

# ST. PETER THE APOSTLE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday of Publican & Pharisee

## REFRAINS OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made concerning the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

**Refrain:** Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee forever. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... (*Refrain*)

## REFRAINS OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O most mighty, with Thy glory and Thy majesty. Bend Thy bow, and prosper, and reign.

**Refrain:** Save us, O Son of God, Who wast born in the arms of righteous Simeon; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under Thee. (*Refrain*)

The scepter of Thy kingdom is a righteous scepter. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

## REFRAINS OF THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.

**Refrain:** Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of Justice...

Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor. (*Refrain*)

I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations. (*Refrain*)

## **THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS**

Come, let us worship, and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

*After the Little Entrance (Eisodos), sing these Apolytikia in the following order.*

### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy Kingdom, glory to Thy Providence, O Thou Who alone art the Lover of mankind.

### **APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous old man, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

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

### **KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE**

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 Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

*Make vows to the Lord thy God, and perform them.*

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

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)**

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

## **THE GOSPEL**

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ✘ This is "harbinger week" (prophonesimos), thus allowance for all foods is extended on all days, including Wednesday and Friday.
- ✘ Fr Patrick is out of the parish but still in the metropolitan area from Monday through Thursday this week, as he participates in the annual diocesan Clergy Retreat. If you have a pastoral need, please contact him by phone (not email).
- ✘ Youth Group is now meeting EVERY Monday at 5:30 PM!
- ✘ A REVISED February parish calendar is now posted on our website and a hard copy is available on the front table for you. Note also, that we still have 2009 wall calendars available; please feel free to take an extra one to give to others. Let's use them all up!
- ✘ Father Patrick will be out of the parish this week from Monday - Thursday evening. He will still be in the area, so contact him if you have an emergency.
- ✘ Reminder: Vespers services are at 5pm now instead of 6pm
- ✘ The daily service schedule will resume on Monday February 23 as we move into the season of Lent.
- ✘ Great Lent begins on Monday March 2.
- ✘ Youth group meeting on Monday February 9th at 5:30pm

- ✘ Women's group meets on Saturday morning February 14th following matins
- ✘ **HOUSE BLESSINGS**, Saturday Feb. 14 — Friday Feb 20, see the Revised February calendar and contact Fr Patrick directly.
- ✘ **Calling all able bodied people!!!!** After service is over please take a chair (or two) downstairs to the trailer parked out front for the annual pilgrimage of Saint Peters' chairs to Poverello of Assisi Retreat Center for the Clergy Seminar. We need every red cushioned chair from every room in the building for the seminar.