

Monday in the Third Week - At the Sixth Hour

Reader: The Troparion of the Prophecy, 4th Tone:

Choir: Heal our brokenness, for we are weak and crippled with sin, O Physician of our souls, O Lover of mankind, Who knowest the mind of man.

Glory.... Both Now... *And the choir repeats the Troparion*

Reader: The Prokeimenon Psalm 41, in the 4th Tone : My prayer unto the God of my life, I will say unto God: Thou art my helper.

Stichos: As the hart panteth after the fountains of water, so panteth my soul after Thee, O Lord.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Is 8:13 - 9:6

Reader: ^{13.} Sanctify ye the Lord himself; and he shall be thy fear. ^{14.} And if thou shalt trust in him, he shall be to thee for a sanctuary; and ye shall not come against [him] as against a stumbling-stone, neither as against the falling of a rock: but the houses of Jacob are in a snare, and the dwellers in Jerusalem in a pit. ^{15.} Therefore many among them shall be weak, and fall and ye crushed; and they shall draw nigh, and men shall ye taken securely. ^{16.} Then shall those who seal themselves that they may learn the law be made manifest. ^{17.} And [one] shall say, I will wait for God, who has turned away his face from the house of Jacob, and I will trust in him. ^{18.} Behold I and the children

which God has given me: and they shall be [for] signs and wonders in the house of Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells in mount Sion. ^{19.} And if they should say to you, Seek those who have in them a divining spirit, and them that speak out of the earth, them that speak vain words, who speak out of their belly: shall not a nation diligently seek to their God? why do they seek to the dead concerning the living? ^{20.} For he has given the law for a help, that they should not speak according to this word, concerning which there are no gifts to give for it. ^{21.} And famine shall come sorely upon you, and it shall come to pass, [that] when ye shall be hungry, ye shall be grieved, and ye shall speak ill of the prince and your fathers' ordinances: and they shall look up to heaven above, ^{22.} ^{23.} and they shall look on the earth below, and behold severe distress, and darkness, affliction, and anguish, and darkness so that [one cannot] see and he that is in anguish shall not be distressed only for a time. ^{1.} Drink this first. Act quickly, O land of Zabulon, land of Nephthalim, and the rest [inhabiting] the sea-coast, and [the land] beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles. ^{2.} O people walking in darkness, behold a great light: ye that dwell in the region [and] shadow of death, a light shall shine upon you. ^{3.} The multitude of the people which thou hast brought down in thy joy, they shall even rejoice before thee as they that rejoice in harvest, and as they that divide the spoil. ^{4.} Because the yoke that was laid upon them has been taken away, and the rod that was on their neck: for he has broken the rod of the exactors, as in the day of

Madiam. ⁵. For they shall compensate for every garment that has been acquired by deceit, and [all] raiment with restitution; and they shall be willing, [even] if they were burnt with fire. ⁶. For a child is born to us, and a son is given to us, whose government is upon his shoulder: and his name is called the Messenger of great counsel: for I will bring peace upon the princes, and health to him.

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 42, in the 6th Tone: He is the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

Stichos: Judge me, O God, and give judgment to my cause.

Monday in the Third Week - At Vespers

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 43, in the 4th Tone: In God we will boast all the day long, and in Thy name will we give praise in the age to come.

Stichos: O God, with our ears have we heard, for our fathers have told us.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from Genesis.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Gen 6:9-22

Reader: ^{9.} But Noe found grace before the Lord God. ^{10.} And these are the generations of Noe. Noe was a just man; being perfect in his generation, Noe was well-pleasing to God. ^{11.} And Noe begot three sons, Sem, Cham, Japheth. ^{12.} But the earth was corrupted before God, and the earth was filled with iniquity. ^{13.} And the Lord God saw the earth, and it was corrupted; because all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth. ^{14.} And the Lord God said to Noe, A period of all men is come before me; because the earth has been filled with iniquity by them, and, behold, I destroy them and the earth. ^{15.} Make therefore for thyself an ark of square timber; thou shalt make the ark in compartments, and thou shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. ^{16.} And thus shalt thou make the ark; three hundred cubits the length of the ark, and fifty cubits the breadth, and thirty cubits the height of it. ^{17.} Thou shalt narrow the ark in making it, and in a cubit above thou shalt finish it, and the door of the ark thou shalt make on the side; with lower, second, and third stories thou shalt make it. ^{18.} And behold

