



The Forerunner

Weekly Parish Bulletin

Sunday, November 28, 2021
13TH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE

St. Stephen the New



RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION

(Tone 6)

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. * Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. * You captured hell, not being tempted by it. * You came to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You!

APOLYTIKION OF ST. STEPHEN THE NEW

(Tone 4)

Trained on the mountain in ascetical-labors, * with the whole armor of the Cross thou didst vanquish * the spiritual arrays of unseen enemies; * and when thou hadst stripped thyself * with great courage for contest, * thou didst slay Copronymus * with the sword of the true Faith. * For both these things hast thou been crowned by God, * O righteous Martyr, blest Stephen of great renown.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY NATIVITY OF CHRIST

(Tone 4)

Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the Light of wisdom; for by it those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star to adore You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know you the Orient from on high. O Lord, glory to You.



KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF THE HOLY NATIVITY OF CHRIST

(Tone 3)

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

PROKEIMENON

*"O Lord, save Thy people and bless
Thine inheritance.*

Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God."

(Ps. 28:9,1)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

(Eph. 2:4-10)

Brethren, God, being rich in mercy, through His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through the trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you are saved—and raised us up together with Him, and made us to sit together with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He would show the exceeding riches of His grace, in kindness toward us, in Christ Jesus. For by grace you are saved through faith, and that is not of yourselves: it is the gift of God, not of works, lest

anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

(Luk. 18:18-27)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."



COMMUNION HYMN

O Pure Virgin

O pure and virgin Lady,
O spotless Theotokos:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

O Virgin Queen and Mother,
O dewy Fleece most sacred:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

O height transcending heaven above,
O beam of light most radiant:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

O joy of chaste and virgin maids,
surpassing all the angels:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

O brilliant light of heaven above,
most clear and most radiant:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

Commanding Chief of heavenly hosts,
O holiest of holies:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

O ever virgin Mary,
O Mistress of creation:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

O Bride all pure and spotless,
O Lady all holy:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

O holy Mary, Bride and Queen,
O cause of our rejoicing:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

O Maiden Queen honorable,
O Mother most holy:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

More precious than the Cherubim,
and more glorious than the Seraphim:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

Surpassing Principalities,
Dominions, Thrones, and Powers:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

Rejoice, song of the Cherubim;
Rejoice, hymn of the Angels:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

Rejoice, ode of the Seraphim,
and joy of the Archangels:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

Rejoice, O peace, Rejoice, O joy,
and haven of salvation:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

O bridal chamber of the Word,
unfading, fragrant blossom:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

Rejoice, delight of paradise,
Rejoice, life everlasting:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

Rejoice, O holy Tree of Life,
and Fount of immortality:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

I supplicate thee, Lady,
I humbly call upon thee!

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

O Queen of all, I beg thee,
to grant me thy favour:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

O spotless and most honoured Maid,
O Lady all holy:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

I call upon thee fervently,
thou temple most holy:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

O thou my help, deliver me
from harm and all adversity:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

And by thy prayers show me to be
an heir of immortality:

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you wish to announce something on The Forerunner,
please e-mail Elias Neto at neto.elias@aol.com by Thursday

- The Fraser Valley Orthodox Youth Group every Thursday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at 2051 Windsor Street, Abbotsford. For questions, please contact Chris Hawthorne at: fraservalleyorthodoxyouth@gmail.com Masks are mandatory for those attending, including youth leaders.
- Every Saturday until Christmas at 12:00 pm we will have our catechumen classes. We will discuss what Orthodox Christians believe and do, and why they believe and do it. All are welcome.
- Friday, December 3 at 9:00 I will be talking to the homeschooled children (and anyone else who wants to and is able to come) about the significance of St. Nicholas: "Why is St. Nicholas a Big Deal?" Judi Petker is organizing these talks for homeschooled children, but all children and their parents are welcome.

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Thank you for your presence today!

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED

PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING



Icon: The young rich man: *For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.*

Readings for the Week: **Mon.** 1Thes. 2:20-3:8. Luk. 19:37-44; **Tue.** 1Cor. 4:9-16. Jo. 1:35-51; **Wed.** 1Thes. 4:1-12. Luk. 20:1-8; **Thu.** 1Thes. 4:18-5:10. Luk. 20:9-18; **Fri.** 1Thes. 5:9-13; 5:24-28. Luk. 20:19-26; **Sat.** Gal. 3:23-29; 4:1-5. Mk. 5:24-34.