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Pentecost

## Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone Two

*When Thou didst descend unto death,  
O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay  
Hades with the lightning of Thy  
Divinity. And when Thou didst also  
raise the dead out of the nether  
world, all the powers of the heavens*

*were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ  
our God, glory be to Thee.*

## Seasonal Kontakion Tone 2

*O Protection of Christians that never  
falls, intercession with the Creator  
that never fails, we sinners beg you,  
do not ignore the voices of our  
prayers. O good Lady, we implore  
you, quickly come unto our aid, when  
we cry to you with faith. Hurry to  
intercession, and hasten to  
supplication, O Theotokos who  
protect now and ever those who  
honor you.*

**Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4.  
Psalm 18.4,1**

**Their voice has gone out into all the earth.  
Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.**

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the  
Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know  
that the gospel which was preached  
by me is not man's gospel. For I did  
not receive it from man, nor was I  
taught it, but it came through a

revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.



### **The Gospel According to Luke 7:11-16**

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his

mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"



### **Word of the week – Reflection**

#### **St. Theophan the Recluse**

When going to the Holy Mysteries, go with simplicity of heart, in full faith that you will receive the Lord within yourself, and with the proper reverence towards this. What your state of mind should be after this, leave it to the Lord Himself. Many desire ahead of time to receive this or that from Holy Communion, and then, not seeing what they wanted, they are troubled, and even their faith in the power of the Mystery is shaken. The fault lies not with the Mystery, but with superficial assumptions. Do not promise yourself anything. Leave everything to the Lord, asking a single mercy from Him — to strengthen you in

every kind of good so that you will be acceptable to Him. The fruit of Communion most often has a taste of sweet peace in the heart; sometimes it brings enlightenment to thought and inspiration to one's devotion to the Lord; sometimes almost nothing is apparent, but afterward in one's affairs there is a noted a great strength and steadfastness in the diligence one has promised.

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The Lord chose the apostles, that they should be with Him, and that he might send them forth to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils.

Every Christian is chosen—chosen for similar deeds, namely: to be with the Lord, through unceasing remembrance of Him and awareness of His omnipresence, through the preaching and fulfillment of His commandments, and through a readiness to confess one's faith in Him. In those circles where such a confession is made, it is a loud sermon for all to hear.

Every Christian has the power to heal infirmities—not of others, but his own, and not of the body, but of the soul—that is, sins and sinful habits—and to cast out devils, rejecting evil thoughts sown by them, and

extinguishing the excitement of passions enflamed by them.

Do this and you will be an apostle, a fulfiller of what the Lord chose you for, an accomplisher of your calling as messenger...

But your job is to work upon yourself: for this you are chosen; the rest is in the hands of God. He who humbles himself shall be exalted.

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### **St. Nikon**

Our life is not arranged arbitrarily, but by Divine Providence. Peace is acquired by cutting off your will. It is impossible to find complete satisfaction. The Lord does not demand the impossible from us, and the fulfillment of the commandments of God is possible everywhere and always.

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Arhim. Sophrony (Sakharov)

“The Christian's great tragedy is the inability to find a spiritual father. Laymen are themselves guilty in this, if they are unwilling to listen to the words of their spiritual instructors.”







### Liturgical Schedule for this week

<b>Wednesday</b> <i>October 10</i>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Paraklesis</b>
<b>Friday</b> <i>October 12</i>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Akathist</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <i>October 13</i>	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> <b>Vespers and Litia – St. Paraschiva of Romania</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <i>October 14</i>	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Matins</b> <b>Divine Liturgy – St. Paraschiva of Romania</b>

### Announcements:

- **Happy birthday** to Amanda Thomo and Shirley Yanka (Oct.11), Richard Marcin (Oct.12), and Loukas Mironidis (Oct. 15).
- **Happy name day (St. Thomas, October 6<sup>th</sup>)** to Tom Andreea, Tom Dowling, and Thomas Burren.
- **Thank you** to all who participated in the Autmun Chicken BBQ.
- **Thursday, October 11 – Bible Study – 7:30pm**
- **The Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle** is Friday, October 26, at 5:30pm. Please see Luke Yanka if you are interested.
- **School snack donations** – Snack or monetary donations are appreciated. Please see Sandra Nasto and Preoteasa/Presbitera Camelia.
- **Coffee hour** sponsored by Shirly (Ziu) and Richard Marcin and Liana (Ziu Marcin) and Scott Burren.



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