I bring a flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven, and whatsoever things are upon the earth shall die. ¹⁹. And I will establish my covenant with thee, and thou shalt enter into the ark, and thy sons and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. ²⁰. And of all cattle and of all reptiles and of all wild beasts, even of all flesh, thou shalt bring by pairs of all, into the ark, that thou mayest feed them with thyself: male and female they shall be. ²¹. Of all winged birds after their kind, and of all cattle after their kind, and of all reptiles creeping upon the earth after their kind, come in to thee, male and female to be fed with thee. ²². And thou shalt take to thyself of all kinds of food which ye eat, and thou shalt gather them to thyself, and it shall be for thee and them to eat.

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 44, in the 6th Tone: I shall commemorate thy name in every generation and generation.

Stichos: My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from Proverbs.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Prov 8:1-21

Reader: ¹. Thou shalt proclaim wisdom, that understanding may be obedient to thee. ². For she is on lofty eminences, and stands in the midst of the ways. ³. For she sits by the gates of princes, and sings in the entrances, saying, ⁴. You, O men, I exhort; and utter my voice to the sons of men. ⁵. O ye simple, understand subtlety, and ye that are

untaught, imbibe knowledge. ^{6.} Hearken to me; for I will speak solemn truths; and will produce right sayings from my lips. ^{7.} For my throat shall meditate truth; and false lips are an abomination before me. ^{8.} All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing in them wrong or perverse. ^{9.} They are all evident to those that understand, and right to those that find knowledge. ^{10.} Receive instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than tried gold. ^{11.} For wisdom is better than precious stones; and no valuable substance is of equal worth with it. ^{12.} I wisdom have dwelt with counsel and knowledge, and I have called upon understanding. ^{13.} The fear of the Lord hates unrighteousness, and insolence, and pride, and the ways of wicked men; and I hate the perverse ways of bad men. ^{14.} Counsel and safety are mine: prudence is mine, and strength is mine. ^{15.} By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. ^{16.} By me nobles become great, and monarchs by me rule over the earth. ^{17.} I love those that love me; and they that seek me shall find me. ^{18.} Wealth and glory belong to me; yea, abundant possessions and righteousness. ^{19.} It is better to have my fruit than to have gold and precious stones; and my produce is better than choice silver. ^{20.} I walk in ways of righteousness, and am conversant with the paths of judgment; ^{21.} that I may divide substance to them that love me, and may fill their treasures with good things. If I declare to you the things that daily happen, I will remember also to recount the things of old.

Tuesday in the Third Week - At the Sixth Hour

Reader: The Troparion of the Prophecy, 7th Tone:

Choir: Our salvation art Thou, O Lord, and a defender in the day of affliction; have mercy on us according to Thy great mercy, O Lover of mankind.

Glory.... Both Now... *And the choir repeats the Troparion*

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 45, in the 4th Tone: The Lord of Hosts is with us, our helper is the God of Jacob.

Stichos: Our God is refuge and strength.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Is. 9:9 - 10:4

Reader: THUS SAITH THE LORD: ^{9.} And all the people of Ephraim, and they that dwelt in Samaria shall know, who say in their pride and lofty heart. ^{10.} The bricks are fallen down, but come, let us hew stones, and cut down sycamores and cedars, and let us build for ourselves a tower. ^{11.} And God shall dash down them that rise up against him on mount Sion, and shall scatter his enemies; ^{12.} [even] Syria from the rising of the sun, and the Greeks from the setting of the sun, who devour Israel with open mouth. For all this [his] anger is not turned away, but still [his] hand is exalted. ^{13.} But the people turned not until they were smitten, and they sought not the Lord. ^{14.} So the Lord took away from Israel the head and tail, great and

