

PRESANCTIFIED DIVINE LITURGY ON FEBRUARY 23, 2018
TONE 5; FIRST FRIDAY IN GREAT LENT
MIRACLE OF THE KOLYVA WROUGHT BY ST. THEODORE THE SOLDIER &
FIRST AND SECOND DISCOVERIES OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S HEAD

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"O LORD I HAVE CRIED" IN TONE FIVE

For the First Friday in Tone Five

Verse 10. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Thy Name.

Come, ye faithful, and in the light let us perform the works of God; let us walk honestly as in the day. Let us cast away every unjust accusation against our neighbor, not placing any cause of stumbling in his path. Let us lay aside the pleasures of the flesh, and increase the spiritual gifts of our soul. Let us give bread to those in need, and let us draw near unto Christ, crying in penitence: O our God, have mercy on us.

Verse 9. The righteous shall wait for me until Thou recompense me.

Come, ye faithful, and in the light ... (repeat above)

For St. John the Baptist in Tone Five (**Rejoice**)

Verse 8. Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord, Lord hear my voice.

Rejoice, thou sacred head full of light, * revered by Angels, yet cut off by the sword of old; * for thou hadst, with cutting censures, thyself rebuked and hewn down * lawless deeds of shame and vile licentiousness. * O fountain that waterest all the faithful with miracles, * the saving advent of the Savior didst thou declare, * and thou didst perceive when the Spirit, with wing'd descent, * came and abode upon Him in time past; and thou didst become * he that of grace mediated between the Old and New Covenants. * Beseech Christ the Savior * that forgiveness and Great Mercy be granted to our souls.

Verse 7. Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

Rejoice, thou sacred head full of light ... (repeat above)

Verse 6. If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee there is forgiveness.

Though it had once been hid in a jar, * now is the head of the Forerunner made manifest, * sent up in the sight of all men out of the depths of the earth, * pouring forth abundant streams of miracles. * For this is the same that washed in the waters the head of Him * that doth support His chambers high in the waters and * now doth make divine pardon rain down on mortal men. * Let us then call it blessed, since it truly is praised of all; * and on the feast of its finding, let us keep festival joyously, * as it doth beseech Christ * that forgiveness and Great Mercy be granted to the world.

Verse 5. Because of Thy Name have I waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited upon Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

That head which hath proclaimed unto all * the Lamb of God, Who was made manifest in the flesh; * and which made the saving ways of repentance plain unto all * through divine instructions and

admonishments; * which rightly had once reproved Herod's lawless iniquity, * and for this reason, from its body was then cut off * and did undergo a concealment of many years, * now riseth up upon us like a splendidly beaming sun, * crying: Repent ye, and with all sincere compunction of heart and soul * cleave unto the Lord God, * Who bestoweth His Great Mercy and peace upon the world.

For St. Theodore in Tone Two

Verse 4. *From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel trust in the Lord.* Come, all ye who love the martyrs, let us rejoice in spirit and keep festival. For today, Theodore the martyr has set before us a table laden with mystic food, bringing joy to all of us who gladly celebrate his memory. Unto him we cry: Rejoice, victorious champion, who hast trampled underfoot the tyrants' threats. Rejoice, thou who gavest thy body of clay to torture for the sake of Christ our God. Rejoice, thou who hast shown thyself, in manifold tribulations, a tested warrior of the heavenly host. O glory of the martyrs, we entreat thee to pray for our souls.

Verse 3. *For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is abundant redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

The God-given grace of thy miracles, O martyr Theodore, thou dost grant to all who turn to thee in faith. We therefore praise thee, saying: Thou dost deliver prisoners and heal the sick; thou givest riches to the poor and guardest those who sail the seas. Thou restrainest slaves from useless flight, and showest robbers what their punishment will be; thou teachest soldiers to abstain from plunder. In thy loving compassion thou dost grant the prayers of children, and thou art the fervent protector of all who keep thy holy memory. With them we also sing the praises of thy martyrdom, O saint of God: Pray to Christ that He may show us His Great Mercy.

Verse 2. *Praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye people.*

O martyr Theodore, thou art a matchless gift from God; for after thy death as during thy lifetime, thou dost grant the petitions of those who turn to thee. Thus, once it happened that the son of a poor widow was carried off by soldiers of another faith; and she came weeping to thy shrine. Mounted upon a white horse, in loving compassion thou hast defended her child with thine invisible protection. And, now as then, never dost thou cease from working wonders: pray to Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

Verse 1. *For His mercy is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.*

O thrice-blessed Theodore, I honor thee: Rightly art thou named 'Gift from God,' for thou hast shown thyself a never-setting star of the divine Light, and through thy sufferings thou dost shine on all the world. Proving thyself stronger than fire, thou hast quenched the flames; and thou hast crushed the head of the deceitful serpent. Therefore, in the midst of thy sufferings, Christ came and set a crown upon thy head. O Great Martyr, who hast boldness before God, do thou offer fervent intercession for our souls.

