

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

## Parish Newsletter

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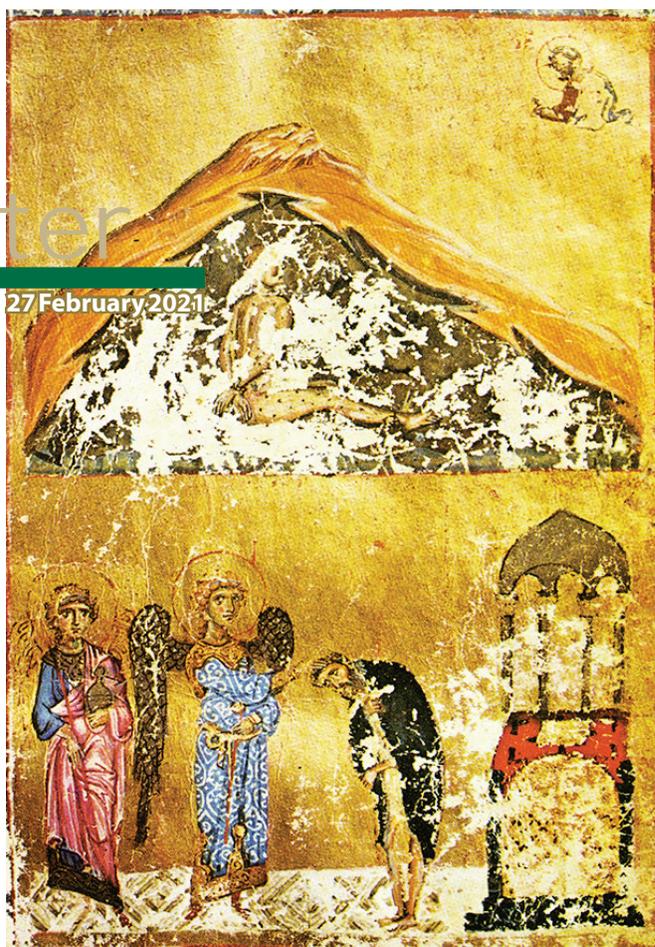
The Triodion begins,  
and ends with Pentecost.

**SUNDAY WHEN THE GOSPEL OF  
THE PRODIGAL SON IS READ  
AND TONE V**

### READING FROM THE PROPHECY OF HOSEA.

*(This reading pays into the reading from the Gospel.)*

<sup>11</sup>When Israel was a child I loved him, out of Egypt I called my son. <sup>2</sup>The more I called them, the farther they went from me, Sacrificing to the Baals and burning incense to idols. <sup>3</sup>Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, who took them in my arms; <sup>4</sup>I drew them with human cords, with bands of love; I fostered them like one who raises an infant to his cheeks; Yet, though I stooped to feed my child, they did not know that I was their healer. <sup>5</sup>He shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be his king. <sup>6</sup>The sword shall begin with his cities and end by consuming his solitudes. Because they refused to repent, their own counsels shall devour them. <sup>7</sup>His people are in suspense about returning to him; and God, though in unison they cry out to him, shall not raise them up. <sup>8</sup>How could I give you up, O Ephraim, or deliver you up, O Israel? How could I treat you as Admah, or make you like Zeboiim? My heart is overwhelmed, my pity is stirred. <sup>9</sup>I will not give vent to my blazing anger, I will not destroy Ephraim again; For I am God and not man, the Holy One present among you; I will not let the



The fruits of confession, miniature, Psalter (Athos, Dionysiou 65, ca. 1313 A.D.),

flames consume you. <sup>10</sup>They shall follow the LORD, who roars like a lion; When he roars, his sons shall come frightened from the west, <sup>11</sup>Out of Egypt they shall come trembling, like sparrows, from the land of Assyria, like doves; And I will resettle them in their homes, says the LORD..

### PROKIMENON, Tone V

**Reader: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us \* from this generation and forever. [v.7 OCA]**

### PSALM 11

**NOTE: A prayer for help against the deceit and pride of the wicked, even as God's promises fill one with confidence.**

Help us, Lord! The good have vanished! Loyalty has disappeared from mankind! <sup>2</sup>They do nothing but lie, one to another, deceit on their lips, duplicity in their hearts!...

<sup>5</sup>Because the needy are oppressed, and the poor cry out in misery, I will rise, says the Lord; I will grant salvation to those who long for it.

<sup>6</sup>The Lord's words are without alloy, natural silver, from the very earth, seven times refined. <sup>7</sup>**You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation and forever.**

<sup>8</sup>On all sides the wicked prowl about; treachery is highly prized among the sons of men!

