

(at the Divine Liturgy)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

STONE 5

22nd Sunday after Pentecost / Stone 5/ Martyrs Minas, Victor, and Vincent / St. Theodore the Studite

Stone 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.

Stone 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 annointed 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.

Stone 4 Troparion

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!

Stone 8 Troparion *(Father Theodore)*

Instructor of orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship,
the enlightener of the universe and the adornment of the hierarchs:
All-wise Father Theodore, your teachings have gleamed with light upon all things.//
Intercede before Christ our God to save our souls!

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!

Tone 8 Kontakio (Menas)

Today the church honors those who fought the good fight and died for their faith:
The victorious Menas, the noble Victor and the ascetic Vincent.
The Church glorifies their divine struggle and cries out with love: //
Glory to you, O Christ, the Lover of mankind!

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

Tone 2 Kontakion (Father Theodore)

You girded yourself with every ascetic practice
to protect your angelic life,
with the grace of God you conquered,
becoming like the angels.
Never cease to intercede with them, Theodore, before Christ our God, //
that He may have mercy on us all!

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

Tone 6

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, /
O unfailing mediatrix before the Creator, /
despise not the voices of us sinners, /
but quickly come to help us who cry unto you in faith; /
swiftly intercede and supplicate for us, O Birth-Giver of God //
who ever protects those that honor you.

Tone 5 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

You, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever. *(Ps. 11:7)*

V. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)

in the 4th tone:

V. the Lord been wondrous in His saints that are in the earth; He hath wrought all His desires in them

The Reading of the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians *6:11-18*

Brethren: See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these *would* compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy *be* upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

Eph. 6:10-17

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

Tone 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. (Ps. 88:1-2)

V. For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)

Tone 1

V The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints.

Luke 10:25-37

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' "

And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you

spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”

And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.”

Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?”

So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

Communion Hymn

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

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise is meet for the upright

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!