

# **Sunday, December 4, 2022 – Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost. The Great-Martyr Barbara (286-305); Our Venerable Father John of Damascus (749)**

## ***Troparia and Kontakia***

*Troparion, Tone 1:* Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans,\* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,\* You arose, O Savior, on the third day,\* and gave life to the world.\* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life:\* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!\* Glory to Your kingdom!\* Glory to Your saving plan,\* O only Lover of mankind.

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

*Kontakion, Tone 1:* You arose in glory from the tomb\* and with Yourself You raised the world.\* All humanity acclaims You as God,\* and death has vanished.\* Adam exults, O Master,\* and Eve, redeemed now from bondage, cries out for joy:\* “You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all.”

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

*Theotokion, Tone 1:* When Gabriel uttered to you, O Virgin, his ‘Rejoice!’\* at that sound the Master of all became flesh in you, the Holy Ark.\* As the just David said,\* you have become wider than the heavens carrying your Creator.\* Glory to Him Who dwelt in you!\* Glory to Him Who came forth from you!\* Glory to Him Who freed us through birth from you!

## ***Prokeimenon, Tone 1***

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

*verse:* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. (*Psalm 32:22,1*)

## ***Epistle - A reading of Paul to the Ephesians: Ephesians 5:9-19 (NRSV)***

*Brothers and Sisters,* for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even

to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts.

### ***Alleluia, Tone 1***

*verse:* God gives me vindication, and has subdued people under me.

*verse:* Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever. (*Psalm 17:48,51*)

### ***Gospel: Luke 12:16-21 (NRSV)***

*The Lord spoke this parable:* “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

### ***Communion Hymn***

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia. (*Psalm 148:1*)