

St Peter the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church

7 December 2008

PLAGAL 4TH MODE

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & 10TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

AMBROSE, BISHOP OF MILAN

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN PLAGAL OF 4TH MODE

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF NATIVITY IN MODE THREE

The Virgin cometh today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eternal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth, at the message; with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him Who shall appear by His own will as a young child, He Who is from eternity, God.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:1-7)

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Tenth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

***** *Announcements for the Week of December 7th* *****

- ❖ **Fasting days:** The Nativity Fast on all days through Dec 24.
- ❖ **DAILY MATINS every day, except Thursday.**
- ❖ **Parish study continues this Tuesday, December 9th.** Our theme: "How to get into the Kingdom of Heaven." We are in the 2nd of three weeks on this theme, using the famous catechism by St Innocent of Alaska. Each participant will receive a copy.
- ❖ Fr Patrick will be in Salt Lake City this coming weekend, serving as sponsor for the ordination of Dn Justin Havens to the presbyterate.
- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY, Dec 14th: Parish Council session, after the agape meal.**