small, in one day: ^{15.} the old man, and them that respect persons, this is the head; and the prophet teaching unlawful things, he is the tail. ^{16.} And they that pronounce this people blessed shall mislead them; and they mislead them that they may devour them. ^{17.} Therefore the Lord shall not take pleasure in their young men, neither shall he have pity on their orphans or on their widows: for they are all transgressors and wicked, and every mouth speaks unjustly. For all this [his] anger is not turned away, but [his] hand is yet exalted. ^{18.} And iniquity shall burn as fire, and shall be devoured by fire as dry grass: and it shall burn in the thickets of the wood, and shall devour all that is round about the hills. ^{19.} The whole earth is set on fire because of the fierce anger of the Lord, and the people shall be as men burnt by fire: no man shall pity his brother. ^{20.} But [one] shall turn aside to the right hand, for he shall be hungry; and shall eat on the left, and a man shall by no means be satisfied with eating the flesh of his own arm. ^{21.} For Manasses shall eat [the flesh] of Ephraim, and Ephraim [the flesh] of Manasses; for they shall besiege Juda together. For all this [his] anger is not turned away, but [his] hand is yet exalted. ^{1.} Woe to them that write wickedness; for when they write they do write wickedness, ^{2.} perverting the cause of the poor, violently wresting the judgment of the needy ones of my people, that the widow may be a prey to them, and the orphan a spoil. ^{3.} And what will they do in the day of visitation? for affliction shall come to you from afar: and to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory, ^{4.} that ye

may not fall into captivity? For all this [his] wrath is not turned away, but [his] hand is yet exalted.

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 46, in the 3rd Tone: O chant unto the Lord, chant ye; chant unto our King, chant ye.

Stichos: Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing.

Tuesday in the Third Week - At Vespers

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 47, in the 3rd Tone: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God.

Stichos: In the city of the Lord of Hosts, in the city of our God.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from the Prophecy of Genesis.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Gen 7:1-5

Reader: ^{1.} And the Lord God said to Noe, Enter thou and all thy family into the ark, for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. ^{2.} And of the clean cattle take in to thee sevens, male and female, and of the unclean cattle pairs male and female. ^{3.} And of clean flying creatures of the sky sevens, male and female, and of all unclean flying creatures pairs, male and female, to maintain seed on all the earth. ^{4.} For yet seven days having passed I bring rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will blot out every offspring which I have made from the face of all the earth. ^{5.} And Noe did all things whatever the Lord God commanded him.

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 48, in the 2nd Tone: My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

Stichos: Hear this, all ye nations; give ear, all ye that inhabit the world.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading
is from Proverbs.

**Deacon: Let us
attend!**

Prov 8:32 - 9:11

Reader: ^{32.} Now then, my son, hear me: blessed is the man who shall hearken to me, and the mortal who shall keep my ways; ^{34.} watching daily at my doors, waiting at the posts of my entrances. ^{35.} For my outgoings are the outgoings of life, and in them is prepared favor from the Lord. ^{36.} But they that sin against me act wickedly against their own souls: and they that hate me love death. ^{1.} Wisdom has built a house for herself, and set up seven pillars. ^{2.} She has killed her beasts; she has mingled her wine in a bowl, and prepared her table. ^{3.} She has sent forth her servants, calling with a loud proclamation to the feast, saying, ^{4.} Who so is foolish, let him turn aside to me: and to them that want understanding she says, ^{5.} Come, eat of my bread, and drink wine which I have mingled for you. ^{6.} Leave folly, that ye may reign for ever; and seek wisdom, and improve understanding by knowledge. ^{7.} He that reproves evil men shall get dishonor to himself; and he that rebukes an ungodly man shall disgrace himself. ^{8.} Rebuke not evil men, lest they should hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. ^{9.} Give an opportunity to a wise man, and he will be wiser: instruct a just man, and he will receive more instruction. ^{10.} The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the counsel of saints is understanding: for to know the law is the character of a sound mind. ^{11.} For in this way thou shalt live long, and years of thy life shall be added to thee.

Wednesday in the Third Week - At the Sixth Hour

Reader: The Troparion of the Prophecy 8th Tone:

Choir: There is no spiritual essence of good works in us, O Lord, but merciful art Thou, O Lover of Mankind; disdain not the work of Thy hands, O Sinless One.

