

Sunday, March 13 2nd Sunday of the Great Fast

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 forever and ever. Amen!

Kondak of the 2nd Sunday of Lent, tone 4: Now is the proper time for cultivating virtue; * judgment is at the door. * And so let us fast; * let us show tears of remorse and bring alms; * let us cry out: * “Our sins are more numerous than the sands of the seas. * Forgive us, Creator of all, * that we may obtain crowns of incorruption.”

Prokimen, tone 5: You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation, and forever.
Verse: Save us, Lord, there are no devout men left.

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3
Lord of old you established the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; all of them will grow old like a garment. You will roll them up like a cloak, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end. To which of the angels has God even said, “Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool?” Are they not all ministering spirits, sent to serve those who are to inherit salvation? In view of this, we must attend all the more to what we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels stood unchanged, and all transgression and disobedience received its due punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore a salvation as great as ours? Announced first by the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who had heard him.

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 2: 1-12
At that time when Jesus came to Capernaum after a lapse of several days and word got around that he was at home. At that they began to gather in great numbers. There was no longer any room for them, even around the door. While he was delivering God’s word to them, some people arrived bringing a paralyzed man to him. The four who carried him were unable to bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they began to open up the roof over the spot where Jesus was. When they had made a hole, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “My son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves: “Why does the man talk in that way? He commits blasphemy! Who can forgive sins except God alone?” Jesus was immediately aware of their reasoning, though they kept it to themselves, and he said to them: “Why do you harbor these thoughts? Which is easier to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven, or to say, ‘Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk again.’? That you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” (he said to the paralyzed man), “I command you: Stand up! Pick up your mat and go home.” The man stood and picked up his mat and went outside in the sight of everyone. They were awestruck; all gave praise to God saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

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. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!