

Hymns & Readings Sunday August 30th, 2020
12th Sunday After Pentecost
After-feast of the Beheading of the Forerunner
Ss. Alexander, John, and Paul the New, Hierarchs of
Constantinople.
Translation of the Relics of Great Prince St Alexander Nevsky



Troparion, Resurrection - Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice!
Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.
He has trampled down death by death.
He has become the first born of the dead.
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world // great mercy.

Troparion, Forerunner - Tone 2

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise,
but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner.
Thou wast shown in truth to be the most honorable of the Prophets,
for thou wast deemed worthy to baptize in the steams of the Jordan Him
Whom they foretold.

Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy,
thou didst proclaim to those in hell God Who appeared in the flesh, //
Who takes away the sin of the world and grants us great mercy.

Kontakion, Resurrection - Tone 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One,
leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;
with the prophets and patriarchs //
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

verse: **Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

Kontakion, Forerunner - Tone 5

The glorious beheading of the Forerunner
became an act of divine dispensation,
for he preached to those in hell the coming of the Savior.
Let Herodias lament, for she entreated lawless murder,
loving not the Law of God, nor eternal life, //
but that which is false and temporal.

verse: **now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

Theotokion - Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress of Christians,
Constant Advocate before the Creator,
despise not the cry of us sinners,
but in thy goodness come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith.
Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, / O Theotokos, //
For Thou dost always protect those who honor thee!

The Prokeimenon - Tone 3

The Prokeimenon in the 3rd Tone: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! *(Ps 46 [47]: 6)*

verse: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! *(Ps 46 [47]: 1)*

Epistle

§ 158: 1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11 *(Sunday)*

The reading from the [first] Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

BRETHREN: I declare unto you the Gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received and in which ye stand, by which also ye are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached unto you; unless you have believed in vain.

For I delivered unto you first of all, that which I also received:

how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

and that He was seen by Cephas, and then by the eleven.

After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once,

of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

Then last of all He was seen also by me, as by one born out of due time.

For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain;

but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I,

but the grace of God which was with me.

Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach, and so you have believed.

Epistle text from "The Apostol" St. Tikhon's Seminary Press, 2012. 2nd Edition.

The Alleluia - Tone 3

Alleluia in the 3rd Tone.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

verse: In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! *(Sunday) (Ps 30 [31]:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

verse: Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, in order to save me!
(Ps 30 [31]: 2)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel

§ 79; Matthew 19: 16 - 26 *(Sunday, Twelfth of Matthew)*

AT THAT TIME, A YOUNG MAN CAME UNTO JESUS, BOWING UNTO HIM, AND SAID, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

¹⁷ And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

- ¹⁸ He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder,
Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,
¹⁹ Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
²⁰ The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up:
what lack I yet?
²¹ Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor,
and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.
²² But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful:
for he had great possessions.
²³ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you,
That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.
²⁴ And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle,
than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.
²⁵ When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?
²⁶ But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible;
but with God all things are possible.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Other Troparia & Kontakia:

Troparion, Ss. Alexander, John, and Paul – Tone 4

O God of our Fathers, / always act with kindness towards us;
take not Thy mercy from us, / but guide our lives in peace//
through the prayers of the Patriarchs Alexander, John, and Paul!

Kontakion, Ss. Alexander, John, and Paul – Tone 8

Set a flame by the love of Christ, O glorious ones,
you took up the yoke of His precious Cross, revealing yourselves as
followers in His footsteps by your way of life,
and you became partakers of His divine glory,
divinely-wise Alexander, with wonderful John and glorious Paul.
As you stand before His throne, earnestly pray for our souls!



Troparion, St Alexander Nevsky – Tone 4

Christ revealed thee, O Blessed Alexander / as a new and glorious worker of wonders;
a man and a prince well pleasing to God / and a divine treasure of the Russian Land.
Today we assemble in faith and love / to glorify the Lord by joyously remembering thee.

He granted thee the grace of healing,
therefore entreat Him to strengthen thy suffering spiritual children, //
and to save all Orthodox Christians.

Kontakion, St Alexander Nevsky – Tone 8

We honor thee as a most radiant, spiritual star,
rising up from the east; going down in the west!
As thou didst enrich the Russian people with good works and miracles,
so now enlighten us who remember thee in faith, O Blessed Alexander.
Today as we celebrate thy falling asleep, we ask thee to beseech the Lord //
that He may strengthen his suffering servants and save all Orthodox Christians!