

Deacon: Let us attend!

Priest: Peace be with you all!

**Reader: And with your spirit!**

Deacon: Wisdom!

**Reader: Prokeimenon in the 8th Tone:**

**Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!**

Choir: Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

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

Choir: Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

**Reader: And in the 4th Tone:**

**The Lord has shown the wonders of His will to the saints in His land.**

Choir: The Lord has shown the wonders of His will to the saints in His land.

Deacon: Wisdom!

**Reader: The Reading from the FIRST Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the CORINTHIANS.**

Deacon: Let us attend!

**Brethren**, for we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

**Brethren**, we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. +

Priest: Peace be unto you, reader.

**Reader: And to your spirit. Alleluia in the 8th Tone! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!!**

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Reader: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms!**

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Reader: And in the 4TH tone:**

**The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them from all their afflictions.**

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!