Glory.... Both Now... *And the choir repeats the Troparion*

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 49, in the 4th Tone: Sacrifice unto God a sacrifice of praise, and pay unto the Most High thy vows.

Stichos: The God of gods, the Lord, hath spoken, and He hath covered the earth.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Is 10:12-20

Reader: ^{12.} And it shall come to pass, when the Lord shall have finished doing all things on Mount Sion and Jerusalem, [that] I will visit upon the proud heart, [even] upon the ruler of the Assyrians, and upon the boastful haughtiness of his eyes. ^{13.} For he said, I will act in strength, and in the wisdom of [my] understanding I will remove the boundaries of nations, and will spoil their strength. ^{14.} And I will shake the inhabited cities: and I will take with my hand all the world as a nest: and I will even take them as eggs that have been left; and there is none that shall escape me, or contradict me. ^{15.} Shall the ax

glorify itself without him that hews with it? or shall the saw lift up itself without him that uses it, as if one should lift a rod or staff? But it shall not be so; ¹⁶. But the Lord of hosts shall send dishonor upon thine honor, and burning fire shall be kindled upon thy glory. ¹⁷. And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and it shall devour the wood as grass. ¹⁸. In that day the mountains shall be consumed, and the hills, and the forests, and [fire] shall devour [both] soul and body: and he that flees shall be as one fleeing from burning flame. ¹⁹. And they that are left of them shall be [a small] number, and a child shall write them. ²⁰. And it shall come to pass in that day [that] the remnant of Israel shall no more join themselves with, and the saved of Jacob shall no more trust in, them that injured them; but they shall trust in the Holy God of Israel, in truth.

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 50, in the 6th Tone: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.

Stichos: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Wednesday in the Third Week - At Vespers

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 51, in the 4th Tone: I have hoped in the mercy of God for ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Stichos: Why dost thou boast in evil, O mighty man, and in iniquity all the day long?

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from Genesis.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Gen 7:6-9

Reader: ⁶. And Noe was six hundred years old when the flood of water was upon the earth. ⁷. And then went in Noe and his sons and his wife, and his sons' wives with him into the ark, because of the water of the flood. ⁸. And of clean flying creatures and of unclean flying creatures, and of clean cattle and of unclean cattle, and of all things that creep upon the earth, ⁹. pairs went in to Noe into the ark, male and female, as God commanded Noe.

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 52, in the 4th Tone: When God hath turned back the captivity of His people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Stichos: The fool hath said in his own heart: there is no God.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from Proverbs.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Prov 9:12-18

Reader: ¹². Son, if thou be wise for thyself, thou shalt also be wise for thy neighbors; and if thou shouldest prove wicked, thou alone wilt bear the evil. He that stays himself upon falsehoods, attempts to rule the winds, and the same will

pursue birds in their flight: for he has forsaken the ways of his own vineyard, and he has caused the axles of his own husbandry to go astray; and he goes through a dry desert, and a land appointed to drought, and he gathers barrenness with his hands. ^{13.} A foolish and bold woman, who knows not modesty, comes to want a morsel. ^{14.} She sits at the doors of her house, on a seat openly in the streets, ^{15.} calling to passers by, and to those that are going right on their ways; ^{16.} saying, Who so is most senseless of you, let him turn aside to me; and I exhort those that want prudence, saying, ^{17.} Take and enjoy secret bread, and the sweet water of theft. ^{18.} But he knows that mighty men die by her, and he falls in with a snare of hell. But hasten away, delay not in the place, neither fix thine eye upon her: for thus shalt thou go through strange water; but do thou abstain from strange water, and drink not of a strange fountain, that thou mayest live long, and years of life may be added to thee.

Thursday in the Third Week - At the Sixth Hour

Reader: The Troparion of the Prophecy, 3rd Tone:

Choir: If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lover of mankind, what hope of salvation is there for us? But as Thou art compassionate, from on high send down Thy help upon Thy people, O Lord.

Glory.... Both Now... *And the choir repeats the Troparion*

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 53, in the 4th Tone: O God, in Thy name save me, and in Thy strength do Thou judge me.

