

Sunday, January 24
33rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Sunday Tropar, tone 1: Though the stone was sealed by the Jews * and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, * You arose, O Savior, on the third day, * and gave life to the world. * And so, the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of life: * Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your kingdom! * Glory to Your saving plan, * O only Lover of Mankind.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!

Kondak, tone 3: Let us bring the groans of the Publican to the Lord, * and as sinners let us prostrate ourselves before Him, our Master, * for he wants salvation for all men. * He offers forgiveness to all who repent. * He became flesh for our sake, * God though he was, co-eternal with the Father.

Prokimen, tone 1: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

Epistle: 2nd Timothy 3: 10 - 15

Timothy, my son! You have followed closely my teaching and my conduct. You have observed my resolution, fidelity, patience, love and endurance, through persecution and sufferings in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. You know what persecutions I have had to bear, and you know how the Lord saved me from them all. Anyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus can expect to be persecuted. But all the while evil men and charlatans will go from bad to worse, deceiving others, themselves deceived. You, for your part, must remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know who your teachers were. Likewise, from your infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, the source of the wisdom which through faith in Jesus Christ leads to salvation.

Alleluia Verses: God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples under me.

Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever.

Gospel: Luke 18: 10 - 14

The Lord told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The pharisee with head unbowed prayed in this fashion: 'I give you thanks, O God, that I am not like the rest of men -- grasping, crooked, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I pay tithes on all I possess.' The other man, however, kept his distance, not even daring to raise his eyes to heaven. All he did was beat his breast and say, 'O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' Believe me, this man went home from the temple justified but the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled while he who humbles himself shall be exalted."

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