

23rd Sunday after Pentecost. Holy 33 artyrs of Melitene. Ven. Lazarus . Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra . Martyrs Melasippus, Cassina, their son Antoninus . Martyrs Auctus, Taurion, and Thessalonica.

**Tone 6**      **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb;  
 the guards became as dead men.  
 Mary stood by Your grave,  
 seeking Your most pure body.  
 You captured hell, not being tempted by it.  
 You came to the Virgin, granting life.  
 O Lord, Who rose from the dead, //  
glory to You.

**Troparion** **Tone 4** *(to Volodymyr)*

Holy Prince **Volodymyr**, /  
 you were like a merchant in search of fine pearls. /  
 By sending servants to Constantinople for the Orthodox Faith, /  
 you found Christ, the priceless pearl. /  
 He appointed you to be another Paul, /  
 washing away in baptism your physical and spiritual blindness. /  
 We celebrate your memory, //  
 asking you to pray for all Orthodox Christians and for us, your spiritual children.

**Tone 4**      **Troparion** *(to the martyrs)*

Your holy martyrs, Lord,  
 through their sufferings have received their incorruptible crowns from You, our God!  
 For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,  
 and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. //  
 Through their intercessions, save our souls!

**Tone 8**      **Troparion** *(to Lazarus)*

You watered your pillar with prayerful vigils and flowing tears;  
 you brought forth fruit a hundredfold with sighs from the depths of your soul!  
 You were a shepherd, granting the petitions of all. //  
 Entreat Christ God, Lazarus our father, that our souls may be saved!

**Tone 6      Kontakion    (*Resurrection*)**

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.

**Tone 8      Kontakion (*to the martyrs*)**

The radiant choir of martyrs, the light-bearing company,  
spiritually descends to us, enlightening the church with brilliant rays!  
Therefore we celebrate their honored memory, asking you, our Savior:  
Through their prayers deliver us from misfortunes//  
that we may sing to You: Alleluia!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 4      Kontakion (*to Lazarus*)**

The Church glorifies you in hymns with gladness, Father Lazarus,  
as a most brilliant light!//  
Ever pray to Christ that He may grant forgiveness of sins to all!

*both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 8    Kontakion    (*to St Volodymyr*)**

Most glorious **Volodymyr**, /  
in your old age you imitated the great apostle Paul: /  
He abandoned childish things, /  
while you forsook the idolatry of your youth. /  
Together with him you reached the fullness of divine wisdom: /  
You were adorned with the purity of holy baptism. /  
Now as you stand before Christ our Savior, //  
pray that all Orthodox Christians may be saved.

**Tone 6      Prokeimenon      (*Resurrection*)**

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! (*Ps. 27:9a*)

*V. To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a).*

In the **7th Tone**:            Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

## The reading of the Epistle of St Paul to the Ephesians (2:4-10)

**Brethren:** But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

### Galatians 5:22-6

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

### Tone 6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*V. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps. 90:1)*

*V. He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.” (Ps. 90:2)*

**In the same tone:** *Blessed is the man that fears the Lord; he shall greatly delight in His commandments.*

### Gospel

Luke 8:41-56

Then a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus’ feet, pleading with him to come to his house because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying.

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

“Who touched me?” Jesus asked.

When they all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you.”

But Jesus said, “Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.” Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. Then he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.” While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” he said. “Don’t bother the teacher anymore.” Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.” When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child’s father and mother. Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. “Stop wailing,” Jesus said. “She is not dead but asleep.” They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and said, “My child, get up!” Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

Matt. 4:25-5 1

Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,

### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance; he shall not be afraid of evil tidings.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!