

27th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 2)
Sunday of the Holy Forefathers
Colossians 3: 4 – 11 **Luke 14: 16 – 24**

Beatitude Verses

4 from Octoechos for Resurrection
4 from Ode 3, from Menaion for Forefathers

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!

Reader: O Savior, we offer You the cry of the robber, and we pray: Remember us in Your kingdom.

People: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled!

Reader: For the forgiveness of transgressions we offer to You the Cross which You accepted for our sake, O You who loves mankind.

People: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!

Reader: O Master, we bow down in worship before Your burial and rising, whereby You have rescued the world from corruption, O You who loves mankind.

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

Reader: O Lord, by Your death has death been slain, and by Your resurrection You have saved the world, O Savior.

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

Reader: Risen from the tomb, You met the myrrh-bearing women; and You told Your disciples to announce Your arising.

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

Reader: Upon seeing You, O Christ the Light, those who slept in darkness, in the nethermost parts of Hades, were raised from the dead.

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

Reader: The zeal of Seth for His Creator is praised throughout the world, for in his blameless life and spiritual love he was truly pleasing to God, and now he cries out in the land of the living: Holy are you, O Lord!

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

Reader: The wondrous Enos trusted in the Spirit and with divine wisdom began to call upon the God and Master of all with mouth, tongue and heart; and having lived on Earth in a God-pleasing manner, he received glory.

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

Reader: Let us praise Enoch with sacred voices, for having been well pleasing to the Lord, he was translated in glory, being shown to be greater than death, as it has been written, since he had been a most earnest servant of God.

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

Reader: Now the expectation of the nations comes forth from the Virgin, and Bethlehem radiantly opens the shut gates of Eden, receiving the incarnate Word, who in the flesh is laid in a manger.

Troparia & Kontakia

Resurrection Troparion Tone 2

People:
When You descended into the realm of death O Life Immortal,
You struck Hades dead with the lightning of Your Divinity,
And when You also raised the dead from the deepest depths,
All the Heavenly Powers cried out:
O Christ our God, the Giver-of-Life, glory to You!

Troparion of the Holy Forefathers Tone 2

People:
Through faith You justified the Forefathers,
betrothing through them the Church of the Gentiles.
These saints exult in glory,
for from their seed came forth a noble fruit:
She who bore You without seed, //
by their entreaties, O Christ God, save our souls.

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

Kontakion of the Holy Forefathers Tone 6

People:

O thrice blessed Forefathers,
you did not worship the image made by man,
but armed with the invisible power of God,
you were glorified in a trial by fire,
from the midst of unbearable flames you called on God,
Crying: hasten, O compassionate Lord,
come to our defense speedily, //
for You are merciful and able to accomplish everything that You will.

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

Kontakion of the Resurrection Tone 2

People:

You arose from the tomb, O all-powerful Savior; /
Hades was terrified seeing this wonder;
the dead arose, and creation exults with You at this sight. /
Adam also rejoices, //
and the world praises You forever O my Savior.

Prokeimenon of the Holy Forefathers Tone 4

(Prayer of Azariah in Daniel 3: 26, 27)

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name to the ages.

People: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name to the ages.

Reader: For You are righteous in all You did for us.

People: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name to the ages.

Reader: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers...

People: ... and praised and glorified is Your name to the ages.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians.

Deacon: Let us attend.

**Epistle
Colossians 3: 4 – 11**

Reader: Brethren, when Christ who is our life is revealed, then you will also be revealed with Him in glory. Therefore, put to death what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, depraved passions, lust and greed which is idolatry. Because of these things, the wrath of God is coming on the children of disobedience. You also used to live in them when you lived among these people; but now, put them all away: anger, rage, evil, slander, and shameful language. Do not lie to one another. You have put off the old self with his doings and you have put on the new self who is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of his Creator. Here, there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free; but Christ is all, and in all!

Priest: Peace be to you the reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Alleluiarion of the Holy Forefathers Tone 4

(Psalm 98: 6)

Reader: Alleluia in the 4th Tone.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Moses and Aaron are among His priests, and Samuel is among those who call upon His name.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: They called upon the Lord, and He heard them.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

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

Priest: May God, through the intercessions of the holy, glorious, all praised Apostle and Evangelist Luke, 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 Luke.

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

Priest: Let us attend.

Deacon: **Luke 14: 16 – 24**

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

Communion Verse (Koinonikon)

People:

Resurrection: Praise the Lord in the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

Forefathers: O you righteous, rejoice in the Lord; praise is worthy for the upright.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.