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Pentecost**

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode. 2.

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the netherworld, all the powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.



Seasonal Kontakion. Mode 2.

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant: O despise not the supplicant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Prokeimenon. Mode 3. Psalm 46.6,1

**Sing praises to our God, sing praises.
Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.**

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to

destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.



The Gospel According to Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came

and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

Word of the week – Reflection

Don't trust people. Be careful who you have dealings with. Never listen to what people are saying. Then you have temptations. We're human. The devil has many ploys, machinations and snares. Everything within a marriage should be dealt with through love, meekness and patience. Have faith in God, pray and everything will happen in accordance with His will.

- *St. Iakovos Tsalikis*

People who don't confess their sins are constantly under the burden of guilt and are a long way from God. This is why their soul mourns and suffers. The abnormal moral state to which sinners are subject, the relentless strictures, are caused by awareness in the soul which recognizes its sin and seeks respite. The soul seeks confession because it knows the divine commandment, because it knows that's the only means of reconciliation and rapprochement with God.

- *St. Nectarios of Pentapolis*

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me. Be a wellspring for my thirsting soul.

- *St. Tikhon of Zadonsk*

Through what He- voluntarily- suffered, the Lord gave us examples of silence, patience, forbearance and love.

- *St. Anthimos of Chios*

An ascetic effort that is carried out in accordance with the law makes people merciful, restrained, modest, able to keep back their anger, to tame their desires, to give alms, to be kind towards others and to exercise every virtue.

- *St. John Chrysostom*

Even at the hour of their death, if you see someone sinning, don't criticize them, not even then. Because God's verdict isn't known to us. Some people have fallen into great sins, in the open, but have secretly done far more good. So censorious people are deceived and what they were holding in their hands was smoke, not the sun.

- *St. John of the Ladder*

Savage criticism of others wrecks their souls and sinks them.

- *St. John Chrysostom*

Hypocrites want to be called saints and to be venerated by everyone as

being pious. You see their outward appearance and you think that they're doing everything according to God's will, but their hearts are full of jealousy, guile and every form of evil.

- *St. John Chrysostom*

In careful people, the intellect is like a watchful guard and sentinel of the inner Jerusalem. From the height of the spiritual life it sees its surroundings with a clear eye, as it does the opposing forces within the soul. With their flesh, people are like lit candles. The candle's destined to melt and people are destined to die. The soul is immortal, however, which is why our concern should be directed more to the soul than to the body: 'For what does it profit people if they gain the whole world but lose their soul? Or what will people give in exchange for their soul?' (Matth. 16, 26).

- *St. Seraphim of Sarov*

Because they're humble, people with a rich inner life are real stars, moving at breathtaking speed, but quietly and humbly, without anyone realizing how they move, even though they're great planets. They hide in the depths of the Heavens and give people the impression that they're humble little icon lights.

- *St. Paisios the Athonite*

Quotations from Pemptousia.com



Liturgical Schedule for this week

Wednesday <i>October 21</i>	6:00 pm	Paraklesis
Saturday <i>October 24</i>	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Divine Liturgy & Memorial Vespers
Sunday <i>October 25</i>	9:00 am 10:00 am	Matins Divine Liturgy



Announcements:

- **Happy name day** to Luke Yanka and Loukas Mironidis (October 18th).
- **Happy birthday** to Spiro Kelly (October 15th), Anthony Vorres (October 18th), Dimitry Downie (October 21st), and Katie Mironidis (October 22nd).
- **Bible study on Revelations:** Thursday at 7pm. Please contact Fr. John for the Zoom link.



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