

# St Peter the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church

1 February 2009

## PLAGAL 4<sup>TH</sup> MODE (8) - MARTYR TRYPHON OF SYRIA & SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW (CANAANITE WOMAN)

FORE-FEAST OF PRESENTATION (MEETING) OF CHRIST

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN PL 4<sup>TH</sup> 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.

### APOLYTIKION OF FORE-FEAST OF FEAST OF MEETING

*1<sup>st</sup> Mode, "The soldiers standing guard"*

The Heavens' choirs looked down from the vaults of the Heavens, and gazing on the earth, they beheld with amazement the First-born of all creation brought forth as a suckling babe to the Temple by a pure and virginal mother; and with us, they now do sing a hymn for the Fore-feast, astonished and full of awe.

### APOLYTIKION OF ST. TRYPHON

*4<sup>th</sup> Mode, "Be quick to anticipate"*

Thy martyr, Tryphon, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

### KONTAKION OF THE FEAST OF THE MEETING

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

*In the Saints that are in His earth hath the Lord wrought wonders.*

*Bless ye God in the congregations.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (8:28-39)**

Brethren, we know that in everything God works for good with those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom He predestined He also called; and those whom He called He also justified; and those whom He justified He also glorified. What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He Who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also give us all things with Him? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God Who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, Who died, yes, Who was raised from the dead, Who is at the right hand of God, Who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For Thy

sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### THE GOSPEL

#### **The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (15:21-28)**

At that time, Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But Jesus did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." Jesus answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." And Jesus answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

#### **\*\*\* Announcements for the Week of February 1<sup>st</sup> \*\*\***

- ❖ **HOUSE BLESSINGS**, see the February calendar and contact Fr Patrick directly.
- ❖ **Great Feast of the Meeting of our Lord: Monday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Festal Vigil, **this evening**, beginning at 6 PM; Festal Divine Liturgy, tomorrow (Monday), 2 Feb, at 6 AM.
- ❖ **Weekday service schedule** for house blessing season continues **through February 21<sup>st</sup>**: **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.
- ❖ **Religion class from APU to visit our parish on Thursday, Feb 5, 4:20 PM.** Fr Patrick requests that some of our holy community be present to show hospitality: to personally greet the students, engage socially and answer questions, as well as offer refreshments. **Help me?**
- ❖ **A new inquirers/catechism class.** This will be held after Saturday evening Vespers, **starting February 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please refer any persons interested in this class to Fr Patrick, directly.
- ❖ **Our next Parish Study** will take place on **Tuesday evenings, beginning February 17<sup>th</sup>** and will run through Great Lent, **up through March 31<sup>st</sup>**—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!
- ❖ You will see **our young ladies** moving about the nave, caring for the lamps and tapers. These are **our HANDMAIDENS**, the counter-part to our ALTER-SERVERS. **Thanks be to God!**