

Readings and Hymns – Sunday, July 19th, 2020
6th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Fathers of the First Six Œcumenical Councils



Icon of our Lord Jesus Christ with the Œcumenical Councils

Troparion, Resurrection – Tone 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
coeternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death, and to raise the dead //
by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion, The Holy Fathers – Tone 8

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God!
Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth!
Through them Thou hast guided us to the true faith! //
O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Kontakion, Resurrection – Tone 5

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as almighty;
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man,
and we all cry to Thee: //
O Lord, save us!

verse: **Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

Kontakion, The Holy Fathers - Tone 8

The Apostles' preaching and the fathers' doctrines have established
one faith for the Church.

Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology; //
great is the mystery of piety which it defines and glorifies.

verse: **now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

Theotokion - Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress ...

Epistle

§ 110: Romans 12: 6 - 14 (*Sunday*)

§ 334: Hebrews 13: 7 - 16 (*Fathers*)

BRETHREN, AS WE HAVE gifts differing according to the grace that is given us,

let us use them: if to prophecy, let it be in proportion to our faith;
or to minister, let us use it in our ministry; or to teach, in teaching;
or to comfort, in comforting. In giving, let it be done with simplicity;
in governing, with diligence; in showing mercy, with goodwill.

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil;
cleaving to that which is good.

Be kind to one another in brotherly love, treating one another with honor.

Do not falter in your diligence; remain fervent in spirit while serving the Lord.

Rejoice in hope; be patient in tribulation; be steadfast in prayer.

Keeping hospitality, fulfilling the needs of the saints.

Bless them that persecute you; bless and do not curse.

BRETHREN, Remember your leaders who have spoken to you the Word of God,
and considering the outcome of this life, follow their faith:

Jesus Christ, yesterday, and today; and the same for ever.

Do not be led away with various and strange doctrines.

For it is best that the heart be established by grace,
not with meats which have not profited
those that have been occupied with them.

We have an Altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.

For the bodies of those beasts,

whose blood is brought into the Holies by the high priest for sin,

are burned outside the camp.
Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people by His own Blood,
suffered outside the gate.
Let us go forth therefore unto Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.
For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the one that is to come.
By Him, therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise always to God,
that is to say, the fruit of our lips, confessing to His Name.
And do not forget to do good and to share, for by such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Gospel

§ 29; Matthew 9: 1 – 8 (*Sunday, Sixth of Matthew*)

§ 56: John 17: 1 – 13 (*Fathers*)

AT THAT TIME, JESUS ENTERED into a ship, and passed over,
and came into his own city.

2. And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed:
and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy;
Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.
3. And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth.
4. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?
5. For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?
6. But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins,
(then saith he to the sick of the palsy,)
Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.
7. And he arose, and departed to his house.
8. But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God,
which had given such power unto men.

AT THAT TIME JESUS LIFTED up his eyes to heaven, and said,
Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

- 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh,
that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.
- 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
- 4 I have glorified thee on the earth:
I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.
- 5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self
with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.
- 6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world:
thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.
- 7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.
- 8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me;
and they have received them,

and have known surely that I came out from thee,
and they have believed that thou didst send me.

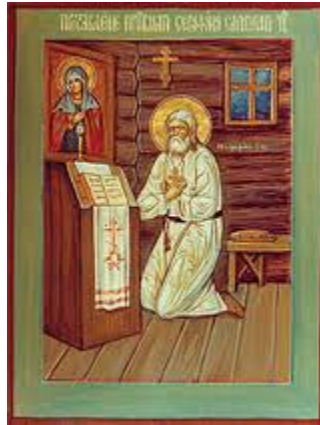
⁹ I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me;
for they are thine.

¹⁰ And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

¹¹ And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee.
Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me,
that they may be one, as we are.

¹² While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name:
those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost,
but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

¹³ And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world,
that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.



Other Hymns for today and tomorrow:

Troparion, St Seraphim - Tone 4

Thou didst love Christ from thy youth, O blessed one,
and, longing to work for Him alone, thou didst struggled in
the wilderness in constant prayer and labor.

With penitent heart and great love for Christ thou wast favored by the Mother of God.

Therefore we cry to thee: //

Save us by thy prayers, venerable Seraphim, our father!

Kontakion, St Seraphim - Tone 2

Forsaking the beauty as well as the corruption of this world,
thou didst settle in the monastery of Sarov, O Saint.

There thou didst live an angelic life,
becoming for many the way to salvation.

Therefore, Christ has glorified thee, O Father Seraphim,
enriching thee with abundant healing and miracles. //

So we cry to thee: Save us by thy prayers, venerable Seraphim, our father!

Troparion, St Macrina - Tone 8

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O mother,
for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ.

By so doing, thou didst teach us to disregard the flesh for it passes away;
but to care instead for the soul since it is immortal. //

Therefore thy spirit, O holy Mother Macrina, rejoices with the angels.



Troparion Holy Prophet Elijah - Tone 4

An angel in the flesh and the cornerstone of the Prophets,
the second forerunner of the coming of Christ,
glorious Elijah sent grace from on high to Elisha,
to dispel diseases and to cleanse lepers. //

Therefore he pours forth healings on those who honor him.

Kontakion, Holy Prophet Elijah - Tone 2

O Prophet Elijah of great renown,

seer of the mighty works of God,
by thy command thou didst hold back the rain!//
Pray for us to the only Lover of mankind!