

Deacon: Let us attend!

Priest: Peace be with you all!

Reader: And with your spirit!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 5th Tone:

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

Choir: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

Reader Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

Choir: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

Reader: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us

Choir: and preserve us from this generation forever!

Deacon: Wisdom!

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Brethren, now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.+

Priest: Peace be unto you, reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Alleluia in the 5th Tone! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy Truth from generation to generation.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever, and my Truth will be prepared in the heavens!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

THE LORD SAID THIS PARABLE: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.'" ' But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. 'Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen.+