

33rd Sunday after Pentecost Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

Troparion (Tone 8) *(Resurrection)*

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Troparion (Tone 3) *(St Matthew)*

You heard the divine voice of The Word, and received the light of faith,
and abandoned the office of publican.
Then you proclaimed the Good News of the inexpressible condescension of Christ.
Now intercede that those who praise you,
O Apostle Matthew, may be granted forgiveness of sins and great mercy.

Kontakion (Tone 8) *(Resurrection)*

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.
Eve exults in Your Resurrection,
and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Glory . . .

Kontakion (Tone 4) *(St. Matthew)*

In casting off the tax collector's yoke to shoulder the yoke of justice,
you became a truly able merchant rich in the wisdom of heaven itself.
In preaching the word of truth, you vividly described the final judgment,
urging us to be ready at all times.

Now and ever . . .

Kontakion (Tone 6): Steadfast Protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the Creator, despise not the entreating cry of us sinners, 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 always protect those who honor you.

Prokeimenon (Tone 8) *(Resurrection)*

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! *(Ps. 75:10a)*
v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)

Epistle (Colossians 3:4-11)

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sins of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Tone 8) (Ps. 94:1,2)

v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v. Let us v.come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Gospel (Luke 18:35-43)

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!