

21st Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 4)
St John Dukas Vatatzes
Galatians 2: 16 – 20 Luke 8: 41 – 56

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: By the tree was Adam forced to depart from paradise; but by the Tree of the Cross was the Robber made to live in paradise. For the one by tasting, broke the commandment of the Creator; while the other, crucified with Him, confessed the hidden God, crying out: Remember me in Your kingdom!

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

Reader: O Lord You were lifted upon the Cross, You have destroyed the power of death and as God You have destroyed the record of our sins, grant also the repentance of the Robber to us who faithfully serve You and cry out to You, O Christ God who alone loves mankind: Remember us also in Your kingdom!

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

Reader: On the Cross You tore apart with the spear the record of our sins; and, numbered among the dead, You bound the tyrant of Hades. O Lord who loves mankind, by Your resurrection You have rescued all from the bonds of Hades and we have been illumined, and we cry 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: O You who alone are immortal, who was crucified and as Almighty arose from the tomb on the third day, and raised up Adam the first created: Grant that I also may turn to repentance with my whole heart, and may always cry out to You with fervent faith: O Savior, remember me 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: For our sake, He who is without passion became a man subject to the passions. And, nailed of His own will to the Cross, He has raised us up with Himself. Therefore, we glorify His Cross, passion, and resurrection, by which we have been renewed and saved, and we cry out: Remember us also in Your kingdom!

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

Reader: O faithful, let us entreat Him who has risen from the dead, has made captive the dominion of Hades, and was seen by the myrrh-bearing women and said to them: "Rejoice!" Let us entreat Him to rescue our souls from corruption so that we always cry out to Him with the voice of the noble Robber: 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 all pray, that with one mind we may worthily glorify the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the unity of the Trinity in three Hypostases, unmingled, abiding, simple, indivisible and unapproachable; for by the Trinity have we been rescued from the fiery torment.

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

Reader: O Christ, most merciful Master, Your Mother, who gave birth to You in the flesh without seed, the true Virgin, who remained incorrupt even after giving birth, we set before You to make this supplication: Grant forgiveness of transgressions to those who always cry out to You: Remember us also in Your kingdom!

Troparia & Kontakia

Resurrection Troparion Tone 4

People:
When the women disciples of the Lord /
learned from the Angel /
the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection /
And of the dismissal of the ancestral judgment /
They boasted to the apostles /
Death is overthrown, Christ our God has risen //
Granting to the world His great mercy.

Troparion of St John Vatzes
Tone 1

People:

The radiant emperor and great boast of the faithful, /
the pride of the twin-walled city¹. /
Let us honor John in hymns and spiritual odes, /
as we celebrate his memory. /
That we might richly be rewarded, /
crying out together: /
Glory to Christ who glorified you, //
Glory to Him who crowned you, //
Glory to Him who grants to us through you healing for all.

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

Kontakion of St John Vatzes
Tone 4

People:

Today, John, the divine ruler, /
flees his earthly kingdom for the Kingdom of Heaven, //
leaving for eternity merrily.

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

Kontakion of the Resurrection
Tone 4

People:

My Savior and Redeemer, /
as God You raised the earthborn from the grave and from their chains, /
and You broke the gates of Hades, /
and as Master, //
You arose on the third day.

Resurrection Prokeimenon
Tone 4

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

¹ Didymoteichou. Literally means Twin-walled.

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone: O Lord, Your works shall be magnified greatly; You made all things in wisdom.

People: O Lord, Your works shall be magnified greatly; You made all things in wisdom.

Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, You are magnified exceedingly.

People: O Lord, Your works shall be magnified greatly; You made all things in wisdom.

Reader: O Lord, Your works shall be magnified greatly.

People: You made all things in wisdom.

Deacon: Wisdom!

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

Deacon: Let us attend.

**Epistle
Galatians 2: 16 – 20**

Priest: Peace be to you the reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Alleluiarion Tone 4

Reader: Alleluia in the 4th Tone.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Stretch Your bow, and grant prosperity, and reign, because of truth, gentleness, and righteousness.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: You loved righteousness and hated lawlessness.

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: 41 – 56**

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

Communion Verse (Koinonikon)

People:

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.