Stichos: O God, hearken unto my prayer, give ear unto the words of my mouth.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Is 11:10-13, 16 - 12:2

Reader: ¹⁰. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall arise to rule over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust, and his rest shall be glorious. ¹¹. And it shall be in that day, [that] the Lord shall again show his hand, to be zealous for the remnant that is left of the people, which shall be left by the Assyrians, and [that] from Egypt, and from Ethiopia, and from the Elamites, and from the rising of the sun, and out of Arabia. ¹². And he shall lift up a standard for the nations, and he shall gather the lost ones of Israel, and he shall gather the dispersed of Juda from the four corners of the earth. ¹³. And the envy of

Ephraim shall be taken away, and the enemies of Juda shall perish: Ephraim shall not envy Juda, and Juda shall not afflict Ephraim. ^{16.} And there shall be a passage fro my people that is left in Egypt: and it shall be to Israel as the day when he came forth out of the land of Egypt. ^{1.} And in that day thou shalt say, I [will] bless thee, O Lord; for thou wast angry with me, but thou hast turned aside thy wrath, and hast pitied me. ^{2.} Behold, my God is my Savior; I will trust in him, and not be afraid: for the Lord is my glory and my praise, and is become my salvation.

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 54, in the 7th Tone: Give ear, O God, unto my prayer, and disdain not my supplication.

Stichos: Attend unto me, and hear me.

Thursday in the Third Week - At Vespers

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 55, in the 6th Tone: Have mercy on me O God, for man hath trodden me down.

Stichos: Mine enemies have trodden me down all the day long.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Gen 7:11 - 8:3

Reader: ^{11.} In the six hundredth year of the life of Noe, in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, on this day all the fountains of the abyss were broken up, and the flood-gates of heaven were opened. ^{12.} And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. ^{13.} On that very day entered Noe, Sem, Cham, Japheth the sons of Noe, and the wife of Noe, and the three wives of his sons with him into the ark. ^{14.} And all the wild beasts after their kind, and all cattle after their kind, and every reptile moving itself on the earth after its kind, and every flying bird after its kind, ^{15.} went in to Noe into the ark, pairs, male and female of all flesh in which is the breath of life. ^{16.} And they that entered went in male and female of all flesh, as God commanded Noe and the Lord God shut the ark outside of him. ^{17.} And the flood was upon the earth forty days and forty nights, and the water abounded greatly and bore up the ark, and it was lifted on high from off the earth. ^{18.} And the water prevailed and abounded exceedingly upon the earth, and the ark was borne upon

the water. ¹⁹. And the water prevailed exceedingly upon the earth, and covered all the high mountains which were under heaven. ²⁰. Fifteen cubits upwards was the water raised, and it covered all the high mountains ²¹. And there died all flesh that moved upon the earth, of flying creatures and cattle, and of wild beasts, and every reptile moving upon the earth, and every man. ²². And all things which have the breath of life, and whatever was on the dry land, died. ²³. And God blotted out every offspring which was upon the face of the earth, both man and beast, and reptiles, and birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth, and Noe was left alone, and those with him in the ark. ²⁴. And the water was raised over the earth an hundred and fifty days.

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 56, in the 7th Tone: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for my soul trusted in Thee.

Stichos: And in the shadow of Thy wings will I hope.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from Proverbs.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Prov 10:1-22

Reader: ¹. A wise son makes his father glad: but a foolish son is a grief to his mother. ². Treasures shall not profit the lawless: but righteousness shall deliver from death. ³. The Lord will not famish a righteous soul: but he will overthrow the life of the ungodly. ⁴. Poverty brings a man low: but the hands of the vigorous make rich. A son who is instructed shall be wise, and shall use the fool for a servant. ⁵. A wise