DOXASTICON FOR ST. THEODORE IN TONE SIX

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Using as his tool the Apostate Emperor (Julian), the enemy devised a cruel plot: with food polluted by unclean sacrifices he sought to defile the people of God as they purified themselves through fasting. But thou hast defeated his design by a more skilful plan: appearing in a dream to the Archbishop (Eudoxios of Constantinople), thou hast revealed to him the evil plot. Therefore, we

offer thee a sacrifice of thanksgiving, honoring thee as our protector and keeping the yearly memorial of what then was done. May we be kept safe, we pray, from the designs of the enemy by thine intercessions, O Martyr Theodore.

THEOTOKION FROM THE OCTOECHOS IN TONE FOUR

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

David the Prophet who became through thee, O Theotokos, the grandparent of God, before time sang of thee in praise, and shouted to Him who worked wonders through thee, saying, The queen did rise on Thy right; for God hath shown thee to be a Mother bringing forth life, in that He was willing to appear incarnate from thee without father, renewing the creation of His likeness, corrupt with suffering, in order to find the sheep lost in the hills, and carry it on His shoulders, and offer it to the Father, and add it, through His will, to the heavenly hosts, and to save the whole world; for He is the reigning Christ, Possessor of rich and Great Mercy.

- *The clergy make the Holy Entrance with the censer, and then we say:*

O GLADSOME LIGHT

Choir: O gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal, heavenly, holy and blessed Father: O Jesus Christ. Lo now that we have come to the setting of the sun, as we behold the evening light, we hymn Thee: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God. Meet it is for Thee at all times to be magnified by joyous voices, O Son of God and Giver of life. Wherefore the whole world doth glorify Thee.

THE OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES

The First Reading

Deacon: The Evening Prokeimenon!

Reader: The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble. The Name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from Genesis. (2:20-3:20)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper fit for him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh; and the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore, a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed. Now the serpent was more subtle than any other wild creature that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the

eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of Thee in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent beguiled me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all cattle, and above all wild animals; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." To the woman he said, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth to you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

At the end of the first reading, the Priest holds a lighted candle and the censer in his right hand, and the reader reads the Prokeimenon for the second reading.

The Second Reading

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thy strength; we will sing and praise Thy mighty acts.
The King shall rejoice in Thy strength, O Lord.

Command!

The people kneel. The Priest turns toward the Prothesis Table, elevates the censer and the candle, which are in his right hand at head level and makes the sign of the cross:

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Then standing in the Holy Doors, he bows to the Icon of Christ on the iconostasis and says:

Priest: The Light of Christ...

He then blesses the people, making the sign of the cross with the censer and the candle, and continues...

Priest: ...illumineth all!

The people stand and the Priest returns to the Holy Table and gives away the candle and censer as the Deacon says:

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from Proverbs. (3:19-34)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding He established the heavens; by His knowledge the deeps broke forth, and the clouds drop down the dew. My son, keep sound wisdom and discretion; let them not escape from your sight, and they will be life for your soul and adornment for your neck. Then you will walk on your way securely and your foot will not stumble. If you sit down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. Do not be afraid of sudden panic, or of the ruin of the wicked, when it comes; for the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught. Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it”, when you have it with you. Do not plan evil against your neighbor who dwells trustingly beside you. Do not contend with a man for no reason, when he has done you no harm. Do not envy a man of violence and do not choose any of his ways; for the perverse man is an abomination to the Lord, but the upright are in his confidence. The Lord’s curse is on the house of the wicked, but He blesses the abode of the righteous. Toward the scorers He is scornful, but to the humble He shows favor.

- *The Presanctified Divine Liturgy continues as usual.*

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee.

Choir: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy (*thrice*). Father, bless.

Priest: May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother, by the might of the precious and life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John—as we celebrate the first and second discoveries of his sacred head on this day—of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostles; of our father among the saints, Gregory the Dialogist, pope of Rome, whose Presanctified Divine Liturgy we have now celebrated; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; *of Saint N., the patron and the protector of this holy community*; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyr Theodore the Solider, whose miracle of the kolyva (boiled wheat) we celebrate today, and of all the saints: have mercy upon us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Choir: Amen.

As the people come forward to reverence the Holy Cross, the Reader recites Psalms 33 and 144. Afterward, the priest concludes the Presanctified Divine Liturgy.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

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