



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Parish Newsletter

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST TONE II

READING FROM THE PROPHECY OF ISAIAH.

(Recall how on Pentecost the Lord Jesus tells us: "I am the light of the world. No follower of mine shall ever walk in darkness. No, he shall possess the light of life.")

^{8,23} First the LORD degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; ¹⁰ but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land West of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles. Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness; for there is no gloom where but now there was distress.

^{9,1} The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. ² You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, As they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as men make merry when dividing spoils. ³ For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, And the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

PROKIMENON, Tone II

Reader: The prokimenon of the second tone: **The Lord is my strength and my song. * He has become my salvation.** [v.14 RSV/OCA]

PSALM 117

NOTE: On the lips of the reader the Messiah's paschal thanksgiving.

With praise, bless the Lord, for he is good! His love lasts forever! ²Let Israel's house declare it.... ³Let Aaron's house declare it.... ⁴Let those who revere the Lord, let them declare it: His love lasts forever!

⁵From dire straights I cried out to the Lord; he answered me from the vastness of his domain. ⁶The Lord is with me; I am not afraid! What can man do to me? ⁷The Lord is with me; my helper in everything!

⁸It is better to count on the Lord than to depend on men; ⁹It is better to count on the Lord than to depend on princes.... ¹⁴**The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.**

¹⁵Shouts of victory and joy in the tents of the just!... ¹⁶the Lord's right hand has raised me up; the Lord's right hand has won the victory! ¹⁷No, I will not die; I will live and declare the works of the Lord....

¹⁹Open the gates of justice for me; let me enter and give thanks to the Lord! ²⁰This is the Lord's own gate, where the just enter in. ²¹I give you



The Weeks of Matthew give Christians the opportunity to reflect on the Message the Lord Jesus entrusted to the Church (referring to the Gospel read on the Sunday before Pentecost).

- Sunday, July 18**
Coffee Hour: Belinsky
- Sunday, July 25**
Coffee Hour: Busenberg
- Sunday, August 1**
Coffee Hour: Bobrovsky
- Sunday, August 8**
Coffee Hour: Ellmore
- Sunday, August 15**
Coffee Hour: Hawkins
- Sunday, August 22**
Coffee Hour: Matyuf
- Sunday, August 29**
Coffee Hour: Morrow

thanks for hearing me; you have been my salvation.

²²The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone; ²³this is the Lord's doing, a marvel in our eyes....

Reader: The Lord is my strength and my song.

People: He has become my salvation.

READING FROM PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS

BRETHREN: ^{5:1} Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access (by faith) to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶ For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. ¹⁰ Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

ALLELUIA PSALM 19

NOTE: Prayer for the Messiah-King with assurance of victory.

The Lord answer you in time of trouble! The name of Jacob's God protect you!

²From his sanctuary may he send you help; may he sustain you from Sion.

³May he be mindful of all your gifts, and your burnt offerings, may they please him!

⁴May he grant you whatever your heart desires, and all your hopes, may he fulfill them,

⁵that we may rejoice in your saving help, and in the name of our God hold high our banners. May the Lord grant all your requests!

⁶Now I am sure that the Lord will save his anointed; from his holy heavens he answers him by the saving works of his right hand!

⁷Some rely on chariots, others on horses, as for us, we count on the NAME of the Lord our God.....

READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

AT THAT TIME: ^{4:12} When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,* ¹⁶ *the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.* ¹⁷ From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ¹⁸ As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. ¹⁹ He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, ²² and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. ²³ He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people. ²⁴ His fame spread to all of Syria, and they brought to him all who were sick with various diseases and racked with pain, those who were possessed, lunatics, and paralytics, and he cured them. ²⁵ And great crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan followed him.

TROPARION

Kievan Chant

RE By descending into death, O Life
immor-tal,* you destroyed hell's
power with the brilliance of your di-
vin-i-ty * and raised the dead from
their deep sleep. * For this the pow-
ers of heaven shout triumphantly: * O
Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory
to you!

RE When you rose from the grave,
almighty Sav-iour, * hell was terror-
struck, and the dead rose from their
sleep. * All creation thrilled at the
sight of you. * Adam could not re-
strain his joy. * And this world of
yours, Redeemer, * will never cease
extolling you!

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 Janet and Andrea and Mildred and Ritz Bernadette, and for all who have asked for our prayers *NN...*: 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.

PRAYER OF THE ÉKTENY

Lord 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.