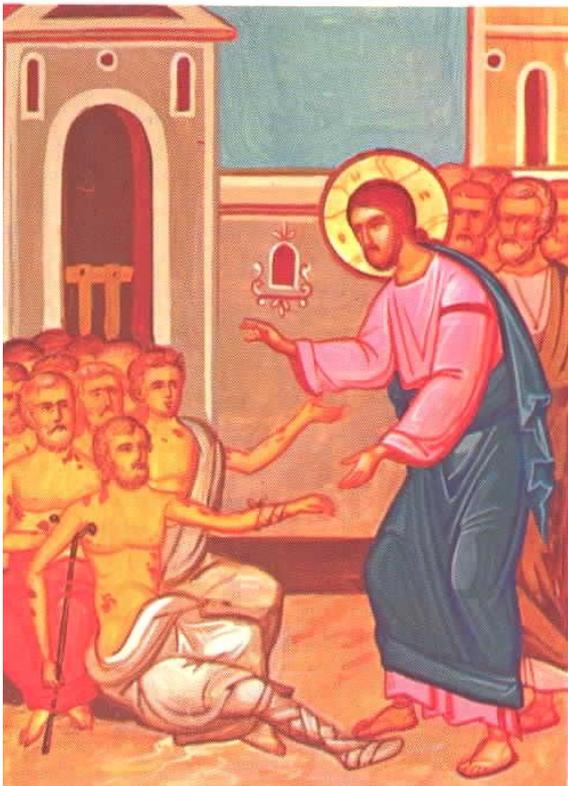




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**Twenty-Ninth Sunday  
after Pentecost**

## **Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 1.**

*When the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world. For which cause the powers of heaven cried out to Thee, O Life-giver: Glory*

*to Thy resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Friend of man.*

## **Seasonal Kontakion. Mode 1.**

*You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only One Who loves humanity.*

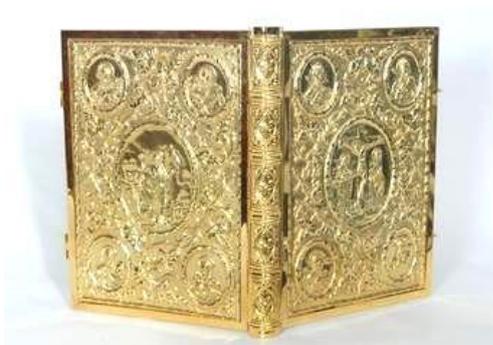
## **Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4. Psalm 18.4,1**

*Their voice has gone out into all the earth.  
Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.*

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the  
Colossians 1:12-18

Brethren, we give thanks to the Father who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have

redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities - all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.



### **The Gospel According to Luke 17:12-19**

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on

his face at Jesus's feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

### **Word of the week – Reflection**

#### **St. Anthony the Great (Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>)**

Whoever has not experienced temptation cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Without temptations no-one can be saved.

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This is the great work of man: always to take the blame for his own sins before God and to expect temptation to his last breath.

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If we make every effort to avoid death of the body, still more should it be our endeavor to avoid death of the soul. There is no obstacle for a man who wants to be saved other than negligence and laziness of soul.

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The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices. He is also afraid when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the Sign of the Cross.

#### **St. Maximos the Confessor (Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>)**

The deiform soul cannot nurse hatred against a man and yet be at peace with God, the giver of the commandments. 'For', He says, 'if you do not forgive men their faults, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your faults' (cf. Matt. 6:14-15). If your brother does not wish to live peaceably with you, nevertheless guard yourself against hatred, praying for him sincerely and not abusing him to anybody.

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If you are remembering evil against someone, then pray for him; and as you remove through prayer the pain of the remembrance of the evil he has done, you will stop the advance of the passion. And when you have attained brotherly love and love for mankind, you will completely cast this passion out of your soul. Then when someone else does evil to you, be affectionate and humble toward him, and treat him kindly, and you will deliver him from this passion.

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The person who loves God values knowledge of God more than anything created by God, and pursues such knowledge ardently and ceaselessly.

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The person who loves God cannot help loving every man as himself, even though he is grieved by the passions of those who are not yet purified. But when they amend their

lives, his delight is indescribable and knows no bounds.

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Let yourself die while striving, rather than living in laziness. For those who die while trying to keep the commandments are just as much martyrs as those who died for Christ's sake.

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When you are insulted by someone or humiliated, guard against angry thoughts, lest they arouse a feeling of irritation, and so cut you off from love and place you in the realm of hatred.

**St. Gregory the Theologian (Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>)**

As a fish cannot swim without water, and as a bird cannot fly without air, so a Christian cannot advance a single step without Christ.

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We needed an Incarnate God, a God put to death, that we might live. We were put to death together with Him, that we might be cleansed; we rose again with Him because we were put to death with Him; we were glorified with Him, because we rose again with Him.

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All who have lived according to God still live unto God, though they have departed this life. For this reason, God is called the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, since He is the God,

not of the dead, but of the living (cf. Mt. 22:32).



## Liturgical Schedule for this week

<b>Wednesday</b> <i>January 23</i>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Paraklesis</b>
<b>Friday</b> <i>January 25</i>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Akathist</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <i>January 26</i>	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy &amp; Memorial</b> <b>Vespers</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <i>January 27</i>	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Matins</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>



### Announcements:

- **Happy name day** to Maxim Yanka (Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> – St. Maximos) and Gregory Downie (Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> – St. Gregory the Theologian).
- **Happy birthday** to Symeon Downie (Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>).
- **Bible study** – Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm.
- **House blessings** – Please contact Fr. John by phone, email, or in person to schedule a time.
- **Snacks** for the two schools in Southbridge – **next Sunday will be the last day to donate for January.**
- **Coffee hour** is sponsored by Tom and Mary Dowling.



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