

3rd Sunday of the Great Fast

Veneration of the Cross

March 12, 2023



Prayer before Liturgy

THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF OUR HOLY FATHERS, O LORD
JESUS CHRIST OUR GOD, HAVE MERCY ON US.

AMEN.

GLORY TO YOU, OUR GOD, GLORY TO YOU.

HEAVENLY KING, COMFORTER, SPIRIT OF TRUTH,
EVERYWHERE PRESENT AND FILLING ALL THINGS, TREASURY
OF
BLESSINGS AND GIVER OF LIFE, COME AND DWELL WITHIN US,
CLEANSE US OF ALL STAIN, AND SAVE OUR SOULS, O
GRACIOUS ONE.

*THROUGHOUT PASCHA, THE FOLLOWING IS SAID IN PLACE OF
“GLORY TO YOU” AND “HEAVENLY KING.”*

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD! BY DEATH HE TRAMPLED
DEATH;
AND TO THOSE IN THE TOMBS HE GRANTED LIFE. (THREE TIMES)

HOLY GOD, HOLY AND MIGHTY, HOLY AND IMMORTAL, HAVE
MERCY ON US. (THREE TIMES)

GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY
SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND FOREVER. AMEN.

MOST HOLY TRINITY, HAVE MERCY ON US; LORD, CLEANSE US
OF OUR SINS; MASTER, FORGIVE OUR TRANSGRESSIONS;
HOLY ONE, COME TO US AND HEAL OUR INFIRMITIES FOR
YOUR NAME'S SAKE.

LORD, HAVE MERCY. (THREE TIMES)

GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY
SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND FOREVER. AMEN.

Hebrews

4:14–5:6

THE CERTAINTY OF GOD'S PROMISE

SINCE, THEN, WE HAVE A GREAT HIGH PRIEST WHO HAS PASSED THROUGH THE HEAVENS, JESUS, THE SON OF GOD, LET US HOLD FAST TO OUR CONFESSION. FOR WE DO NOT HAVE A HIGH PRIEST WHO IS UNABLE TO SYMPATHIZE WITH OUR WEAKNESSES, BUT WE HAVE ONE WHO IN EVERY RESPECT HAS BEEN TESTED AS WE ARE, YET WITHOUT SIN. LET US THEREFORE APPROACH THE THRONE OF GRACE WITH BOLDNESS, SO THAT WE MAY RECEIVE MERCY AND FIND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED.

EVERY HIGH PRIEST CHOSEN FROM AMONG MORTALS IS PUT IN CHARGE OF THINGS PERTAINING TO GOD ON THEIR BEHALF, TO OFFER GIFTS AND SACRIFICES FOR SINS. HE IS ABLE TO DEAL GENTLY WITH THE IGNORANT AND WAYWARD, SINCE HE HIMSELF IS SUBJECT TO WEAKNESS; AND BECAUSE OF THIS HE MUST OFFER SACRIFICE FOR HIS OWN SINS AS WELL AS FOR THOSE OF THE PEOPLE. AND ONE DOES NOT PRESUME TO TAKE THIS HONOR, BUT TAKES IT ONLY WHEN CALLED BY GOD, JUST AS AARON WAS.

SO ALSO CHRIST DID NOT GLORIFY HIMSELF IN BECOMING A HIGH PRIEST, BUT WAS APPOINTED BY THE ONE WHO SAID TO HIM,

“YOU ARE MY SON,

TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU”;

