

St Peter the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church

25 January 2009

GRAVE MODE (7); 10TH EOTHINON

GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE & 15TH SUNDAY OF LUKE (ZACCHAEUS)

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN GRAVE MODE (7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN IN 1ST MODE

The pastoral psalter of thy discourse in theology triumphed over the trumpets of orators and overcame it; for having sought the depth of the Spirit, there was also vouchsafed to thee excellence of speech, O Father Gregory. Wherefore, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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

KONTAKION OF THE FEAST OF THE MEETING IN 1ST MODE

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

THE EPISTLE

(For Gregory the Theologian)

My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

Hear this, all ye people.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:26-8:2)

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son Who has been made perfect forever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a High Priest, one Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fifteenth Sunday of Luke—"Zacchaeus Sunday")

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

***** Announcements for the Week of January 25th *****

- ❖ This is **HOUSE BLESSING SEASON**. See the January and February calendar handout for available times and contact Fr Patrick directly for arrangements.
- ❖ **Feast of the Meeting of our Lord: NEXT Monday, Feb 2nd**. Festal Vigil, next Sunday evening, beginning at 6 PM; Festal Divine Liturgy, Monday, 2/2, at 6 AM.
- ❖ The **SCHEDULE** of weekday services for house blessing season continues **through February 21st**: **NO weekday Matins, except on Saturday morning**. Weekday Vespers will continue to be served on Tuesday and Friday. However, these services will be held at 5:00 PM, instead of 6.
- ❖ The **fasting days** this week are Wednesday and Friday, as usual.
- ❖ **A new inquirers/catechism class**. This will probably be held after Saturday evening Vespers, starting in the near future. Please refer any interested persons to this class.
- ❖ **Our next Parish Study** will take place on **Tuesday evenings, beginning February 17th and will run through Great Lent, up through March 31st—seven sessions on the theme, THE HOUSE OF GOD: Church Architecture as expression of Divine Revelation of a Holy Community of Persons**. Fr Patrick will lead us to dwell on this theme, as we prepare to move to a new location and will build out our church presence in a new place. So, put this in your calendar!