

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 ye 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 FIRST Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the CORINTHIANS.**

Deacon: Let us attend!

**B**rethren, for I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

**B**rethren, 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 1st Tone! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**God gives vengeance to me and subdues people under me!**

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Reader: He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever!**

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

**Blessed is the man that fears the Lord, that greatly delights in His commandments!**

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!