

Deacon: Let us attend!

Priest: Peace be with you all!

Reader: And with your spirit!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: Prokeimenon in the 1st Tone:

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee!

Choir: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee!!

Reader Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

Choir: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee!

Reader: And in the 7th Tone.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints!

Choir: Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews.

Deacon: Let us attend!

BRETHREN, glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my Gospel.

BRETHREN, who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are

surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.+

Priest: Peace be unto you, reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Alleluia in the 1st Tone! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: And in the same Tone: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, O you righteous!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!