



# The Forerunner

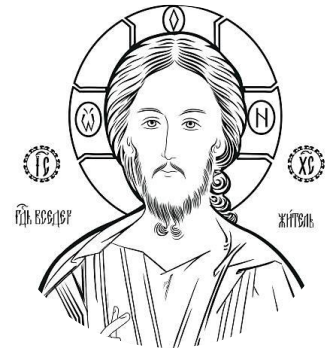
Weekly Parish Bulletin

Sunday, December 12, 2021

**11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE**

*Sunday of the Forefathers of Christ*

*St. Spyridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Trimythous*



## RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION

(Tone 8)

You descended from on high, O compassionate One. And You accepted the three day burial to free us from our passions, O our life and our resurrection, glory to You, O Lord!

## APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFATHERS OF CHRIST

(Tone 2)

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

## APOLYTIKION OF ST. SPYRIDON

(Tone 1)

Thou wast shown forth as a champion of the First Council and a wonderworker, O Spyridon, our God-bearing Father. Wherefore, thou didst speak unto one dead in the grave, and didst change a serpent to gold. And while chanting thy holy prayers, thou hadst Angels serving with thee, O most sacred one. Glory to Him that hath glorified thee. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.



## 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

*"The saints shall boast in glory. Sing unto the Lord a new song"*

(Ps. 149:5,1)

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

(Eph. 5:8-19)

Brethren, walk as children of light—for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and

righteousness and truth—proving what is acceptable to the Lord; and have no communion with the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them; for it is a shame even to speak of the things which they do in secret. But all things when they are exposed are made manifest by the light, for everything that is made manifest is light. Therefore, he says: “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine upon thee.” See then that you walk circumspectly, not as unwise, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and chanting in your heart to the Lord.

### THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

(Luk. 14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: “A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for all is now ready.’ But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has

been done, and still there is room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’ For many are called, but few are chosen”.

### 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](mailto:neto.elias@aol.com) by Thursday

- Christmas Event this Thursday at the Fraser Valley Orthodox Youth Group from 7 pm to 9 pm at 2051 Windsor Street, Abbotsford. Masks are mandatory for those attending, including leaders and youth. For questions, please contact Chris Hawthorne at [fraservalleyorthodoxyouth@gmail.com](mailto:fraservalleyorthodoxyouth@gmail.com).
- Please put your name on the **Sunday** and **Christmas** services you plan to attend. This week we will have Matins at 7:am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Vespers 7 pm on Wednesday and 6 pm on Saturday. Matins and Divine Liturgy at 9 and 10 am respectively on Saturday and Sunday.
- We ask everyone who is able to wear a mask to do so while inside the Church and to use the on-line signup sheet to sign up for Sunday and Feast Day services. We will only be allowed 50% capacity (45 people). **We will not be asking for proof of vaccination.**

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*Thank you for your presence today!*

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**Readings for the Week:** **Mon.** 1Tim. 1:1-7. Mk. 8:11-21; **Tue.** 1Tim. 1:8-14. Mk. 8:22-26; **Wed.** 2Tim. 1:8-18. Mk. 2:23-28; 3:1-5; **Thu.** 1Tim. 3:1-13. Mk. 9:10-15; **Fri.** Heb. 11:33-40; 12:1-2. Mk. 9:33-41; **Sat.** Gal. 3:8-12. Luk. 13:19-29.

