are You, O Christ our God, You have revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of Man, glory to You!