



FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT (SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY) -- Tone 5

READER AND CHOIR CUES: 16 February/1 March 2015

According to the Patristic Orthodox Eortologion...

Epistle:

For the Sunday: Hebrews 11:24-26, 11:32-12:2 (§329, from the midpoint)

Gospel:

For the Sunday: John 1:43-51 (§5)

First Sunday of Great Lent and Sunday of Orthodoxy. St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch. St. Alexis, Metropolitan of Moscow and wonderworker of all Russia (Polyeleos-rank service). St. Anthony, Patriarch of Constantinople. Venerable Mary (known as the Monk Marinus) and her father, the Venerable Eugene at Alexandria. Hieromartyr Urbanus, Bishop of Rome. Venerable Callia of Constantinople. St. Bassian, Abbot of Ryabovsk Forest Monastery, Uglich. St. Meletius, Archbishop of Kharkov. St. Basil the Confessor Archbishop of Kanevsk. New-Martyr Chrestos of Albania. "Iveron" Icon of the Mother of God.

## HOURS

At all Hours:

Resurrectional Troparion

Glory...

Troparion of the Triodion

Both now...

Theotokion from the Horologion

Kontakion of the Triodion

## DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

Third Antiphon (Beatitudes):

10 Troparia: 6 from the Octoechos; 4 from Ode 6 of the Triodion Canon

In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord, \* when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, \* for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn, \* for they shall be comforted.

1. Blessed are the meek, \* for they shall inherit the earth.

Believing Thee to be God, O Christ, the thief on the cross confessed

Thee in a pure manner, crying out from the depths of his heart:

Remember me in Thy kingdom, O Lord!

2. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, \* for

they shall be filled.

Together let us hymn as Savior and Creator, Him Who on the Cross  
budded forth life for our race and caused the curse which originated  
from the tree to wither up.

3. Blessed are the merciful, \* for they shall obtain mercy.

By Thy death hast Thou destroyed the power of death, O Christ, and  
Thou didst raise up with Thyself the dead of ages past, who now hymn  
Thee as our true God and Savior.

4. Blessed are the pure in heart, \* for they shall see God.

Arriving at Thy tomb, O Christ, the honorable women sought to anoint  
Thee with myrrh, O Bestower of life; but an angel appeared to them,  
crying out: The Lord is risen!

5. Blessed are the peacemakers, \* for they shall be called the sons of God.

When Thou wast crucified between two condemned thieves, O Christ, one  
of them blasphemed Thee and was justly damned, while the other  
confessed Thee and dwelleth now in paradise.

6. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, \*  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

When they had come to the choir of the apostles, the honorable women cried out: Christ is risen! Let us worship Him as Master and Creator.

7. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, \* and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Once more the Master's countenance is depicted, honoured with faith and venerated; once more the Church regains her boldness of approach to God, reverently glorifying the Savior.

8. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad, \* for great is your reward in the heavens.

The Church of Christ is delivered from the dark despondency of heresy: she puts on a robe of gladness, and is clothed in the light of divine grace.

9. Glory to the Father, \* and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The Orthodox people has regained the light and glory which it had of old, though the decision of the Empress Theodora and her pious son the Emperor Michael.

10. Both now and ever, \* and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

He who of old commanded Moses to set up the ark of the testimony, came to dwell in thee, O Virgin, as in a spiritual ark: He alone is glorified, and he makes thy temple glorious with miracles.

## TROPARIA AND KONTAKIA

Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 5: Let us, O faithful, praise and worship the Word, / Who is co-unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, / and Who was born of the Virgin for our salvation; / for He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the Flesh, / and to endure death, // and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion from the Triodion, Tone 2: We venerate Thine immaculate Icon, O Good One, / asking the forgiveness of our failings, O Christ God; / for of Thine Own will Thou was well-pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh / that Thou mightest deliver from slavery to the enemy those whom thou hadst fashioned. / Wherefore, we cry to Thee thankfully: // Thou didst fill all things with joy, O our Savior, when Thou camest to save the world.

Glory... Both now...

Kontakion of the Triodion, Tone 8: The uncircumscribable Word of the Father was circumscribed / when He took flesh of thee, O Theotokos; / and when He had restored the defiled image to its ancient state, / He suffused it with divine beauty. // As for us, confessing our salvation, we record it in deed and word.

## EPISTLE

Reader: The Prokimenon in the 4th Tone: Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name unto the ages.

Choir: Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name unto the ages.

Reader: For righteous art Thou in all which Thou hast done for us.

Choir: Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name unto the ages.

Reader: Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers

Choir: and praised and glorified is Thy name unto the ages.

Reader: The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews.

[Hebrews 11:24-26;32-12:2 (§329 from the midpoint)]: Brethren: By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; \* Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; \* Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward. And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: \* Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, \* Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. \* Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they

might obtain a better resurrection: \* And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: \* They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; \* (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. \* And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: \* God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect. \* Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, \* Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

ALLELUIA ( PAUSE before first verse)

Reader: Alleluia in the 4th Tone

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: Moses and Aaron among His priests, and Samuel among them that call upon His name.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: They called upon the Lord, and He hearkened unto them.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPEL

[John 1:43-51 (§5)]: At that time, Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. \* Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. \* Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. \* And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. \* Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! \* Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. \* Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. \* Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. \* And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

ZADOSTOINIK

Instead of "It is truly meet..." we sing [in Tone 8 of the Octoechos, but usually sung to one of many special melodies]:

All creation -- the assembly of angels and the race of man --  
rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace, O sacred temple and  
noetical paradise, boast of virgins, from whom God, Who existeth from

before time, was incarnate and became a child; for He made thy body a throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace. Glory to thee!

#### COMMUNION VERSE

Praise the Lord in the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise is meet for the upright. Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!