

Sunday, February 14th, 2021. Readings & Hymns
36th Sunday after Pentecost
Zacchæus Sunday
Venerable Auxentius of Bithynia



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, Ven Auxentius - Tone 1

Dweller of the desert and angel in the body,
thou wast shown to be a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father Auxentius.
Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer:
healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith.
Glory to Him Who gave thee strength! / Glory to Him Who granted thee a ^crown! //
Glory to Him Who through thee granteth healing to all!

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, Ven Auxentius - Tone 2

Thou didst delight in abstinence,
restraining the desires of the flesh.
Divinely wise and holy Father Auxentius,
thou wast revealed to be shining with faith, //
blossoming like a plant in the midst of Paradise.

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

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

§ 285 from the center: 1 Timothy 4: 9 - 15 (Sunday)

The reading from the [First] Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy.

MY SON TIMOTHY: This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God,
Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those that believe.

These things command and teach.

Let no one despise thy youth, but be an example to the believers in word,
in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy
with the laying on of the hands of the priesthood.

Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them,
that thy progress may be manifest to all.

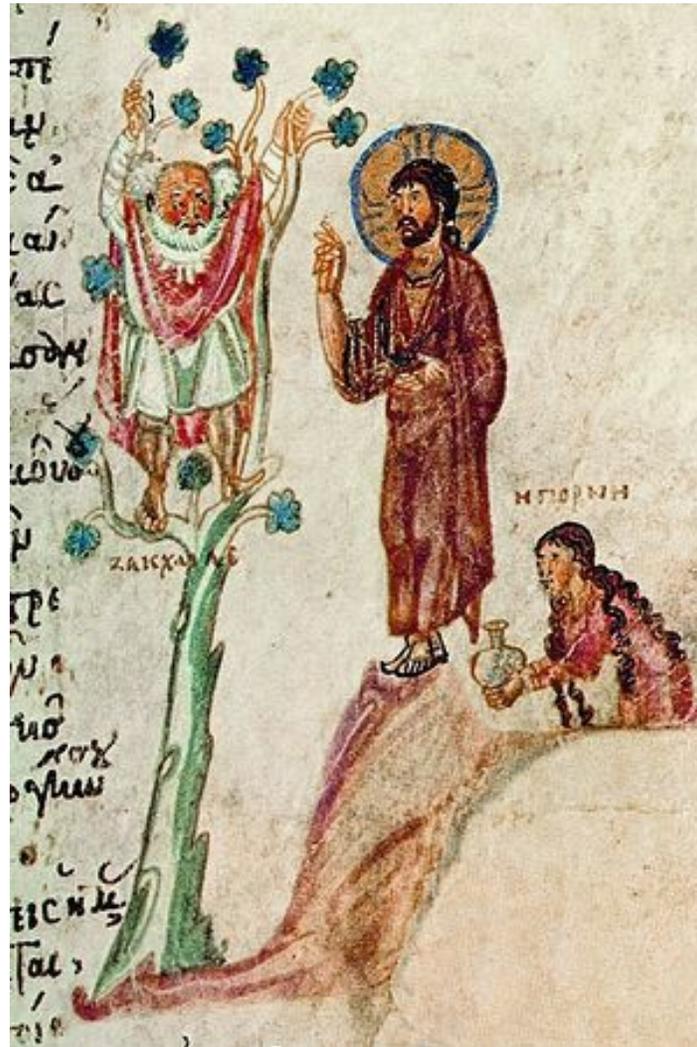
The Alleluia

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*)



Gospel

§ 94; *Luke 19: 1 – 10 (Zacchæus Sunday)*

AT THAT TIME, Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

- ² And, behold, there was a man named Zacchæus,
which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.
- ³ And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press,
because he was little of stature.
- ⁴ And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him:
for he was to pass that way.

- ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchæus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.
- ⁶ And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.
- ⁷ And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.
- ⁸ And Zacchæus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.
- ⁹ And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.
- ¹⁰ For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Communion Hymns

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

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



Rest of St Cyril, Equal of the Apostles and Teacher of the Slavs - Commemorated on February 14 Troparion – Tone 4

Wisdom was thy sister from birth;
thou didst love her, O voice of God, as a pure virgin
Who adorned thy soul and mind as a precious jewel,
so revealing thee, O blessed man, to be another Cyril: //
Wise in name and understanding!



Ven Auxentius from the Menalogion of Basil II

Venerable Auxentius of Bithynia – Commemorated on February 14

Ven Auxentius came from Syria, and served in the court of Emperor Theodosius the Younger. He left the life of the court, and as a hieromonk became a hermit in a mountain in Bithynia not far from Chalcedon. He supported Orthodoxy at the Council there in 451 AD. With pilgrims who came to him he sang the Song of the Three Holy Youths, and he wrote for them short Troparia, some of the first in Church history, which he taught to the pilgrims. He reposed in 470 AD. Below are his short troparia. The troparia are numbered in the order he taught them, arranged in columns where the parallel structures can be seen by means of bold type:

1 We, the poor and the needy,
hymn thee, O Lord;

glory to the Father,
glory to the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit,
who spake by the Prophets.

2 The Heavenly Hosts
send up a **hymn**,
and we upon earth the song of praise:
Holy,
holy,
holy Lord,
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

3 Creator of all,
Thou didst speak, and we were begotten;
Thou didst ordain, and we were created;
Thou gavest the command,
and it shall not pass away.
Savior, we thank Thee.

4 **O Lord of hosts,**

Thou didst suffer and Thou didst arise;

Thou didst appear, and Thou **didst ascend.**

Thou art coming to judge the world,

have pity upon us and save us.

6 **Thou who sittest above the Cherubim**

and hast **opened the heavens,**

have pity upon us and save us.

5 With **contrite** heart

we fall down before Thee

and **beseech** Thee,

O Savior of the world,

for Thou art **the God of the penitent.**

7 **Rejoice,**

ye righteous,

in the Lord and **intercede** for us.

Glory to Thee,

O Lord, the God of the saints.

**Venerable Maron the Hermit of Syria
Commemorated on February 14**



Troparion, Ven Maron – Tone 8

By a flood of tears thou didst make the desert fertile, / and thy longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. / By the radiance of miracles thou didst illumine the whole universe! / O our holy father Maron, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!

Life

Saint Maron was born in the fourth century near the city of Cyrrhus in Syria. He spent almost all his time beneath the open sky in prayer, vigil, ascetical works and strict fasting. He obtained from God the gift of healing the sick and casting out demons. He counselled those who turned to him for advice to be temperate, to be concerned for their salvation, and to guard against avarice and anger.

Saint Maron, a friend of Saint John Chrysostom, died before 423 at an advanced age.

Some of Saint Maron's disciples were James the Hermit (November 26), Limnius (February 23), and Domnina (March 1). Saint Maron founded many monasteries around Cyrrhus, and converted a pagan temple near Antioch into a Christian church.