

Sunday, January 23 31st Sunday after Pentecost

Tropar, tone 2: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, * You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. * When You raised the dead from the netherworld, * all the powers of heaven cried out: * "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

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

Kondak, tone 2: You rose from the tomb, O almighty Savior; * and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. * Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. * And the world, my Savior, sings Your praises forever.

Prokimen, tone 2: The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

Verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

Epistle: 1st Timothy 1: 15-17

Timothy my son! You can depend on this as worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I myself am the worst. But on that very account I was dealt with mercifully, so that in me, as an extreme case, Jesus Christ might display all his patience, and that I might become an example to those who would later have faith in him and gain everlasting life. To the King of ages, the immortal, the invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever! Amen.

Alleluia Verses: The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

Lord, grant victory to the king, and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You.

Gospel: Luke 18: 35-43

At that time as Jesus drew near Jericho a blind man sat at the side of the road begging. Hearing a crowd go by the man asked, "What is that?" The answer came that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. He shouted out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" Those in the lead sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus halted and ordered that he be brought to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord," he answered, "I want to see." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight. Your faith has healed you." At that very moment he was given his sight and began to follow him, giving God the glory. All the people witnessed it and they too gave praise to God.

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