

Memorial Saturday
30 March 2024
Second Saturday of Great Lent – Memorial Saturday
Ven. John Climacus of Sinai, author of The Ladder

Troparion (Tone 2)

O Apostles, Martyrs, and Prophets,
Hierarchs, Holy Monks, and Righteous Ones,
who completed well the fight and kept the faith,
you have boldness before the Savior.
We pray: “Intercede for us with Him, as He is good,
that He may save our souls!”

Troparion (Tone 2)

Remember your servants, O Lord, since You are good,
and forgive the sins they have committed in life!
For none is sinless but You, Who give rest to the departed.

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

Kontakion (Tone 8)

With the saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Your servants,
where there is neither sickness nor sorrow, and no more sighing,
but life everlasting!

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

Theotokion (Tone 8)

We have you as a wall and a haven
and an intercessor well-pleasing unto God,
Whom you have borne, O Virgin Theotokos,
the salvation of the faithful.

Prokeimenon (Tone 8)

Be glad in the Lord / and rejoice, O you righteous! (Ps. 31:11a)
v. Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. (Ps. 31:1)

Prokeimenon (Tone 6) (Departed)

Their souls shall dwell / with the blessed. (Ps 24/25:13)

Epistle (Hebrews 3:12-16)

Take care, brothers and sisters, that none of you may have an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today”, so that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partners of Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end. As it is said,

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

Now who were they who heard and yet were rebellious? Was it not for all those who left Egypt under the leadership of Moses?

Epistle (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17)*(Departed)*

But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (In Tone 4) (Ps. 33:17, 19)

v. The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of all their troubles.

v. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver them out of them all.

(And In Tone 6)

v. *Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken, O Lord. Their memory is from generation to generation. (Ps. 64:4a; 101:12b)*

Gospel (Mark 1:35-44)

Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth." And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons. Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

Gospel (John 5:24-30)*(Departed)*

Truly truly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

Communion Hymns

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

Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken, O Lord; their memory is from generation to generation. (Ps. 64:4a; 101:12b)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!