

**ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA**  
**2ND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**  
**HYMNS AND READINGS • JUNE 18, 2017**

**VERSES FOR THE BEATITUDES (TONE 1)**

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.*

Through food did the enemy lead Adam forth from paradise; but by the Cross hath Christ led back to it the thief who cried: Remember me when Thou comest in Thy kingdom!

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

O Sinless One, of Thine own will Thou was crucified and place in the tomb; yet Thou didst arise as God, raising up with Thyself Adam who crieth out: Remember me when Thou comest in Thy kingdom!

*Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you,  
and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake.*

Very early, the myrrh-bearing women arrived, weeping, at Thy tomb, O Christ God; and they found an angel sitting there, clad in white garments, who said: What seek ye? Christ is risen! Lament no longer!

*Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.*

When Thine apostles went to the mountain whither Thou hadst commanded them to go, and saw Thee, O Saviour, they worshipped Thee; and Thou didst send them unto the nations, to teach and baptize them.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

O all-blessed Trinity, return us from exile; heal our sickness and our sorrow; and lift our spirit from slothfulness and the sleep of sin, that we may be worthy of our fathers and brethren who by their struggles glorified Thy name in our American land.

*Now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

Gather in the dispersed, return those who have been cut off, bring back again them that have fallen away from the Orthodox Faith, comfort the weeping and sorrowful, and heal the dissolution of our tormented land, O thou who art full of grace, entreating God in our behalf with the saints who are our compatriots.

## **TROPARION AND KONTAKION**

### **Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone I —**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

### **Troparion of the Saints, Tone VIII —**

As the bountiful harvest of Thy sowing of salvation, the lands of North America offer to Thee, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.***

### **Kontakion of the Saints, Tone III —**

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us. With them the Angels glorify Him, and all the Saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them; and together they all pray for us to the Preeternal God.

***Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.***

### **Kontakion of the Resurrection, Tone I —**

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage, and cries to Thee: "Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

## **PROKEIMENON AND EPISTLE**

**Prokeimenon Tone 1** (*Sunday*): Let Thy mercy, O Lord be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

**verse:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, praise befits the just!

**Prokeimenon Tone 7** (*All Saints of America*): Precious in the site of the Lord, is the death of His saints!

**EPISTLE:** (*Romans 2:10-16*): Brethren, glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

### **Alleluia Verses** (*Tone 1*)

God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, O you righteous!



**GOSPEL** (*Matthew 4:18-23*) *At that time, Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, and He saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.*

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