son is saved from heat: but a lawless son is blighted of the winds in harvest. ⁶ The blessing of the Lord is upon the head of the just: but untimely grief shall cover the mouth of the ungodly. ⁷ The memory of the just is praised; but the name of the ungodly man is extinguished. ⁸ A wise man in heart will receive commandments; but he that is unguarded in his lips shall be overthrown in his perverseness. ⁹ He that walks simply, walks confidently; but he that perverts his ways shall be known. ¹⁰ He that winks with his eyes deceitfully, procures griefs for men; but he that reproves boldly is a peacemaker. ¹¹ There is a fountain of life in the hand of a righteous man; but destruction shall cover the mouth of the ungodly. ¹² Hatred stirs up strife; but affection covers all that do not love strife. ¹³ He that brings forth wisdom from his lips smites the fool with a rod. ¹⁴ The wise will hide discretion; but the mouth of the hasty draws near to ruin. ¹⁵ The wealth of rich men is a strong city; but poverty is the ruin of the ungodly. ¹⁶ The works of the righteous produce life; but the fruits of the ungodly produce sins. ¹⁷ Instruction keeps the right ways of life; but instruction unchastened goes astray. ¹⁸ Righteous lips cover enmity; but they that utter railings are most foolish. ¹⁹ By a multitude of words thou shalt not escape sin; but if thou refrain thy lips thou wilt be prudent. ²⁰ The tongue of the just is tried silver; but the heart of the ungodly shall fail. ²¹ The lips of the righteous know sublime truths: but the foolish die in want. ²² The blessing of the Lord is upon the head of the righteous; it enriches him, and grief of heart shall not be added to it.

Friday in the Third Week - At the Sixth Hour

Reader: The Troparion of the Prophecy, 8th Tone:

Choir: Through the power of Thy word Thou hast perfected all things, O God, and from nonbeing Thou hast brought us into being. Deliver us not up utterly because of our iniquities, O Sinless Lord, we pray.

Glory.... Both Now... *And the choir repeats the Troparion*

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 57, in the 6th Tone: the righteous man shall be glad, when he seeth the avengement.

Stichos: If ye indeed speak of righteousness.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Is 13:2-13

Reader: ² Lift up a standard on the mountain of the plain, exalt the voice to them, beckon with the hand, open [the gates], ye rulers. ³ I give command, and I bring them: giants are coming to fulfill my wrath, rejoicing at the same time and insulting. ⁴ A voice of many nations on the mountains, [even] like to [that] of many nations; a voice of kings and nations gathered together: the Lord of hosts has given command to a war-like nation, ⁵ to come from a land afar off, from the utmost foundation of heaven; the Lord and his warriors [are coming] to destroy all the world. ⁶ Howl ye, for the day of the Lord is near, and destruction from God shall arrive. ⁷ Therefore every hand shall become

powerless, and every soul of man shall be dismayed. ⁸ The elders shall be troubled, and pangs shall seize them, as of a woman in travail: and they shall mourn one to another, and shall be amazed, and shall change their countenance as a flame. ⁹ For behold! the day of the Lord is coming which cannot be escaped, of wrath and anger, to make the world desolate, and to destroy sinners out of it. ¹⁰ For the stars of heaven, and Orion, and all the host of heaven, shall not give their light; and it shall be dark at sunrise, and the moon shall not give her light. ¹¹ And I will command evils for the whole world, and [will visit] their sins on the ungodly: and I will destroy the pride of transgressors, and will bring low the pride of the haughty. ¹² And they that are left shall be more precious than gold tried by fire; and a man shall be more precious than the stone that is in Suphir. ¹³ For the heaven shall be enraged, and the earth shall be shaken from her foundation, because of the fierce anger of the Lord of hosts, in the day in which his wrath shall come on.

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 58, in the 7th Tone: O God, my helper art Thou, and Thy mercy shall go before me.

Stichos: Rescue me from mine enemies, O God, and from them that rise up against me redeem me.

Friday in the Third Week - At Vespers

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 59, in the 4th Tone: Give us help from affliction, for vain is the salvation of man.

