

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**All Saints (Tone 8)**  
**Hebrews 11: 33 – 12: 2**  
**Matthew 10: 32, 33, 37 – 38; 19: 27 - 30**

**Beatitude Verses**

4 from Octoechos for Resurrection,  
4 from Pentecostarion from Ode 6 for All Saints

**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:** 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 tree of the fruit, and as You are compassionate, You rewarded Your creation made in Your image with a dwelling in paradise.

**People:** Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of 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 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:** O Master, having found You to be a precious and firmly set corner-stone in Zion, the Saints like select stones, built themselves upon You, as upon an unshakeable foundation.

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

**Reader:** When Your side was pierced, the drops of blood fell together with the deifying water, giving life to the world. And the divine assembly of all the Saints addressed You as Benefactor.

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

**Reader:** We most reverently praise all the Saints, the God-inspired cloud of witnesses, who by grace were made luminous, and shine more resplendently in the royal purple of their blood and in the crimson of their steadfast struggle.

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

**Reader:** O all-spotless Lady, we all know you to be the all-true Theotokos. Through you the nature of women was strengthened, and was filled with every virtue in a godly manner, by struggling after Christ.

### ***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.

#### **Troparion of All Saints Tone 4**

**People:**  
O Christ our God,  
Your Church throughout all the world,  
Clothed in the blood of Your martyrs, as in purple and fine linen, /  
and through Your martyrs cries to You: /  
Send down Your compassions upon Your people; /  
grant peace to Your flock, //  
and great mercy to our souls.

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

**Kontakion of All Saints  
Tone 8**

**People:**

To You O Lord, the planter of creation, /  
the world offers the God-bearing martyrs as the first-fruits of nature. /  
By their prayers and through the intercessions of the Theotokos, /  
preserve the Church, Your dominion, in profound peace, //  
O Greatly-merciful Lord.

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

**Kontakion of the Resurrection  
Tone 8**

**People:**

Even though You descended into the tomb, O Immortal One, /  
You overthrew the power of Hades. /  
You arose as a victor O Christ our God, /  
proclaiming: "Rejoice!" to the myrrh-bearing women, /  
giving peace to Your apostles /  
and You also grant resurrection to the fallen.

**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 Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews.

**Deacon:** Let us attend.

**Epistle**  
**Hebrews 11: 33 – 12: 2**

**Reader:** Brethren, through faith, they overpowered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, became strong in weakness, grew mighty in war and caused foreign armies to flee. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Others were tried by mocking and scourging, yes, by chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn apart, they were tempted and they were slain with the sword. They went around in sheep and goat skins, being destitute, afflicted, and ill-treated. And yet the world was not worthy of them! They wandered in deserts, mountains, caves, and the holes of the earth. All of them received a testimony through their faith but they did not receive the promise because God had made provision for us to have something better, and they were not to reach perfection apart from us. And so, seeing that we are surrounded by such a great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us. Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before Him, He endured the cross, despising its shame, and He has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

**Reader:** And to your spirit.

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Alleluarion**  
**Tone 8**  
(Psalm 33: 18, 20)

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

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

**Reader:** The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them.

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

**Reader:** Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but He will deliver them from them all.

**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 10: 32, 33, 37 – 38; 19: 27 - 30**

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

### **Communion Verse (Koinonikon)**

**People:**

*For Sunday:* Praise the Lord in the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

*For All Saints:* O you righteous, rejoice in the Lord; praise is worthy for the upright.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.