

**SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGMENT  
MEAT-FARE SUNDAY  
HYMNS & READINGS • FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

**Verses for the Beatitudes (Tone 3)**

***Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.***

From Paradise didst Thou drive our forefather Adam, who had broken Thy commandment, O Christ; but, O Compassionate One, Thou didst cause to dwell therein the thief who confessed Thee on the cross, crying out, "Remember me, O Savior, in Thy Kingdom!"

***Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.***

With the curse of death didst Thou condemn us who had sinned, O Lord, Bestower of life; yet having suffered in Thy flesh, O sinless Master, Thou hast granted life unto mortals who cry out, "Remember us also in Thy kingdom!"

***Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you,  
and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.***

O Lord, risen from the dead, Thou hast raised us from passions by Thy Resurrection. And Thou hast destroyed all the might of death. Therefore we cry with faith to Thee: Remember us also in Thy Kingdom. .

***Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.***

By Thy three days' burial hast Thou, making them live, raised those lying dead in hell. And Thou as good hast poured forth incorruption upon us all who at all times cry with faith: Remember us also in Thy Kingdom.

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

On the mountain, Moses, holding his arms outspread prefigured the Cross and defeated Amalek. And we having received it with faith as a strong weapon against devils all cry: Remember us also in Thy Kingdom.

***Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen!***

O Mary chosen by God, Queen of the world, thou hast borne the Lord Who is King of all and Redeemer. I am a prisoner and an exile from the glory of Paradise: I entreat thee, call me back.

## Troparion & Kontakion

### **Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone III —**

Let the heavens rejoice; let the earth be glad; for the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell; and has granted to the world great mercy.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.***

### **Kontakion, Tone I -**

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble; and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; the books shall be opened, and hidden things disclosed; then deliver me from the unquenchable fire; and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge.



### **Prokeimenon & Readings**

**Prokeimenon Tone 3:** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure.

*Verse:* Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

**Epistle:** *(1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2)* *Brethren,* food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

#### **Alleluia Verses:**

*(Tone 8)* Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

*(Tone 8)* Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

**Gospel:** (Matthew 25:31-46 ) *The Lord said:* “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I *was* naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* drink? When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You*? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’ “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ “Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.’ And these will go away into ever-lasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”