

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE 7

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

TROPARIAN OF THE FORTY HOLY MARTYRS TONE 1

Those noble soldiers of the Master of all let us honor, for they were united by their faith as they passed through fire and water, and being enlisted by Christ they entered to divine refreshment. Now those pious warriors stand and intercede with Christ God for those who cry out. Glory to Him that hath given you strength, Glory to Him that hath crowned you, Glory to Him that made you wondrous, Holy Forty Martyrs.

KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS TONE 4

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

THE EPISTLE

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord Honor and Glory.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Celebrating today

On November 19 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Holy Prophet Obadiah.

Abdias would again tell aught of the future,
Were he not struck with awe at his own departure.

On the nineteenth died Abdias.

Obadiah lived at the court of King Ahab of Israel, but when the king turned away from true worship and bowed down to idols, Obadiah did not follow the king, but continued to serve the one, true God. When the evil Queen Jezebel raised a persecution against all the prophets of God, Obadiah gathered one hundred of them, hid them in two caves, and fed them to the end of the persecution (I Kings 18:4). A contemporary of the great Prophet Elias, Obadiah revered him greatly and served him in all things, as his follower and disciple. He lived 900 years before Christ and entered peacefully into rest.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Barlaam of Antioch. Because of his faith in Christ the Lord, an impious judge tortured him harshly. He took Barlaam to the pagan temple and set a burning coal on his palm and incense on the coal. The judge thought that the pain would cause the martyr to shake the coal and incense off his hand before the idols, and thus involuntarily cense them. However, the soldier of Christ heroically held the burning coal on his palm with no thought of casting it before the idols, until his fingers were burned through and fell off and his palm was completely burnt. After that, elder Barlaam's whole body fell to the ground and his soul went to the eternal rest of our Lord the Savior. This glorious, heroic elder suffered in 304.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Azi the wonderworker of Isauria in Asia Minor and 150 soldiers with him; Martyr Agapios of Caesarea in Palestine; Martyr Heliodoros of Magidum in Pamphylia; and Venerable Abbot Barlaam of the Kiev

Caves. By their intercessions, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+**Please remember in your prayers***The kidnapped Hierarchs, Metropolitan Paul, and Archbishop Yohanna.

*The servants of God, for their healing: Sonia, Wassim, Mariam, Vanda, Ghalia, Chris, Daniella, Mireille, and Haya.

+**The Holy Bread** and coffee hour, is offered this week by Mr. & Mrs. Gaby and Carol Bahu and their family.

+**Congratulation** to Dr. & Mrs. Bachel & Maya Nseir, on the birth of their baby girl Sophie. May our Lord God bless them and protect her.

+ **Bible Study** on Monday Nov. 27th @ 6:30 pm. Gospel of St. Mathew.

+ **Family Night** on Friday Dec. 15th. @ 6:30 pm. Please bring a Lenten dish of food or sweet to share.

+**Box for questions.** If you have any topic to be discussed, or a question to be answered during our family night, write & put it please in the Box.

+**The Nativity Lent begins** on Wed. Nov. 15th through Sun. Dec.

24th. This fast is divided into two periods: The first is Nov. 15th. Through Dec. 19th. when the traditional fasting discipline, (no meat, poultry, eggs, And dairy) Seafood is allowed except on Wed. & Frid.

The second period from the 20th. Of Dec. through Dec. 24th. The traditional strict fasting discipline is observed, Seafood is not allowed.

Family Christmas Card. If you'd like to donate \$10 for the Missions of the Orthodox Church, sign this year's Christmas card application.

Up Coming Events.

1. Christmas play and Carol Dec. 24th.
2. Christmas Agape Meal Dec. 25th.
3. New year Eve family dinner & Party. Dec. 31st.

+**Guests and visitors** are always welcome at Forty Holy Martyrs church, and you are invited to join us after the liturgy for coffee and refreshment

Just as people do not enter a war in order to enjoy war, but in order to be saved from war, so we do not enter this world in order to enjoy this world, but in order to be saved from it. People go to war for the sake of something greater than war. So we also enter this temporal life for the sake of something greater: for eternal life. And as soldiers think with joy about returning home, so also Christians constantly remember the end of their lives and their return to their heavenly fatherland.

(St. Nicholas of Serbia, Thoughts on Good and Evil)

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REGULAR SERVICES

Liturgy: Thursday
@ 6:00 pm

Great Vespers: Saturday
5:00 PM(English)

Matins/Orthros: Sunday
8:45 AM(English)

Divine Liturgy: Sunday
10:00 AM(English)

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Divine Liturgy

NOVEMBER 19 -2017

TONE 7 / EOTHINON 2;

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST & NINTH
SUNDAY OF LUKE**

THE HOLY PROPHET OBADIAH; MARTYR
BARLAAM OF ANTIOCH; MARTYR AZI THE
WONDERWORKER OF ISAURIA IN ASIA MINOR
AND 150 SOLDIERS WITH HIM; MARTYR
AGAPIOS OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE;
MARTYR HELIODOROS OF MAGIDUM IN
PAMPHYLIA; VENERABLE ABBOT BARLAAM OF
THE KIEV CAVES



The Nativity Lent

Nov.15-Dec.24