**Reader: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us! People: From this generation and forever.**

### **READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST EPISTLE TO THE COLOSSIANS.**

BRETHREN: <sup>3,1</sup> If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>Because of these the wrath of God is coming (upon the disobedient). <sup>7</sup>By these you too once conducted yourselves, when you lived in that way. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, fury, malice, slander, and obscene language out of your mouths. <sup>9</sup>Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is not Greek and Jew, . . . barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all. <sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. <sup>14</sup>And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## **ALLELUIA**

### **PSALM 88 [NS]**

**NOTE: God's covenant with David is fulfilled in Christ.**

<sup>3</sup>I made a covenant with my chosen one; I gave my word to David, my servant: <sup>4</sup>I will set up your line to last forever; I will confirm your throne to last longer than time itself.

<sup>5</sup>In the heavens they praise this promise of yours, O Lord, this faithfulness of yours, where your holy ones gather. . . .

<sup>19</sup>Once, long ago, you spoke in a vision; to one devoted to you, you said this: Rather than a warrior, I made a youth king; . . . <sup>20</sup>I found my servant David, and with my holy oil I anointed him.

<sup>21</sup>My hand shall make him strong; my arm shall give him courage. . . . <sup>24</sup>My faithfulness and steadfast love shall stay with him, and in my name shall he find victory. . . .

<sup>26</sup>He shall cry out to me: You are my father, my God, my rock of deliverance! <sup>27</sup>For my part, I will make him my firstborn, the overlord of earthly kings.

<sup>28</sup>I will maintain my favor toward him forever; and my covenant with him I shall never break.

### **READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE.**

THE LORD TOLD THIS PARABLE: <sup>15,11</sup> A man had two sons, <sup>12</sup> and the younger son said to his father, "Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me." <sup>13</sup> So the father divided the property between them. <sup>13</sup> After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. <sup>14</sup> When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. <sup>15</sup> So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. <sup>16</sup> And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. <sup>17</sup> Coming to his senses he thought, "How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. <sup>18</sup> I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a

long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> His son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son...” [*his father does not let him finish—Ed.*] <sup>22</sup> But his father ordered his servants, “Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, <sup>24</sup> because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.” Then the celebration began. <sup>25</sup> Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of flutes and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. <sup>27</sup> The servant said to him, “Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.” <sup>28</sup> He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> He said to his father in reply, “Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.” <sup>31</sup> He said to him, “My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.”

Resurrectional Troparion, Tone V:

*Kievan Chant*

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 Praise and wor-ship \* let us give the  
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 Word of God, \* coeternal with the  
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 Father and the Spi--rit. \* For us he  
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 came, incarnate of a vir--gin, \* to die  
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 upon the tree of shame, \* that he

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 might raise those long dead, \* by  
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 rising from the grave in dazzling  
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Resurrectional Kondakion, Tone V:

*Kievan Chant*

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 You descended into hell, O Saviour, \*  
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 and as Lord and Master \* you shat-  
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 tered its gates and raised the dead. \*  
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 You removed the fatal venom from  
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 the sting of death, \* and liberated  
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 Adam from the ancient curse. \* For  
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 this we implore you: \* in your love  
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 for all mankind, O Lord, save us!

A New Kondakion for the Triodion, Tone III:

Each day the Saviour speaks to us \* and instructs us in his own words. \* Let us listen to what the Scriptures teach \* about that lost son and his wasteful ways. \* Let us imitate his change of heart | that we may be welcomed home | with a ring on our finger and sandals on our feet.

## **THE ÉKTENY or FERVENT PRAYER**

(Ancient Penitential Litany and Prayer)

Let us all say with our whole soul,  
and with our whole mind let us say:

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord almighty! O God of our fathers!

We pray you. Hear us and have mercy.

Have mercy on us, O God,  
according to your great mercy!

We pray you. Hear us and have mercy.

Again we pray:

- For devout and Orthodox Christians.
- For our Archbishop Tikhon.
- For Ed and for Janet and for all who have asked for our prayers: we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, pardon, and remission of their sins.
- For Orthodox Christians who are made to suffer on account of Christ, and we pray for those who persecute them.
- For Orthodox Christians and indeed all men who are victims of war and civil strife [and terror], of hunger and want, of intolerance and injustice.
- For physicians, nurses, care-givers, and all serving those infected with the virus; and for the thousands who have succumbed to the disease—and for all who will die today.

### **PRAYER OF THE ÉKTENY**

**L**ord our God, accept this fervent prayer from your servants, and have mercy on us according to the greatness of your mercy. Send down your compassionate help upon us and upon all your people awaiting the rich mercy that comes from you.

For you are God, merciful and loving to man, and we render glory to you—to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Daylight Saving Time will begin on Sunday, March 14, a day before the Great Forty Days begin.**

- **After March 14 Vespers—be it Saturday evening or Sunday—will move from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**
- **Can our community support the PreSanctified Liturgy? And a common meal following?**
- **We must look into how we can mark the three-day Holy Pasch in our present circumstances (Resurrection Sunday in particular).**
- **Can we restore some coffee after the Sunday Liturgy?**
- **We will continue to monitor the duration of our gatherings....**