Stichos: O God, Thou hast cast us off and hast destroyed us.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from Genesis.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Gen 8:4-21

Reader: 4. And the water continued to decrease until the tenth month. 5. And in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the heads of the mountains were seen. 6. And it came to pass after forty days Noe opened the window of the ark which he had made. 7. And he sent forth a raven; and it went forth and returned not until the water was dried from off the earth. 8. And he sent a dove after it to see if the water had ceased from off the earth. 9. And the dove not having found rest for her feet, returned to him into the ark, because the water was on all the face of the earth and he stretched out his hand and took her, and brought her to himself into the ark. 10. And having waited yet seven other days, he again sent forth the dove from the ark. 11. And the dove returned to him in the evening and had a leaf of olive, a sprig in her mouth; and Noe knew that the water had ceased from off the earth. 12. And having waited yet seven other days, he again sent forth the dove, and she did not return to him again any more. 13. And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year of the life of Noe, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the water subsided from off the earth and Noe

opened the covering of the ark which he had made, and he saw that the water had subsided from the face of the earth. ¹⁴. And in the second month the earth was dried, on the twenty-seventh day of the month. ¹⁵. And the Lord God spoke to Noe, saying, ¹⁶. Come out from the ark, thou and thy wife and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. ¹⁷. And all the wild beasts as many as are with thee and all flesh both of birds and beasts and every reptile moving upon the earth, bring forth with thee: and increase ye and multiply upon the earth. ¹⁸. And Noe came forth, and his wife and his sons, and his sons' wives with him. ¹⁹. And all the wild beasts and all the cattle and every bird, and every reptile creeping upon the earth after their kind, came forth out of the ark. ²⁰. And Noe built an altar to the Lord, and took of all clean beasts, and of all clean birds, and offered a whole burnt offering upon the altar. ²¹. And the Lord God smelled a smell of sweetness, and the Lord God having considered, said, I will not any more curse the earth, because of the works of men, because the imagination of man is intently bent upon evil things from his youth, I will not therefore any more smite all living flesh as I have done.

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 60, in the 6th Tone: Hearken, O God, unto my supplication; attend unto my prayer.

Stichos: From the ends of the earth unto Thee have I cried.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from Proverbs.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Prov 10:31 - 11:12

Reader: ^{31.} The mouth of the righteous drops wisdom: but the tongue of the unjust shall perish. ^{32.} The lips of just men drop grace: but the mouth of the ungodly is perverse. ^{1.} False balances are an abomination before the Lord: but a just weight is acceptable unto him. ^{2.} Wherever pride enters, there will be also disgrace: but the mouth of the lowly meditates wisdom. ^{3.} When a just man dies he leaves regret: but the destruction of the ungodly is speedy, and causes joy. ^{5.} Righteousness traces out blameless paths: but ungodliness encounters unjust dealing. ^{6.} The righteousness of upright men delivers them: but transgressors are caught in their own destruction. ^{7.} At the death of a just man his hope does not perish: but the boast of the ungodly perishes. ^{8.} A righteous man escapes from a snare, and the ungodly man is delivered up in his place. ^{9.} In the mouth of ungodly men is a snare to citizens: but the understanding of righteous men is prosperous. ^{10.} In the prosperity of righteous men a city prospers: but by the mouths of ungodly men it is overthrown. ^{12.} A man void of understanding sneers at his fellow citizens: but a sensible man is quiet.

Saturday in the Third Week - At Liturgy

Liturgy of St John Chrysostom. Commemoration of the Dead.

Hebrews 10:32-38

³² But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions; ³³ Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used. ³⁴ For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. ³⁵ Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. ³⁶ For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. ³⁷ For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. ³⁸ Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

*Commemoration of the Dead:
1 Thessalonians 4:13-17*

¹³ But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. ¹⁵ For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent

them which are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷ Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Mark 2:14-17

¹⁴ And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him. ¹⁵ And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him. ¹⁶ And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners? ¹⁷ When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

*Commemoration of the Dead:
John 5:24-30*

²⁴ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. ²⁵ Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. ²⁶ For as the

Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; ²⁷ And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. ²⁸ Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, ²⁹ And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. ³⁰ I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

Sunday in the Third Week - At Liturgy

Liturgy of St Basil. Adoration of the Precious Cross.

Hebrews 4:14-5:6

¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. ¹⁵ For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. ¹ For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: ² Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity. ³ And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. ⁴ And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. ⁵ So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. ⁶ As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

³⁴ And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. ³⁵ For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. ³⁶ For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? ³⁷ Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸ Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. ¶ And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

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