

Hymns and Readings for Sunday 11th February 2024

36th Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

THE HOURS

TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT THE THIRD HOUR

Troparia: Resurrection; Glory ... New Martyrs and Confessors; Both now ... From the Horologion

Kontakion: Resurrection

TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT THE SIXTH HOUR

Troparia: Resurrection; Glory ... New Martyrs and Confessors; Both now... From the Horologion

Kontakion: New Martyrs and Confessors

THE DIVINE LITURGY

TYPICAL PSALMS AND BEATITUDES

ENTRANCE HYMN

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

TROPARIA & KONTAKIA

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 3

[Music on website / Green Book page 6]

Let the heavens rejoice!

Let the earth be glad!

For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.

He has trampled down death by death.

He has become the first born of the dead.

He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world//

great mercy.

Troparion of the New Martyrs & Confessors in Tone 4

[Music on website / Sheet]

Today the Church of Russia joyfully forms a chorus,
praising her new martyrs and confessors;

hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses,
venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians.

Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless persecution,
they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood.//

By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy till the end of the age.

Kontakion of the Resurrection in Tone 3

[Music on website / Green Book page 6]

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb,

O Merciful One,

leading us from the gates of death.

On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;

with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise//

the divine majesty of Thy power.

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

Kontakion of the New Martyrs & Confessors in Tone 3

[Music on website / Sheet]

Today the new martyrs of Rus' stand in white robes before the Lamb of God,

and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory:

"Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honour,

and power, and strength be to our God//

unto the ages of ages. Amen."

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

Steadfast Protectress of Christians in Tone 6

[Music on website / Folder]

Steadfast Protectress of Christians,
Constant advocate before the Creator,
despise not the cry of us sinners,
but in thy goodness
come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith.
Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, //
for thou dost ever protect those who honour thee.

THE TRISAGION

PROKEIMENA

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Third Tone.

Reader: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Choir: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Reader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Choir: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Reader: And in the Seventh Tone.

Reader: God is our refuge and strength, a help in afflictions that severely befall us.

Choir: God is our refuge and strength, a help in afflictions that severely befall us.

EPISTLE

The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

Ye Brethren: Working together with Christ, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labours, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. [2 Corinthians 6:1-10]

Ye Brethren: We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For thy sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. [Romans 8:28-39]

ALLELUIA

Priest: Peace be to thee that readest, and to all the people.

Reader: And to thy spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their troubles.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'" As he said these things he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

[Matthew 25:14-30]

The Lord said to his disciples: "Beware of people, for they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be a time for you to bear testimony. Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends, and some of you they will put to death; you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives."

[Luke 11:47-12:1]

ZADOSTOYNIK

It is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos,
ever blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God.
More honourable than the Cherubim,
and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim:
without defilement thou gavest birth to God the Word:
true Theotokos, we magnify thee!

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous;
praise befits the upright! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

AFTER COMMUNION

"We have seen the True Light ..." etc., as usual.