

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 3)**  
**Great-Martyr Parasceva of Iconium**  
**Galatians 1: 11 – 19      Luke 8: 26 – 39**

**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, You drove our forefather Adam from paradise when he broke Your commandment; but, O Compassionate One, You allowed the Robber to live there when he confessed You on the cross, crying out: “O Savior, remember me in Your kingdom!”

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

**Reader:** O Lord, bestower of life, You condemned us who had sinned with the curse of death; and yet O sinless Master, by having suffered in Your flesh, You have granted life to mortals who cry out: “Remember us also in Your kingdom!”

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

**Reader:** O Lord, by rising from the dead, You have also raised us up from the passions through Your resurrection; and You have destroyed all the power of death, O Savior. Therefore, with faith we cry out to You: “Remember us also in Your kingdom!”

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

**Reader:** As God You grant life by Your three days in the tomb, and You raised up the dead from Hades, and as You are good, You have poured out incorruption upon all of us who with faith always cry out: “Remember us also in Your kingdom!”

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

**Reader:** Risen from the dead, O Savior, You first appeared to the myrrh-bearing women crying out: "Rejoice!" and through them O Christ, You announced Your resurrection to Your friends. Therefore with faith we cry out to You, "Remember us also in Your kingdom!"

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

**Reader:** Moses, stretching out his arms on the mountain, prefigured the Cross and thus conquered Amalek. And, receiving the Cross with faith as a mighty weapon against the demons, we all cry out: "Remember us also in Your kingdom!"

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

**Reader:** O faithful, let us praise the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the one God, the one Lord, as from a single Sun; for the Trinity is thrice luminous and enlightens all who cry out: "Remember us also in Your kingdom!"

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

**Reader:** Rejoice, O portal of God, through which the incarnate Creator passed without breaking your seal! Rejoice, light cloud which carried Christ, the divine rain! Rejoice, ladder and throne of Heaven! Rejoice, fruitful and unquarried and honored mountain of God!

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

#### **Resurrection Troparion Tone 3**

**People:**  
Let the heavens rejoice, /  
let everything on earth be glad, /  
For the Lord established great power with His mighty arm. /  
He has trampled down death by death, /  
He has become the first-born of the dead, /  
He has rescued us from the depths of Hades, /  
And has granted the world //  
His Great Mercy.

**Troparion of St Parasceva**  
**Tone 4**

**People:**

O all-wise and most praised Parasceva, martyr of Christ, /  
having received manly might and set aside your womanly weakness, /  
you vanquished the devil and put the tyrant to shame, /  
crying out and saying: /  
"Come, cut my body asunder with your swords and burn me with fire; /  
for, rejoicing, I shall go to Christ my Bridegroom!" //  
Through her supplications, O Christ God, save our souls.

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

**Kontakion of St Parasceva**  
**Tone 3**

**People:**

Carrying your all-holy and undefiled torment /  
to Christ, the immortal Bridegroom, as a dowry, /  
you gladdened the choir of the angels /  
and overcame the wiles of the demons. /  
Therefore, we cherish you with honor and faith, //  
O much suffering martyr Parasceva.

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

**Kontakion of the Resurrection**  
**Tone 3**

**People:**

Today You arose from the tomb, O compassionate One, /  
and You led us up from the gates of death. /  
Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices, /  
and with them the prophets and patriarchs praise without ceasing, //  
the divine might of Your dominion.

**Resurrection Prokeimenon**  
**Tone 3**

**Deacon:** Let us attend.

**Priest:** Peace be to all.

**Reader:** And to your spirit.

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The Prokeimenon in the 3rd Tone: Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises.

**People:** Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises.

**Reader:** Oh, clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with the voice of rejoicing.

**People:** Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises.

**Reader:** Sing praises to God; sing praises.

**People:** Sing praises to our King; sing praises.

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

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

**Deacon:** Let us attend.

**Epistle  
Galatians 1: 11 – 19**

**Reader:** Brethren, regarding the Good News which I preached, I proclaimed this to you, that it is not of human origin. I did not receive it from man and I was not taught this Good News by man, but it came to me through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard about how I used to live in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God beyond measure, and how I ravaged it. I advanced in the Jewish religion beyond many of my own age among my countrymen, as I was more extremely zealous for the traditions of my forefathers. But when it was the good pleasure of God who had set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood: I did not go up to Jerusalem to visit those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia. Later on, I returned to Damascus. Then, after three years, I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Peter, and I stayed with him for fifteen days. However, I did not see any of the other apostles, except James, 'the Lord's brother.'

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

**Reader:** And to your spirit.

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Alleluiarion Tone 3**

**Reader:** Alleluia in the 3rd Tone.

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

**Reader:** O God, in You I hope; may I never be put to shame.

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

**Reader:** Be to me a God for protection and a strong place for salvation.

**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 8: 26 – 39**

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

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

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

**Monastic:** The righteous will be in eternal remembrance. They will not be afraid of evil news.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.