

# TROPARIA

## **Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 8:**

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One; Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

## **Troparion of St. John Climacus, Tone 1:**

Dweller in the desert and angel in the body, thou wast shown to be a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John; thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer, healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith. Glory to Him who has given thee strength; glory to Him who has granted thee a crown; glory to Him who through thee grants healing to all.

## SCRIPTURAL LESSONS

### Prokeimenon

**Presiding Reader:** The Prokeimenon in the **Eighth** Tone:

Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God.

**Reader/People:** Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God.

**Presiding Reader:** In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

**Reader/People:** Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God.

**Presiding Reader:** In the **Seventh** Tone: Let the saints be exalted in glory;  
let them sing for joy on their couches.

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### Epistle Readings:

#### §314, Heb. 6:13-20 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)

**Presiding Reader:** The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the **Hebrews**.

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BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,

Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

For men swear by one greater than themselves: and an oath for confirmation is the end of all their dispute.

Thus God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of the promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, we who have fled for refuge to hold fast the hope set before us:

Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

Where the forerunner Jesus is entered for us, made a high priest for ever according to the order of Melchizedek.

### Alleluia

*Presiding Reader:* The Alleluia in the **Eighth** Tone: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to God our Saviour. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Reader/People:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Presiding Reader:* Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

*Reader/People:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Presiding Reader:* In the **Fourth** Tone: They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

*Reader/People:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### Gospel Reading:

#### Mark §40, 9:17-31 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)

AT THAT TIME, ONE OF THE CROWD ANSWERED JESUS AND SAID: Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.

And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.

And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?

And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

And they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it.

For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.

## KONTAKIA

### **Resurrectional Kontakion, Tone 8:**

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam, Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One.

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

### **Kontakion of St. John Climacus, Tone 4:**

The Lord has truly set thee as a fixed star in the firmament of abstinence, giving light to the ends of the earth, O our father and teacher John.

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

### **Supplicatory Kontakion of the Theotokos, Tone 6:**

Steadfast Protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the Creator, despise not the cries of us sinners, but in thy goodness come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith; hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for thou dost ever protect those who honor thee.