

24th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 7 / Holy and All-praised Apostle Philip

Tone 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

By Your Cross You destroyed death.
 To the thief You opened Paradise.
 For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.
 And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,
 to proclaim that You are risen, / /
 granting the world great mercy

Troparion Tone 4 *(to Volodymyr)*

Holy Prince **Volodymyr**, /
 you were like a merchant in search of fine pearls. /
 By sending servants to Constantinople for the Orthodox Faith, /
 you found Christ, the priceless pearl. /
 He appointed you to be another Paul, /
 washing away in baptism your physical and spiritual blindness. /
 We celebrate your memory, / /
 asking you to pray for all Orthodox Christians and for us, your spiritual children.

Tone 3 Troparion *(to the Apostle Philip)*

The universe is well adorned and Ethiopia exults, as though graced with a crown; /
 for it is made radiant by you, and celebrates your memorial joyously; /
 for you spoke of God, teaching everyone to believe in Christ, /
 and have completed your course in a manner worthy of the Gospel. /
 Therefore, Ethiopia boldly stretches forth its hands to God. /
 Pray that He grant us great mercy.

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,
 for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.
 Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:
 "The Savior has come to those in faith; / /
 enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

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

Tone 8 Kontakion

Your disciple, friend and imitator of Your passion,
the God-preaching Philip, proclaimed You to the universe.
By his prayers deliver Your Church from her enemies;
through the Birth-giver of God protect every city, O most merciful Christ!

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

Tone 8 Kontakion (to St Volodymyr)

Most glorious **Volodymyr**, /
in your old age you imitated the great apostle Paul: /
He abandoned childish things, /
while you forsook the idolatry of your youth. /
Together with him you reached the fullness of divine wisdom: /
You were adorned with the purity of holy baptism. /
Now as you stand before Christ our Savior, //
pray that all Orthodox Christians may be saved.

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His people with
peace. (Ps. 28:11)

V. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)

Tone 8 Prokeimenon

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the
universe. (Ps. 18:4)

The reading of the Epistle of St Paul to the Ephesians (2:14-22)

Brethren: For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

1 Corinthians 4:9-16,

For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like those condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to human beings. We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, we are dishonored! To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; when we are slandered, we answer kindly. We have become the scum of the earth, the garbage of the world – right up to this moment. I am writing this not to shame you but to warn you as my dear children. Even if you had ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. Therefore I urge you to imitate me.

Tone 7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. (Ps. 91:1)

V. To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. (Ps. 91:2a)

Tone 1

V. The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; and Your truth in the congregation of the saints. (Ps. 88:5)

Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

John 1:43-51,

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.” Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

“Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.

“Come and see,” said Philip.

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

“How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*

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