

# Sunday, June 2, 2024 – Second Sunday after Pentecost. Sunday of All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine. Our Holy Father Nicephorus the Confessor (829).

**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.

*Troparion, Tone 4:* O you, who glorified Christ:\* princes and bishops,\* monastics and martyrs,\* and steadfast confessors of Christian Ukraine throughout all times,\* pray Christ God to look with favour on our people\* and to grant them the grace to persevere in the faith\* that the souls of prayerful faithful\* who revere your sacred memory\* may be saved.

+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.

*Kontakion, Tone 4:* You shine as bright beacons,\* O God-inspired and righteous saints of our Church.\* By your encouraging example,\* you serve communities of faithful throughout the Christian world.\* Therefore we humbly bow our heads to you\* thanking our great and all-gracious God\* Who has made you our intercessors in heaven\* where you pray for our souls.

**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*)

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

**Epistle – A reading of Paul to the Romans: Romans 2:10-16; 8:28-39 (NRSV)**

*Brothers and Sisters,* glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous in God’s sight, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles, who do not possess the law, do instinctively what the law requires, these, though not having the law, are a law to themselves. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, to which their own conscience also bears witness; and their conflicting thoughts will accuse or perhaps excuse them on the day when, according to my gospel, God, through Jesus Christ, will judge the secret thoughts of all.

*Brothers and Sisters,* we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Alleluia, Tone 1** *verse:* God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples 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*)

*verse:* Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.

**Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23; 5:1-16 (NRSV)**

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

**Communion Hymn** Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest. (*Psalm 148:1*)\* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;\* praise befits the righteous.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia. (*Psalm 32:1*)