

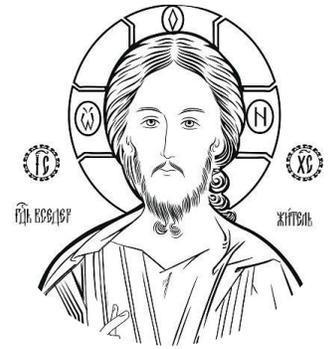


The Forerunner

Weekly Parish Bulletin

Sunday, October 24, 2021
6TH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE

Great-martyr St. Arethas and Companions in Arabia



RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION

(Tone 1)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; While the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body; You rose on the third day, O Saviour, creating life to the world. The powers of Heaven cried to You, O giver of life; Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to your dispensation, O You who love mankind!

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ARETHAS AND COMPANIONS IN ARABIA

(Tone 1)

Be Thou entreated for the sake of the sufferings of Thy Saints which they endured for Thee, O Lord, and do Thou heal all our pains, we pray, O Friend of man.

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION

(Tone 2)

Steadfast Protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the Creator, despise not the cry of us sinner, but in Your goodness come speedily to help us who call on You in faith; Hasten

to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for You ever protect those who honour You.

PROKEIMENON

*“Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous”*

(Ps. 33:22;32:11)

THE READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

(2Cor. 9:6-11)

Brethren, the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Let each one do according to what he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you; that you, having always all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. As it is written: “He has scattered abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever”; now He, who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in all things for every generosity, which works through us thanksgiving to God.



THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

(Luk. 8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So, He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged

that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him."



HOMILY

By: Deacon James Hargrave

“What is the Matins Gospel?”

Christ is risen!

Every Sunday morning, we hear the Gospel proclaimed twice. Once, we hear the Gospel proclaimed in the middle of the Divine Liturgy. Usually, the sermon teaches us how to hear and receive this Gospel message.

But every Sunday morning at Matins, a different Gospel passage is proclaimed. Why? Why do we hear the Gospel twice on Sundays, and what's the difference between the two?

Nearly every Gospel passage at Liturgy is different from all the other Gospel passages that are proclaimed at Liturgy. There is a different Gospel reading for nearly every day of the year. Listen to the Gospel at every Sunday Liturgy and you will hear parables, teachings, miracles, and deeds of Christ. Sometimes, the Sunday Liturgy Gospel even covers the Passion of Christ, and occasionally-- like the first three Sundays of Pascha-- the Resurrection.

But the Sunday Matins Gospels are repeated. We hear each one about four times per year. And they all have the same theme: the Resurrection. You see, Sunday is the Day of Resurrection. Every Sunday except Palm Sunday is Resurrection Sunday-- a mini Pascha. So, on Saturday night Vespers and at Sunday morning Matins, we meditate on the Resurrection.

We know that the Resurrection is the central

event of the Gospel. The Resurrection, in fact, is the central event of our lives.

The Resurrection is the central event of all creation. Everything about God's creation is known and seen and understood and saved because of the Resurrection, and through the Resurrection. As we contemplate the Resurrection, our eyes are opened to truly perceive everything else as it truly is.

You'll hear this theme again and again in the Resurrection Gospels. This Sunday, the passage from the Gospel of John tells us that when Peter and John entered the empty tomb, they still "did not know the Scripture, that Jesus must rise from the dead." They did not understand that the entire Old Testament is the story of Jesus rising from the dead. They did not understand that the entire story of their Master's ministry culminated in his rising from the dead. If you want to understand Scripture, you have to know the Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. If you want to understand the people around you, you have to know the Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. If you want to understand yourself, you have to know the Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. If you want to live at peace with the world; at peace with your own soul; in union with God? You have to know the Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.

These Resurrection Gospels teach us how to hear and understand all of the rest of the Gospels. How to receive the rest of the New Testament. The rest of Holy Scripture. The Resurrection Gospels teach us what the whole Bible means. Our entire Christian experience-- our

entire lives-- are lived in the light of these Resurrections Gospels.

So, as the deacon enthusiastically reminds you, let us attend. Let us listen. Let us pay attention. Come to Matins, every Sunday, prepared to receive the light of the Risen Lord, and to have your mind and heart and body filled and strengthened by the good news of the Resurrection of Christ, and the transformation of the world. Christ is risen!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Fraser Valley Orthodox Youth Group every Thursday, 7:00 pm. Address: 2051 Windsor Street, Abbotsford. For questions, contact: fraservalleyorthodoxyouth@gmail.com
Masks are mandatory for those attending.
- This week (October 24 to 30) will be a regular week with Matins (9:00 am) and Liturgy (10:00 am) on Saturday and Sunday. Please remember that we ask the congregation to wear masks to the Saturday services. Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings we will serve daily Matins at 7:00 am. Wednesday (7:00 pm) and Saturday (6:00 pm) we will serve Vespers with time for confession afterward.

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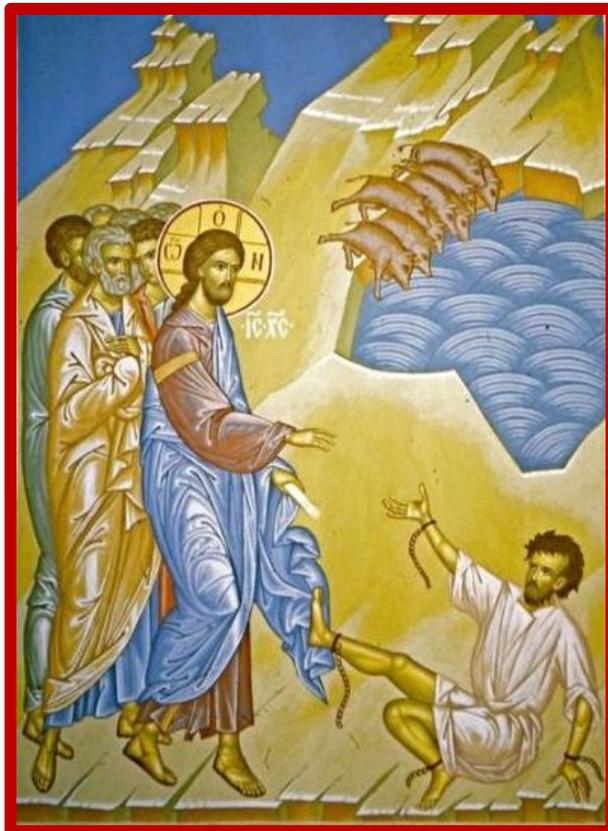
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Thank you for your presence today!

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED

PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING



Icon: The Gadarene and the pigs

Readings for the Week: **Mon.** Php. 1:1-7. Luk. 10:22-24; **Tue.** 2Tim. 2:1-10. Jhn. 15:17-27; 16:1-2; **Wed.** Php. 1:12-20. Luk. 11:9-13; **Thu.** Heb. 9:1-7. Luk. 10:38-42, 11:27-28; **Fri.** Php. 1:27-30; 2:1-4. Luk. 11:23-26; **Sat.** 1Cor. 15:58; 16:1-3. Luk. 8:16-21.