

# **DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2009**

## **3<sup>RD</sup> MODE / EOTHINON 3**

### **SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT (MEAT FARE)**

UNCOVERING OF THE MARTYRS' RELICS AT GATE OF EUGENIOS IN CONSTANTINOPLE;

MARTYR ANTHUSA

#### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN 3<sup>RD</sup> MODE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down Death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

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

#### KONTAKION FOR SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGMENT IN 1<sup>ST</sup> MODE

When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

#### THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday of the Last Judgment)

*The Lord is my strength and my praise.*

*The Lord chastising hath chastised me, but He hath not delivered me over to death.*

#### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (8:8-9:2)**

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

#### THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Last Judgment)

## **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:31-46)**

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

### **Announcements –**

- Daily service schedule resumes Monday February 23, tomorrow. Matins are weekdays mornings at 6 AM except on Thursdays, and Vespers Tuesday and Friday nights at 5 PM. No change to Saturday/Sunday services and times.
- Parish Study, The House of God, meets on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM (Following Vespers at 5 PM, allowing a chance to grab a bit to eat before the study begins)
- Youth meet every Monday at 5:30 PM.
- Inquirers/ Catechumen class meets every Saturday, directly after Great Vespers. Class begins at about 6:30 PM and runs until 7:45, or so.
- REMINDER! Great Lent begins on Monday, March 2.
- Forgiveness Vespers will take place next Sunday, March 1 at 5 PM.

Today is Meat-Fare (meat is still allowed today). Beginning tomorrow there is an allowance for eggs and dairy products on all days for the "white fast."  
Cheese-Fare is next Sunday, March 1st.