

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 3)**  
**St John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople**  
**1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 11                      Matthew 19: 16 – 26**

**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.

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

**Troparion of the Ecumenical Patriarchs  
Tone 4**

***People:***

The truth of things revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, /  
a model of meekness and a teacher of abstinence /  
therefore you have attained the heights through humility /  
and riches through poverty. //  
O hierarch John our father, entreat Christ God that our souls be saved.

***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 First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

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

### **Epistle**

#### **1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 11**

**Reader:** Brethren, I declare to you, the Good News which I preached to you, which also you accepted, in which you also stand. And you are saved by it, that is if you hold firmly to the word which I preached to you. Otherwise, you believed in vain. For I delivered to you, first of all, what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Kephaz, then to the Twelve. After that, He appeared to over five hundred brethren at once, most of whom remain alive until now, but some have also fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all, as to the child born at the wrong time, He appeared to me also. Indeed, I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God, I am what I am. His grace which was bestowed on me was not in vain, but I worked more than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. It does not matter whether it is I or they: this is what we preach, and so you believed.

***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 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 19: 16 – 26**

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

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

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.