

(at the Divine Liturgy)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

TONE 5

14th Sunday after Pentecost / GM Euphemia the All-Praised / Afterfeast of the Exaltation

Tone 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 1 Troparion *(Cross)*

O Lord, save Your people,
and bless Your inheritance!
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians
over their adversaries;
and by virtue of Your Cross//
preserve Your habitation!

Tone 4 Troparion *(Volodymyr)*

O 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 of Kiyvan-Rus'//
and for us, your spiritual children.

Tone 4 Troparion (*Euphemia*)

Your lamb Euphemia calls out to You in a loud voice, O Jesus,
I love You, my Bridegroom,
and in seeking You I endure suffering.
In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, and died so that I might live
with You.
Accept me as a pure sacrifice,
for I have offered myself in love!//
By her prayers, save our souls, since You are merciful!

Tone 5 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

You descended into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//
and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

Tone 8 Kontakion (*Volodymyr*)

O 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!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 4 Kontakion (*Euphemia*,)

All praised Euphemia,
you completed your struggle well!
Even after death, you pour out healing on us for our sanctification.
We stand beside your venerable relics to honor your holy dormition
that we may be delivered in faith from the weaknesses of our nature//
and profit by the grace of your miracles!

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen

Tone 4 Kontakion (Cross)

As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake,
grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God;
make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power,
granting them victories over their adversaries / /
by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (Sunday After)

Extol the Lord our God: / worship at His footstool for He is holy! (*Ps. 98:5*)

v. The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! (Ps. 98:1a)

In the 4th Tone:

Wondrous is God in His saints, the God of Israel.

The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians *2:16-20*

Brethren: knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

“But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Moreover, I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand.

But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me?

And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is *the joy* of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Remember Your congregation, which You have gotten of old! (Ps. 73:2)

V. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth!

In the 6th Tone:

V. With patience I waited patiently for the Lord, and He was attentive unto me.

Gospel

Mark 8:34-9:1

When He had called the people to *Himself*, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

Matthew 22:1-14

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.'" ' But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

"For many are called, but few are chosen."

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)

Tone 8

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!

You are a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos,
who, though untilled, have brought forth Christ;
through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth.
Now at its Exaltation,
as we bow in worship before it, we magnify you.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
The light of Your countenance has been signed upon us, O Lord. *(Ps. 4:7)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!