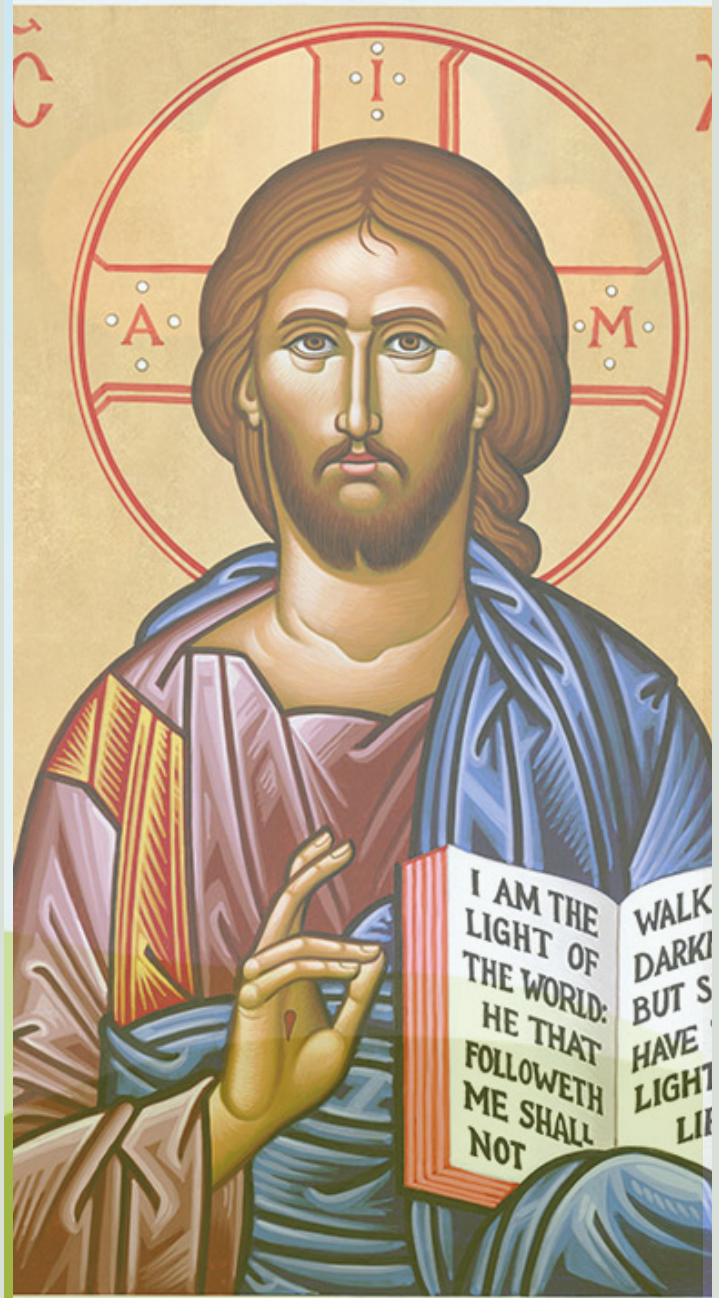
AS HE SAYS ALSO IN ANOTHER PLACE,

“YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER,

ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.”

Mark 8:34-9:1

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."



IS IT WORTH IT

What is worth your entire life?

Thoughts?

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Prayer before Communion

O LORD, I BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT YOU ARE TRULY CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD, WHO CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS OF WHOM I AM THE FIRST.

ACCEPT ME TODAY AS A PARTAKER OF YOUR MYSTICAL SUPPER, O SON OF GOD, FOR I WILL NOT REVEAL YOUR MYSTERY TO YOUR ENEMIES, NOR WILL I GIVE YOU A KISS AS DID JUDAS, BUT LIKE THE THIEF I PROFESS YOU: REMEMBER ME, O LORD, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

REMEMBER ME, O MASTER, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

REMEMBER ME, O HOLY ONE, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

MAY THE PARTAKING OF YOUR HOLY MYSTERIES, O LORD, BE NOT FOR MY JUDGMENT OR CONDEMNATION BUT FOR THE HEALING OF SOUL AND BODY.

O LORD, I ALSO BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT THIS, WHICH I AM ABOUT TO RECEIVE, IS TRULY YOUR MOST PRECIOUS BODY AND YOUR LIFE-GIVING BLOOD, WHICH, I PRAY, MAKE ME WORTHY TO RECEIVE FOR THE REMISSION OF ALL MY SINS AND FOR LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN. O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER. O GOD, CLEANSE ME OF MY SINS AND HAVE MERCY ON ME. O LORD, FORGIVE ME FOR I HAVE SINNED WITHOUT NUMBER.

Prayer for Vocations

O GOD, GREAT IN MIGHT AND INSCRUTABLE IN WISDOM, MARVELOUS IN COUNSEL ABOVE THE SONS OF MEN, FATHER OF ALL PERFECT GIFTS: YOU THE SAME LORD, ENLIGHTEN WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT THE HEARTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND CALL THEM TO FOLLOW YOUR ONLY BEGOTTEN SON AND OUR SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, THE GOOD SHEPHERD! GIVE THEM THE COURAGE AND GENEROSITY NECESSARY TO OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES TO THEIR VOCATION, FOR YOU COMPLETE WHAT IS LACKING! GIVE TO THE PARENTS THAT FAITH, LOVE AND SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE WHICH WILL INSPIRE THEM TO OFFER THEIR CHILDREN TO YOUR SERVICE AND REJOICE WHENEVER ONE OF THEIR CHILDREN IS CALLED TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN A SPECIAL WAY OF PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS CONSECRATION. WE IMPLORE YOU THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE MOST PURE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY!

AMEN!