

Sunday, March 21 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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: Formerly laden with every kind of immorality, * today because of your repentance, you were made a bride of Christ, * longing for citizenship with angels * crushing demons by the Cross as your weapon. * And so, glorious Mary, you became a bride of heaven.

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: Hebrews 9: 11-14

Brothers and Sisters! When Christ came as high priest of the good things which have come to be, he entered once for all into the sanctuary passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation. He entered, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, and achieved eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself up unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God!

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: Mark 10: 32 - 45

At that time, Jesus taking the twelve aside once more, began to tell them what was going to happen to him. "We are on our way up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes. They will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles, who will mock him and spit at him, flog him, and finally kill him. But three days later he will rise. Zebedee's sons, James and John, approached him, "Teacher," they said, "we want you to grant our request." "What is it?" he asked. They replied, "See to it that we sit, one at your right and the other at your left, when you come into your glory." Jesus told them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup I shall drink or be baptized in the same bath of pain as I?" "We can," they told him. Jesus said in response, "From the cup I drink of you shall drink; the bath I am immersed in you shall share. But as for sitting at my right or my left, that is not mine to give, it is for those to whom it has been reserved." The other ten, on hearing this, became indignant at James and John. Jesus called them together and said to them: "You know how among the Gentiles those who seem to exercise authority lord it over them; their great ones make their importance felt. It cannot be like that with you. Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all. The Son of Man has not come to be served but to serve -- to give his life in ransom for the many."

Instead of 'It is truly right': In you, Lady full of grace, all creation rejoices, the world of angels and the human race. Sanctified temple, spiritual paradise, boast of virgins, God took flesh from you and became a child; He was God before the ages. He made your womb a throne and made it more encompassing than the heavens. In you, Lady full of grace, all creation rejoices, glory be to you.

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

The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!