

# **Sunday, November 24, 2024 – Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost. Post-feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God. Holy Great-Martyr Catherine (310-13). Holy Great-Martyr Mercurius (249-51).**

*Troparia and Kontakia Troparion, Tone 2:* When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,\* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.\* When You raised the dead from the nether world,\* all the powers of heaven cried out:\* “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

*Troparion, Tone 4:* Today is the prelude of the good pleasure of God,\* and the proclamation of salvation for the human race.\* In the Temple of God\* the Virgin is clearly revealed,\* and beforehand announces Christ to all.\* To her, then, let us cry aloud with a mighty voice:\* Rejoice, fulfilment of the Creator’s plan.

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

*Kontakion, Tone 2:* You rose from the tomb, O almighty Savior,\* and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose.\* Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults.\* And the world, my Savior, sings Your praises for ever.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

*Kontakion, Tone 4:* The Savior’s pure temple,\* the precious bridal chamber and Virgin,\* the sacred treasury of the glory of God,\* is brought today into the house of the Lord;\* and with her she brings the grace of the divine Spirit.\* God’s angels sing in praise of her:\* She is indeed the heavenly dwelling-place.

*Prokeimenon, Tone 2* The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation. *verse:* The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death. (*Psalm 117:14,18*)

*Prokeimenon, Tone 3*

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

*Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17 (NRSV)*

*A reading from the Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians*

Brothers and Sisters, finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers,

against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

***Alleluia, Tone 2*** *verse:* The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

*verse:* Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. (*Psalm 19:2,10*)

*verse:* Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear.

*verse:* The rich among the people shall entreat your countenance. (*Psalm 44:11,13*)

***Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 (NRSV)***

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

***Hymn to the Mother of God*** Seeing the entrance of the pure one, angels marvel in wonder how the Virgin could enter the holy of holies. *And the Irmos, Tone 4:* Let no hand of the profane touch God’s living ark,\* but instead let the lips of those who are believers\* sing out ceaselessly in the words of the angel,\* crying out with great joy to the Mother of God:\* O pure Virgin,\* you are truly higher than all.

***Communion Hymn*** Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest.\* I will take the cup of salvation;\* and I will call upon the name of the Lord.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia. (*Psalm 148:1*)