29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4


Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)
When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles:  
“Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

Tone 2 Troparion (Forefathers)
Through faith You justified the Forefathers, betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles. These saints exult in glory, for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: she who bore You without seed. 
So, by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

Tone 6 Kontakion (Forefathers)
You did not worship the graven image, O thrice-blessed ones, but armed with the immaterial Essence of God, you were glorified in a trial by fire. From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God, crying: “Hasten, O compassionate One! Speedily come to our aid! for You are merciful and able to do as You will!”

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Song of the Fathers)
Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever! (Song of the three Holy Children, v. 3)

v: For You are just in all that You have done for us! (v. 4)

v: They called to the Lord and He answered them. (Ps 99/100:6)

Today’s Scripture Readings:
Colossians 3:4-11 (Epistle)
When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Luke 14:16-24 (Gospel)
Then He said to him, “A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, ‘Come, for all things are now ready.’ But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.’ Still another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.’ And the servant said, ‘Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.’ Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. ‘For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.””

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS
Today-- Catechisis of the Good Shepherd for all ages.

This Week>>>

Tuesday, Dec. 18th - Hospitality Team Meeting 11am
Wednesday, December 19th - Daily Vespers 5:30pm — Parish Council Meeting - 6pm
Like things”) and has much to say about how we battle them.

The tradition describes these noises as “logismoi” (“little thought-like things”) and has much to say about how we battle them. It is rarely a welcome presence in our lives. No one ever says, “My soul, my soul, arise! Why are you sleeping?” These sounds are not actually “thoughts.” They do not come as the result of reason and consideration. They are not acts of the will. They are more like the artifacts of the body’s reflex actions, like the dread that is automatically triggered by the sight of a blue light flashing in our rear-view mirror, or the slight cry of surprise when stumbling across a spider. Only, these sounds persist, lasting for hours or days.

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