

St Peter the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church

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## **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost & First Sunday of Luke**

*Plagal of 2<sup>nd</sup> Mode / 4<sup>th</sup> Eothinon*

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

### APOLYTIKION OF ST. CHARITON IN TONE EIGHT

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Chariton, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

### KONTAKION FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS IN TONE TWO

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honour thee.

### THE EPISTLE

*The Lord will give strength to His people.*

*Ascribe to the Lord, O children of God, ascribe to the Lord glory and honor.*

### **The Reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:6-15)**

Brethren, it is the God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. While we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for

your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

### THE GOSPEL

#### **The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (5:1-11)**

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

**\*\*\* Announcements for the Week of September 28<sup>th</sup> \*\*\***

**NEXT WEEKEND: San Dimas WESTERN DAYS outreach, Oct 4-5. SIGN UP!**

- ❖ **Fasting days:** the usual Wednesday and Friday.
- ❖ **Orthodox School now is in session.** Students are dismissed with a blessing...
- ❖ **Youth group is now meeting! TOMORROW evening, Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM.**
- ❖ **Parish study, "Where have we been for 2,000 years? The story of the Church from the beginning up til now." On Tuesdays, 7 PM, here at church.**
- ❖ **Our NEW SCHEDULE OF WEEKDAY SERVICES** is now in effect:
  - Vespers at 6 PM on Tuesday and Friday
  - Matins at 6 AM on Wednesday and Friday
  - Matins at 7 AM on Saturday (note well: not 8 AM any more)
- ❖ **Our synod of west coast Canonical Orthodox Bishops** have issued a very robust statement regarding our Orthodox Christian faith and the moral crisis over marriage. It is posted on the episcopal bulletin board, right near the front door.