

**Sunday, November 22**  
**25th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Post-feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple**

**Sunday Tropar, tone 8:** You came down from on high, O Merciful One, \* and accepted three days of burial\* to free us from our sufferings. \* O Lord, our life and our resurrection, \* glory be to You.

**Festive tropar, tone 4:** Today is the prelude of the benevolence of God, \* and the herald of the salvation of mankind, \* for the Virgin openly appears in the temple of God \* and foretells Christ to all. \* Let us also with full voice exclaim to her: \* "Hail, fulfillment of the Creator's plan." Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!

**Sunday Kondak, tone 8:** When You rose from the tomb, \* You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam. \* Eve exults in Your resurrection, \* and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead, \* O most merciful One.

**Prokimen, tone 8:** Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

*Verse:* In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

**Epistle:** Ephesians 4: 1 - 6

Brothers and Sisters! I plead with you, then, as a prisoner for the Lord, to live a life worthy of the calling you have received, with perfect humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another lovingly. Make every effort to preserve the unity which has the Spirit as its origin and peace as its binding force. There is but one body and one Spirit, just as there is but one hope given all of you by your call. There is one Lord, one faith. one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all, and works through all, and is in all.

**Alleluia Verses:** Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior. Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms.

**Gospel:** Luke 10: 25 - 37

On one occasion a lawyer stood up to pose him this problem, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?" Jesus answered him: "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He replied: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Jesus said, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you shall live." But because he wished to justify himself he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied: "There was a man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho who fell prey to robbers. They stripped him, beat him, and then went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road; he saw him but continued on. Likewise there was a Levite who came the same way; he saw him and went on. But a Samaritan who was journeying along came on him and was moved to pity at the sight. He approached him and dressed his wounds, pouring in oil and wine. He then hoisted him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, where he cared for him. The next day he took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request: 'Look after him, and if there is any further expense I will repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the man who fell in with the robbers?" The answer came, "The one who treated him with compassion." Jesus said to him, "Then go and do the same."

**Instead of 'It is truly right . . .':** Seeing the entry of Mary the most Pure, \* the angels marveled at how a virgin could enter the holy of holies. \* Since no hand of the wicked \* may touch the living Tabernacle of God, \* may the lips of the faithful endlessly sing out with joy \* to the Mother of God the greetings of the angel: \* "O pure virgin, \* you are truly above all creatures!"

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.

I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!