

**ST. JOHN THE MERCIFUL OF CONSTANTINOPLE**  
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**23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Verses for the Beatitudes (Tone 6)

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

By a tree was Adam deceived; yet again by the Tree of the Cross was the thief saved, who cried out: Remember me in Thy Kingdom, O Lord!

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

O Bestower of Life, Who hast broken down the gates and portals of hades, Thou hast saved all who cry out to Thee, O Saviour: Glory to Thine arising!

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

O Thou Who by Thy burial hast made death captive, and by Thy resurrection hast filled all with joy: remember me, in that Thou art compassionate.

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

The myrrh-bearing women who came to the tomb heard an angel cry out: Christ, Who hath enlightened all things, is risen!

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

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit let us glorify, saying: O Holy Trinity, save Thou our souls!

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

O Virgin, who ineffably conceived in the latter days and gavest birth unto Thy Creator: Save those who magnify thee!

## **Troparion and Kontakion**

### **Troparion Tone VI** *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.// O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

### **Troparion Tone VIII** *(St John the Merciful)*

By endurance thou didst gain thy reward, venerable Father; thou didst persevere in prayer unceasingly; thou didst love the poor and provide for them in all things. Blessed John the Merciful, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved!

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

### **Kontakion Tone II** *(St John the Merciful)*

Thou didst distribute thy wealth to the poor and in return obtained wealth from heaven, John the Merciful. Therefore, we honor thee and celebrate thy memory, O namesake of mercy.

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

### **Kontakion Tone VI** *(Resurrection)*

When Christ God the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

## **Prokeimenon and Epistle**

**Tone 6:** O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!

*verse:* To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

**Epistle:** (*Ephesians 2:4-10*) *Brethren,* God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

### **Alleluia Verses:**

(*Tone 6*) He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

(*Tone 6*) He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."

**Gospel:** (Luke 10:25-37) The Lord spoke this parable, <sup>25</sup> And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" <sup>27</sup> So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" <sup>28</sup> And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' <sup>36</sup> So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" <sup>37</sup> And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

