

## THE EPISTLE

**Reader:** *The Prokimenon in the 5<sup>th</sup> Tone: Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and shalt preserve us from this generation and for evermore.*

**Choir:** Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and shalt preserve us from this generation and for evermore.

**Reader:** *Save me, O Lord for a righteous man there is no more.*

**Choir:** How magnified are Thy works O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

**Reader:** *In the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone: In the saints that are in His earth hath the Lord been wondrous; He hath wrought all His desires in them.*

**Choir:** In the saints that are in His earth hath the Lord been wondrous; He hath wrought all His desires in them.

**Reader:** *The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians [Col. 3:12-16 (§258); Eph. 6:10-17 (§233)]*

## THE GOSPEL

**Reader:** *Alleluia in the 5<sup>th</sup> Tone. Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing for ever. Unto generation and generation will I declare Thy truth with my mouth.*

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Reader:** *For Thou hast said: Mercy shall be built up for ever, in the heavens shall Thy truth be established.*

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Reader:** *In the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone: The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them out of all their tribulation*

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel [Luke 17:12-19 (§85); Luke 21:12-19 (§106)]

Welcome to

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We are a parish of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, and all are welcome to worship with us! Our services are in English. Please join us for lunch downstairs after the service.

December 10/23, 2018

**Thirtieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes,  
and Eugraphas of Alexandria**

### This Week's Schedule

Wednesday	<i>No Akathist</i>	
Saturday	Confession	4:00 pm
	All-Night Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	Hours and Divine Liturgy	9:00 am
	<i>Meal in Trapeza after Services</i>	

## TROPARIA

**Resurrection - Tone 5:** Let us, O faithful, praise and worship the Word / Who is co-unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, / and Who was born of the Virgin for our salvation; / for He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh / and to endure death, // and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

**St. Theodore Stratelates - Tone 4:** By true strategy, O trophy-bearer / thou wast an illustrious general of the Heavenly King, O Theodore. / For thou didst wisely arm thyself with the weapons of faith, / and didst utterly annihilate the hordes of demons, / and didst prove a victorious athlete, / wherefore with faith // we ever call thee blessed.

**St. Theodore the Tyro - Tone 2:** Great are the triumphs of faith! / The holy martyr Theodore rejoiced in a fountain of flame as in refreshing water. / For having been made a whole burnt offering by fire, / he was offered as a sweetbread to the Trinity, // By his prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

**Holy Martyrs– Tone 8:** Having mortified the fiery forms and movements of the passions by abstinence, O martyrs of Christ, / ye received the grace to dispel the ailments of the infirm, / and, living even after your death, to work miracles. / O truly most glorious wonder! Bare bones pour forth healing! // Glory to the only God and Creator!

## KONTAKIA

**Resurrection – Tone 5:** Unto hades, O my Savior, didst Thou descend, / and having broken its gates as one omnipotent, / Thou, as Creator, didst raise up the dead together with Thyself. / And Thou didst break the sting of death, / and didst deliver Adam from the curse, O Lover of mankind. / Wherefore, we all cry unto Thee: // Save us, O Lord.

**St. Theodore Stratelates - Tone 2:** Armed with faith and courage of soul, / and having taken in thy hand the Word of God as a spear, / thou didst conquer the enemy, / O glory of martyrs, Theodore. // With them cease not to intercede with Christ God for us all.

**St. Theodore the Tyro - Tone 8:** Having received the faith of Christ in thy heart as an inner shield, / thou didst overcome all the opposing forces, O great champion, / and thou hast been crowned with a heavenly crown, O Theodore, // for thou art eternally invincible.

**Holy Martyrs– Tone 4:** The right melodious sound of thy words, / leading Hermogenes up from the abyss of perdition, / set him upon the rock of life; / and Eugraphus, having denounced the emperor, / hath his glorious head severed, rejoicing. And do thou earnestly pray, O Menas, // that all who honor thee with love may be saved.

**Theotokos – Tone 6:** O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, / O mediation unto the Creator unfailing, / disdain not the suppliant voices of sinners, / but be thou quick, O good one, to help us 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.

## WORD OF THE HOLY FATHERS

In all things that you find in the Holy Scriptures, seek out the purpose of the words, that you may enter into the depth of the thoughts of the saints and understand them with greater exactness. Do not approach the reading of the Divine Scriptures without prayer and asking the help of God. Consider prayer to be the key to the true understanding of that which is said in the Holy Scriptures..

- St. Isaac the Syrian