

# Sunday, January 17, 2021 – Sunday of Zacchaeus; Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great (356)

**Troparia and Kontakia** *Troparion, Tone 8:* You came down from on high, O Merciful One,\* and accepted three days of burial\* to free us from our sufferings.\* O Lord, our life and our resurrection,\* glory be to You.

*Troparion, Tone 4:* By your life you imitated the zealous Elias\* and by following straight paths you emulated the Baptist, John.\* O Father Anthony,\* you peopled the desert and strengthened the world by your prayers;\* intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

*Kontakion, Tone 8:* When You rose from the tomb,\* You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam.\* Eve exults in Your resurrection,\* and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead,\* O most merciful One.

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

*Kontakion, Tone 2:* You rejected earthly worries\* and finished your life in silence imitating the Baptist in every way\* and so with him we honor you,\* O Anthony, most venerable, first of the Fathers.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

*Theotokion, Tone 2:* The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God,\* unceasing in her intercession and an unfailing hope of patronage,\* for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life\* by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

**Prokeimenon, Tone 8** Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

*verse:* In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. (*Psalm 75:12,2*)

**Prokeimenon, Tone 7** Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His venerable ones.

**Epistle – A reading of Paul to Timothy: 1 Timothy 4:9-15; (NRSV)**

*Timothy my Son,* the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

**Hebrews 13: 17-21 (NRSV)**

*Brothers and Sisters,* Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over

your souls and will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with sighing—for that would be harmful to you. Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you very soon. Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Alleluia, Tone 8** *verse:* Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior. *verse:* Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms. (*Psalm 94:1,2*) *verse:* Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments. *verse:* His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth. (*Psalm 111:1,2*)

**Gospel: Luke 19:1-10; (NRSV)**

*At that time Jesus* entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

**Luke 6: 17-23 (NRSV)**

*At that time Jesus* came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

**Communion Hymn** Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest. (*Psalm 148:1*)\* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;\* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia. (*Psalm 111:6*)