

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION IN TONE 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE 8

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

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 FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS IN TONE 2

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to

good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (5:14-19)

The Lord said to His Disciples: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

Celebrating today

On July 16 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Hieromartyr Athenogenes, bishop of Herakleopolis, and his ten disciples; and the 15,000 martyrs of Pisidia who believed in Christ through St. Marina.

On this Sunday, we commemorate the 630 holy and God-bearing Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, which convened in Chalcedon in 451 against the Monophysites.

Verses

Shunning opposite errors like the sea monsters Scylla and Charybdis,
The Fathers steer the Church on a straight course to safety.

The Holy Fathers were, once again, concerned with the nature of Jesus Christ. The false teaching arose that Christ’s human nature (considered by heretics as less perfect) dissolved itself in His divine nature (considered by heretics as more perfect): like a cube of sugar in a parcel of water. Thus, in that scenario, Christ had only one nature, the Divine. These false preachers were called Monophysites (“mono”, meaning “one” and “physis”, meaning “nature”), and they were led by Eutyches and Dioscorus. Monophysitism overemphasized the divine nature of Christ, at the expense of the human. The Fourth Ecumenical Council

condemned Monophysitism and proclaimed that Christ has two complete natures: the divine and the human, as defined by previous Councils. These two natures function as equally perfect, without confusion, and are neither divided nor separate. The Fathers declared that at no time did they undergo any change.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ 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, Amira, Mariam, Vanda, Fouad, Najwa, Maria, and Mireille.

***The Departed.** Metropolitan Antonio of Mexico. Metropolitan Paul of Australia.

+**The Holy Bread and** coffee hour are offered today by Mr. & Mrs. Alexander and Elizabeth Lewis.

+**Midweek Liturgy** on Thursday stopped for the summer, and will resume in September.

+**Father Gabriel** will be travelling between July 9th. Till the 22nd. Please keep him in your prayers.

+**No Vespers on July 15th and July 22nd.**

+**July 23rd-30th, 2017** .53rd Biennial Archdiocesan Convention Hosted by St George Cathedral/Coral Gables, FL .www.AC2017Miami.org

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

How mistaken are those people who seek happiness outside of themselves, in foreign lands and journeys, in riches and glory, in great possessions and pleasures, in diversions and vain things, which have a bitter end! In the same thing to construct the tower of happiness outside of ourselves as it is to build a house in a place that is consistently shaken by earthquakes. Happiness is found within ourselves, and blessed is the man who has understood this. Happiness is a pure heart, for such a heart becomes the throne of God. Thus says Christ of those who have pure hearts: "I will visit them, and will walk in them, and I will be a God to them, and they will be my people." (II Cor. 6:16) What can be lacking to them? Nothing, nothing at all! For they have the greatest good in their hearts: God Himself!

(St. Nektarios of Aegina, Path to Happiness, 1)

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During the Summer

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8:45 AM(English)

Divine Liturgy: Sunday
10:00 AM(English)

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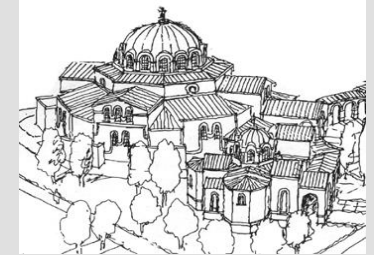
Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY, JULY 16-2017

TONE 5/ EOTHINON 6

**SUNDAY OF THE HOLY
FATHERS OF FOURTH
ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

HIEROMARTYR ATHENOGENES, BISHOP OF
HERAKLEOPOLIS, AND HIS TEN DISCIPLES;
THE 15,000 MARTYRS OF PISIDIA WHO
BELIEVED IN CHRIST THROUGH ST.
MARINA



**Regular Lent
On Wed. & Frd.**

