

St Peter the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church

23 November 2008

PLAGAL 2ND MODE

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & 9TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

AFTER-FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS

AMPHILOCHIOS, BISHOP OF ICONIUM

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN PI 2ND MODE

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 THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN MODE FOUR

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying, Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

- *Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*

KONTAKION OF THE ENTRANCE MODE FOUR, "Thou who wast raised up"

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Saviour's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit, her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

THE EPISTLE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

To Thee, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable: “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” As He said this, Jesus called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

KOINONIKON for the Apostle

His sound hath gone forth unto all the earth and his words unto the ends of the world. Alleluia.

***** *Announcements for the Week of November 23rd* *****

- ❖ **Fasting days:** The Nativity Fast through Dec 24.
- ❖ **DAILY MATINS every day, except Thursday; Nov 15 through Jan 14. BUT...**
- ❖ **This coming Thursday, THANKSGIVING, we will have a morning service of Thanksgiving, beginning at 8AM (please note the time!)—1 hour long.**
- ❖ **Parish study RESUMES on Tuesday, December 2nd.** Our theme: “How to get into the Kingdom of Heaven” We will spend three weeks in December on this theme, using the famous catechism by St Innocent of Alaska.