

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Parish Newsletter

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AND INDEPENDENCE DAY

READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL.

SAMUEL ADDRESSED ALL ISRAEL: “I have granted your request in every respect,” he said. “I have set a king over you ² and now the king is your leader...”

¹³ “Now you have the king you want, a king the LORD has given you. ¹⁴ If you fear the LORD and worship him, if you are obedient to him and do not rebel against the LORD’s command, if both you and the king who rules you follow the LORD your God—well and good. ¹⁵ But if you do not obey the LORD and if you rebel against his command, the LORD will deal severely with you and your king, and destroy you.... ²¹ Do not turn to meaningless idols which can neither profit nor save; they are nothing. ²² For the sake of his own great name the LORD will not abandon his people, since the LORD himself chose to make you his people. ²³ As for me, far be it from me to sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you and to teach you the good and right way. ²⁴ But you must fear the LORD and worship him faithfully with your whole heart; keep in mind the great things he has done among you. ²⁵ If instead you continue to do evil, both you and your king shall perish.”

PROKIMENON, Tone I

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us * even as we hope in you.
[v.22 RSV/OCA]

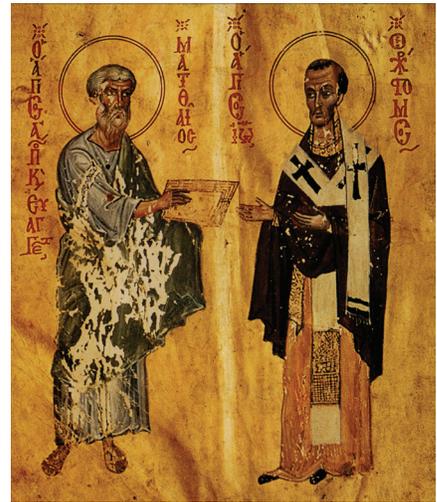
PSALM 32

NOTE: A hymn of praise in which the just are invited to tell out the glories of God, because he is ever faithful to his promises, the all-powerful Creator, and the wise and mighty Ruler of the world, who sees and knows all things and who alone is the source of victory and salvation. The hymn concludes with an expression of confidence in God’s goodness.

Exult, you just, in the Lord! Praise, you upright, his glory!... ⁴For straight is the word of the Lord, and his every work stands true....

⁸Let all the earth stand in awe of the Lord; let all who inhabit the world revere him. ⁹For he spoke, and it came into being; he commanded, and it stood fast....

¹¹The plans of the Lord endure forever, the designs of his mind, for ages on end. ¹²How happy the nation the Lord, its God, has blessed, the people he has chosen as his own.



The Weeks of Matthew give Christians the opportunity to reflect on the Message the Lord Jesus committed to the Church.

Saturday, July 10

Vespers at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 11

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour: Adams

¹³From heaven the Lord looks down; he sees all the children of men. ¹⁴From the place where he sits he gazes intently upon all the dwellers of the earth, ¹⁵he who fashioned the hearts of men, who observes all they do....

²⁰We set our hope on the Lord; he is our help and our shield. ²¹In him do our hearts find joy; in his holy name we trust. ²²**Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us even as we hope in you.**

Reader: Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us. People: Even as we hope in you.

READING FROM PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS

BRETHREN: ^{13.1} Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been established by God. ²Therefore, whoever resists authority opposes what God has appointed, and those who oppose it will bring judgment upon themselves. ³For rulers are not a cause of fear to good conduct, but to evil. Do you wish to have no fear of authority? Then do what is good and you will receive approval from it, ⁴for it is a servant of God for your good. But if you do evil, be afraid, for it does not bear the sword without purpose; it is the servant of God to inflict wrath on the evildoer. ⁵Therefore, it is necessary to be subject not only because of the wrath but also because of conscience. ⁶This is why you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all their dues: taxes to whom taxes are due, toll to whom toll is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due. ⁸Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, *You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet*, and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ¹⁰Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

ALLELUIA PSALM 17

NOTE: A Davidic song of deliverance and thanksgiving. On the lips of the reader it is as though Christ himself, destined messianic king that he is, by invoking the imagery of a storm to describe a stunning theophany, poetically describes the mortal peril of his passion and cross—of his struggle with Death—and the Father's intervention on his behalf.

I love you, O Lord, my strength! ²The Lord is my rock, my rampart, and my saviour!... ³I invoked the Lord, and I was saved from all my foes.

⁴The breakers of Death rushed in on me; the torrents of destruction assailed me, ⁵the bonds of the grave entangled me; the snares of Death confronted me. ⁶In my distress I called on the Lord;... He heard my voice from his temple; my cries reached his ears....

⁹He parted the heavens and came down, a dark cloud beneath his feet. ¹⁰Enthroned on the cherubim, he flew, gliding on outstretched wings. ¹¹He wrapped the darkness around him: dark thunderheads, dense clouds of the sky his tent round about him.

¹²Brilliance burst forth before him; hailstones and flashes of fire broke through the clouds. ¹³The Lord thundered from the heavens; the most high let his voice be heard....

¹⁶From on high he reached down and seized me; he pulled me out of the deep. ¹⁷He rescued me from powerful foes, from my enemies whose strength I could not match.

¹⁸The day of my misfortune they assailed me, but the Lord stood by me. ¹⁹He cut me loose, set me free from the world beneath; he saved me because he loves me

READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

AT THAT TIME: ^{22.15} The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. ¹⁶They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. ²⁰He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" ²¹They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." ²²When they heard this they were amazed, and leaving him they went away.

TROPARION

Greek Chant

^{DO} Though the stone was sealed, and
soldiers watched your most pure
body, * you arose, O Saviour, on the
third day, giving life to all the
world. * For this the angels praise
you O Giver of Life: * Glory to your
rising, O Christ! * Glory to your
lasting reign! * Glory to your divine
wisdom, O only Lover of mankind!

KONDAKION

Greek Chant

^{DO} As God, you rose from the grave in
glory, * raising the entire cosmos as
well. * All mankind acclaims your
divinity, * for you have broken the
power of Death. * At the sight of
their liberation, O Master, Adam and
Eve rejoice and jump for joy, * for
you bestow the gift of resurrection on
all mankind.

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—and for all who will die today.

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.

Fellow Parishioners,

We currently have several parishioners who donate to Holy Trinity using the PayPal application. While this is very convenient for everyone, it is a bit costly. Every donation is decreased by a maximum fee of 2.89% and a fixed fee of \$0.49. Every year, these fees increase. Over the course of a year, the amount that is collected by PayPal mounts up. It also means that our Treasurer, Greg Honshul can only give you credit for the amount that is actually sent to Holy Trinity, not the actual amount that you donated.

In 2020, there was a total donated through PayPal of \$11,379.82 and the fees deducted from the donation totaled \$156.12.

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Thank you,
Marsha Morrow