

Sunday, May 30 All Saints 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.

Tropar of the Saints, tone 4: Your Church throughout the world, O Lord * is clothed with the blood of your martyrs as with fine linens and purple robes; * and so the Church cries out to You, O Christ our God :* “Send down your goodness upon your people; * grant peace to your Church and great mercy to our souls.”

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

Kondak of the Saints, tone 8: To You, O Lord, Author of all creation, * the universe offers the God-bearing martyrs as the first-fruit of nature. * Through their prayers and the intercession of the Mother of God * preserve your Church, your dwelling place, in perfect peace, * O most merciful One.

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

Verse: God is renowned in Judah, in Israel great is his name.

Epistle: Hebrews 11: 33-12: 2

Brothers and Sisters! All who by faith conquered kingdoms, did what was just, obtained the promises; they broke the jaws of lions, put out raging fires, escaped the devouring sword; though weak they were made powerful, became strong in battle, and turned back foreign invaders. Women received back their dead through resurrection. Others were tortured and would not receive deliverance, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Still others endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at sword's point; they went about garbed in the skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and on mountains, they dwelt in caves and in holes of the earth. Yet despite the fact that all of these were approved because of their faith, they did not obtain what had been promised. God had made a better plan, a plan which included us. Without us, they were not to be made perfect. Therefore, since we for our part are surrounded by this cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every encumbrance of sin which clings to us and persevere in running the race

which lies ahead; let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who inspires and perfects our faith.

Alleluia Verses: When the just cry out, the Lord hears them.

Many are the troubles of just man, but out of them all the Lord delivers them.

Gospel: Matthew 10: 32-33, 37-38, 19: 27-30

The Lord said to his disciples: “Whoever acknowledges me before men I will acknowledge before my Father in heaven. Whoever disowns me before men I will disown before my Father in heaven. Whoever loves father or mother, son or daughter, more than me is not worthy of me. He who will not take up his cross and come after me is not worthy of me.” Then it was Peter’s turn to say to him: “Here we have put everything aside to follow you. What can we expect from it?” Jesus said to them, “I give you my solemn word, in the new age when the Son of Man takes his seat upon a throne befitting his glory, you who have followed me shall likewise take your places on twelve thrones to judge the twelve tribes of Israel. Moreover, everyone who has given up home, brothers or sisters, father or mother, wife or children or property for my sake will receive many times as much and inherit everlasting life. Many who are first shall come last, and the last shall come first.”

Communion Hymn: The Light of Your face, O Lord, is raised over us.

Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!