

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 8)**  
**Martyrs Photius & Anicetus**  
**1 Corinthians 3: 9 – 17                      Matthew 14: 22 – 34**

**Beatitude Verses**  
8 from Octoechos for Resurrection

**People:** In Your kingdom remember us, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom.  
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted!  
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth!  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled!  
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!

**Reader:** O Christ the Savior of the world, remember us as You remembered the robber on the Cross; and count us all worthy of Your heavenly kingdom, O You who alone are compassionate.

**People:** Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God!

**Reader:** Listen, O Adam, and rejoice with Eve; for he who of old stripped you both naked, and took all of us captive by deception, has been defeated by the Cross of Christ.

**People:** Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God!

**Reader:** O our Savior, of Your own will You were nailed to the Tree of the Cross. You freed Adam from the curse which came through the fruit of the tree, and as You are compassionate, You rewarded Your creation made in Your image with a dwelling in paradise.

**People:** Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven!

**Reader:** Today Christ is risen from the tomb, granting incorruption to all the faithful; and He renews the joy of the myrrh-bearing women after His suffering and resurrection.

**People:** Blessed are you when people revile you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake!

**Reader:** Rejoice, O wise myrrh-bearing women, who were first to behold the resurrection of Christ, and who proclaimed to the apostles the glad tidings of the restoration of the whole world!

**People:** Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven!

**Reader:** O apostles, you are manifestly the friends of Christ and are to be enthroned with Him in glory: entreat Him with boldness, that He intercede for us, for you are His disciples.

**People:** **Glory** to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**Reader:** O unoriginate Trinity, indivisible Essence, Unity equally enthroned, equal in honor and glory, transcendent Nature and Kingship: Save us who praise You with faith!

**People:** **Now** and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**Reader:** Rejoice, spacious habitation of God! Rejoice, ark of the new covenant! Rejoice, jar from which the heavenly Manna is given to all!

### ***Troparia & Kontakia***

#### **Resurrection Troparion Tone 8**

**People:**

You descended from the heights O Compassionate One, /  
You accepted a three-day burial /  
to free us from our passions, //  
Glory to You O Lord, our Life and Resurrection.

**People:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

#### **General Troparion for Martyrs Tone 4**

O Lord, Your martyrs Photius and Anicetus, /  
through their struggle they received incorruptible crowns from You our God. /  
For since they possessed Your strength, they cast down the tyrants /  
and destroyed the powerless boldness of the demons. //  
O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls.

**People:** Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**Kontakion of the Resurrection  
Tone 8**

***People:***

Having risen from the tomb, You raised the dead /  
and resurrected Adam. /  
Eve also rejoices at Your Resurrection, /  
and the ends of the world celebrate Your arising from the dead //  
O Greatly-merciful Lord.

**Resurrection Prokeimenon  
Tone 8**

***Deacon:*** Let us attend.

***Priest:*** Peace be to all.

**Reader:** And to your spirit.

***Deacon:*** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The Prokeimenon in the 8th Tone: Make your vows to the Lord Your God and keep them.

***People:*** Make your vows to the Lord Your God and keep them.

**Reader:** In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

***People:*** Make your vows to the Lord Your God and keep them.

**Reader:** Make your vows to the Lord Your God.

***People:*** And keep them.

***Deacon:*** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The Reading is from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

***Deacon:*** Let us attend.

**Epistle  
1 Corinthians 3: 9 – 17**

**Reader:** Brethren, we are God's co-workers! You are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder, I have laid a foundation, and another builds on it. But let everyone be careful how he builds on it! As it is, no one can lay any other foundation than the one that has already been laid,

which is Jesus Christ. But as one builds on that foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or stubble, each person's work will be revealed. Certainly, the Day will make it manifest, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire will test everyone's work. If what someone has built on the foundation remains, then a reward shall be received. On the other hand, if someone's work is burned, it will be lost, but that person shall be saved, as through fire. Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him because God's temple is holy, and this is what you are!

**Priest:** Peace be to you the reader.

**Reader:** And to your spirit.

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

### **Alleluiarion Tone 8**

**Reader:** Alleluia in the 8th Tone.

**People:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Reader:** Come, let us greatly rejoice in the Lord; let us shout aloud to God our Savior.

**People:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Reader:** Let us come before His face with thanksgiving, and let us shout aloud to Him with psalms.

**People:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### **Gospel**

**Deacon:** Bless Master, him who proclaims the Holy Gospel of the Holy, Apostle and Evangelist Matthew.

**Priest:** May God, through the intercessions of the holy, glorious, all praised Apostle and Evangelist Matthew, enable you to proclaim the Good News with great power, for the fulfillment of the Gospel of His Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Deacon:** Amen.

**Priest:** Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be to all.

**People:** And to your spirit.

**Deacon:** The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

**People:** Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

**Priest:** Let us attend.

**Deacon:** **Matthew 14: 22 – 34**

**People:** Glory to You, Lord, glory to You.

**Communion Verse (Koinonikon)**

**People:**  
Praise the Lord in the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.