

Sunday, July 7, 2024 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Our Venerable Father Thomas of Maleum and Acacius who is mentioned in “The Ladder of Divine Ascent.”

Troparia and Kontakia Troparion, Tone 6: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb* and the guards became like dead men;* Mary stood before Your tomb* seeking Your most pure body.* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.* You met the Virgin and granted life.* O Lord, risen from the dead,* glory be to You!

Troparion, Tone 7: O Mother of God and Virgin,* we magnify Your glory,* we ask for Your help,* we venerate Your miracle-working icon.* You are the Mother of grace,* You are the hope of the world;* do not reject our prayers in our times of need,* and free us from all dangers.

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

Kontakion, Tone 6: With His life-giving hand* Christ our God, the Giver of life,* raised all the dead from the murky abyss* and bestowed resurrection upon humanity.* He is for all the Saviour,* the resurrection and the life, and the God of all.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 6: Our Mother, O Lady of Perpetual Help,* give us boldness in our cares, improvement in our sicknesses,* consolation amid our very sorrows, help in our battles.* Grant unity to Christians, zeal to ministers of the Church,* forgiveness to sinners, steadfastness to the righteous,* salvation to the dying,* beseech to grant cleansing and eternal glory to the souls in purgatory.

Prokeimenon, Tone 6

Save Your people, O Lord, * and bless Your inheritance.

verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence.
(*Psalm 27:9,1*)

Epistle – A reading of Paul to the Romans: Romans 15:1-7 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, we who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.” For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Alleluia, Tone 6 *verse:* He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven. *verse:* He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in Whom I hope. (*Psalm 90:1,2*)

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35 (NRSV)

At that time, as Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you.” And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly ordered them, “See that no one knows of this.” But they went away and spread the news about him throughout that district. After they had gone away, a demoniac who was mute was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the one who had been mute spoke; and the crowds were amazed and said, “Never has anything like this been seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons.” Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

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