

Sunday of the Tax Collector & Pharisee (Tone 8)
The Beginning of the Triodion
Fast-Free Week
2 Timothy 3: 10 – 15 Luke 18: 10 – 14

Beatitude Verses

6 from Octoechos for Resurrection
4 from Triodion Matins Canon Ode 6 for the Tax-Collector & Pharisee

People: In Your kingdom remember us, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted!
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth!

Reader: O Christ the Savior of the world, remember us as You remembered the robber on the Cross; and count us all worthy of Your heavenly kingdom, O You who alone are compassionate.

People: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled!

Reader: Listen, O Adam, and rejoice with Eve; for he who of old stripped you both naked, and took all of us captive by deception, has been defeated by the Cross of Christ.

People: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!

Reader: O our Savior, of Your own will You were nailed to the Tree of the Cross. You freed Adam from the curse which came through the tree of the fruit, and as You are compassionate, You rewarded Your creation made in Your image with a dwelling in paradise.

People: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God!

Reader: Today Christ is risen from the tomb, granting incorruption to all the faithful; and He renews the joy of the myrrh-bearing women after His suffering and resurrection.

People: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God!

Reader: Rejoice, O wise myrrh-bearing women, who were first to behold the resurrection of Christ, and who proclaimed to the apostles the glad tidings of the restoration of the whole world!

People: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven!

Reader: O apostles, you are manifestly the friends of Christ and are to be enthroned with Him in glory: entreat Him with boldness, that He intercede for us, for you are His disciples.

People: Blessed are you when people revile you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake!

Reader: The Tax Collector and the Pharisee ran the race of life together, but one was overcome by foolish pride and brought to shameful shipwreck, while the other was saved by humility.

People: Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven!

Reader: To change to a righteous course of life, let us emulate the wisdom of the Tax Collector and flee from the hateful conceit of the Pharisee; and therefore attain to eternal life.

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

Reader: Let us eagerly follow the ways of Jesus the Savior and His humility, if we desire to attain the eternal habitation of joy and to dwell in the land of the living.

People: **Now** and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Reader: O Theotokos, I was created naked in innocence and simplicity; then the enemy clothed me in the garments of transgression and the grossness of the flesh. But now, O Maiden, I am saved through your mediation.

Troparia & Kontakia

Resurrection Troparion Tone 8

People:
You descended from the heights O Compassionate One,
You accepted a three-day burial
to free us from our passions,
Glory to You O Lord, our Life and Resurrection.

**Troparion of the Tax Collector & Pharisee
Tone 3**

People:

Let us sinners offer tears to the Lord like those of the Tax Collector /
and let us fall down before the Lord, as He is Master. /
For He desires the salvation of all men; /
He grants forgiveness to all who repent. /
For our sake He became incarnate, //
He who with God the Father is without beginning.

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**Kontakion of the Tax Collector & Pharisee
Tone 4**

People:

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee /
and learn humility from the Tax Collector's tears. /
Let us cry to our Savior: /
Have mercy on us, //
O only merciful Lord.

People: Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**Resurrection Kontakion
Tone 8**

People:

Having risen from the tomb, You raised the dead /
and resurrected Adam. /
Eve also rejoices at Your Resurrection, /
and the ends of the world celebrate Your arising from the dead //
O Greatly-merciful Lord.

Resurrection Prokeimenon Tone 8

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 8th Tone: Make your vows to the Lord Your God
and keep them.

People: Make your vows to the Lord Your God and keep them.

Reader: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

People: Make your vows to the Lord Your God and keep them.

Reader: Make your vows to the Lord Your God.

People: And keep them.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading is from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Epistle
2 Timothy 3: 10 – 15

Reader: My child Timothy, you have paid close attention to my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, steadfastness, persecutions, and sufferings. You know what happened to me at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. I endured those persecutions and the Lord delivered me out of them all! Yes, all those who desire to lead godly lives in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others, being themselves deceived. As for you, remain in what you have learned, which is what you firmly believe, knowing from whom you have learned them. From infancy, you have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus.

Priest: Peace be to you the reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Alleluiarion Tone 8

Reader: Alleluia in the 8th Tone.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Come, let us greatly rejoice in the Lord; let us shout aloud to God our Savior.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving, and let us shout aloud to Him with psalms.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Deacon: Bless Master, him who proclaims the Holy Gospel of the Holy, Apostle and Evangelist Luke.

Priest: May God, through the intercessions of the holy, glorious, all praised Apostle and Evangelist Luke, enable you to proclaim the Good News with great power, for the fulfillment of the Gospel of His Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon: Amen.

Priest: Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

Deacon: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

Priest: Let us attend.

Deacon: **Luke 18: 10 – 14**

People: Glory to You, Lord, glory to You.

Communion Verse (Koinonikon)

People: Praise the Lord in the heavens, praise Him in the highest! O you righteous, rejoice in the Lord; praise is worthy for the upright. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.