

24th Sunday after Pentecost
Leave-taking of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple
Hieromartyr Clement of Rome
Ephesians 2: 14 – 22 Luke 13: 10 – 17

Beatitude Verses

6 from Octoechos for Resurrection
4 from Festal Menaion Ode 3 for Feast

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 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 those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled!

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 the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!

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 pure in heart, for they shall see God!

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 the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God!

Reader: Rejoice, O wise myrrh-bearing women, who were first to behold the resurrection of Christ, and who proclaimed to the apostles the glad tidings of the restoration of the whole world!

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

Reader: O apostles, you are manifestly the friends of Christ and are to be enthroned with Him in glory: entreat Him with boldness, that He intercede for us, for you are His disciples.

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

Reader: O pure Theotokos, as you have the most radiant beauty of purity of soul and are full of the grace of God from Heaven, with the ever-existent light you always enlighten those who cry out with joy: Truly you are more highly exalted than all, O pure Virgin!

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

Reader: Your wonder surpasses the power of words, O pure Theotokos, for in you I perceive a body impervious to the movement of sin. Therefore thankfully I cry out to you: Truly you are more highly exalted than all, O pure Virgin!

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

Reader: With hymns let us praise her who was a baby by nature and was supernaturally revealed as the Mother of God; for she is led to the Lord in the Temple of the law as the fragrance of sweet savor for the righteous, as the spiritual fruit of her righteous parents.

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

Reader: O faithful, with the angel let us fittingly cry out to the Theotokos: "Rejoice!" Rejoice, O most comely Bride! Rejoice, O radiant cloud from whom the Lord has shone forth upon us who sit in the darkness of ignorance! Rejoice, hope of all!

Troparia & Kontakia

Resurrection Troparion Tone 7

People:

You destroyed death by Your Cross,
You opened Paradise to the robber.
You reversed the lamentation of the Myrrh-bearing Women,
and You commanded Your Apostles to proclaim
that You arose, O Christ our God,
granting to the world
Your great mercy.

Troparion of the Entry of the Theotokos Tone 4

Today is the prelude of God's good will /
and the heralding of the salvation of mankind. /
In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, /
and she proclaims Christ to all. /
To her, then, with a great voice let us cry aloud: /
Rejoice, O fulfillment //
of the Creator's dispensation.

Troparion of St Clement of Rome Tone 2

All-gloriously amazing all the ends of the world with divine miracles, /
O sacred athlete, /
in manner transcending nature /
you caused the substance of the waters of the sea to withdraw /
on the day on your honored memorial, /
for those who earnestly had recourse to the church erected for you by God /
to shelter your precious relics; /
and after the people had returned, /
you miraculously cause the sea to return to the shore. /
O all-wondrous Clement, //
entreat Christ God, that our souls be saved.

Kontakion of St Clement of Rome Tone 2

You have been shown to all /
as a branch of the divine vine arrayed in sanctity, /
exuding the sweetness of wisdom with your supplications, /
O most honored and holy Clement, /
that we may offer you the noetic hymn, /
like a woven robe of purple: //
Save your servants!

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

**Kontakion of Entry of the Theotokos
Tone 2**

People:

Having struggled splendidly, /
you were reckoned among the legions of Christ's martyrs /
which fought valiantly, O glorious Galacteon, /
with Episteme, your honored spouse, who suffered with you. //
Unceasingly entreat the one God on behalf of us all.

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

**Kontakion of the Resurrection
Tone 7**

People:

No longer can the dominion of death keep mankind imprisoned; /
for Christ has descended into Hades, /
demolishing and destroying the power of death. /
Hades is now bound in chains; /
the prophets rejoice with one voice, saying: /
The Savior has come for those who have faith. //
Come forth, O faithful, for the Resurrection.

**Resurrection Prokeimenon
Tone 7**

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 7th Tone: The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

People: The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Reader: Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God, bring to the Lord the sons of rams.

People: The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

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People: The Lord will bless His people with peace.

Deacon: Wisdom!

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

Deacon: Let us attend.

Epistle

Reader: **Ephesians 2: 14 – 22**

Priest: Peace be to you the reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Alleluiarion Tone 7

Reader: Alleluia in the 7th Tone.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing to Your name, O Most High.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: To proclaim Your mercy in the morning and Your truth at night.

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 13: 10 – 17**

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

Hymn to the Theotokos

Instead of "It is truly right..." we chant the Irmos of the 9th Ode of the First Canon of the feast:

Irmos Tone 4

Refrain: The angels beholding the entry of the most pure one /
were struck with wonder, //
seeing how the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies.

Irmos: Let no profane hand touch the living Ark of God, /
but let the lips of the faithful, /
chanting unceasingly the words of the angel /
to the Theotokos, cry out with joy: //
Truly you are high above all, O pure Virgin.

Communion Verse (Koinonikon)

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

Theotokos: I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.