SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 Cheesefare Sunday (Forgiveness Sunday) – The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise

Lord, I call upon You, <u>hear</u> me! <u>Hear</u> me, O Lord! Lord, I call up<u>on</u> You, <u>hear</u> me! Receive the <u>voice</u> of my prayer, when I <u>call</u> up<u>on</u> You!// Hear me, O Lord!

"Lord I Call..." Tone 8

Let my <u>prayer</u> arise in Your sight as <u>incense</u>, and let the lifting <u>up</u> of <u>my</u> hands be an evening <u>sac</u>rifice!// Hear <u>me</u>, O Lord!

Reader reads the rest of Psalm 140 and Psalm 141 on pgs 31 & 32 in the pew book, then: STICHERA

V. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your Name! **Tone 8** We offer to You, O Christ, our evening song and reasonable <u>ser</u>vice, for You <u>willed</u> to have <u>mer</u>cy on us// by Your Resur<u>rec</u>tion.

V. (9) *The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.* Lord, <u>Lord</u>, do not cast us a<u>way</u> from Your face! For You willed to have <u>mer</u>cy on us// by Your Resur<u>rec</u>tion.

V. (8) *Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!* Rejoice, O holy <u>Si</u>on: Mother of the churches, the a<u>bode</u> of God, for you were the first to re<u>ceive</u> re<u>mis</u>sion of sins// by the Resurrection.

V. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! The <u>Word</u> of God the <u>Fa</u>ther, begotten before the <u>ages</u>, in the latter times willed to be in<u>car</u>nate of the <u>Virgin</u> and endured cruci<u>fixion</u> unto death. He has <u>saved</u> mortal man// by His Resur<u>rec</u>tion.

V. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

We <u>glorify You</u>, O Lord, / for You voluntarily endured the <u>Cross</u> for our sake. / We fall down in worship before You, O al<u>mighty Sav</u>ior. / Do not cast us a<u>way</u> from Your face / but hear us and save us, O <u>Lov</u>er of man,// by Your Resur<u>rec</u>tion!

V. (5) For Your Name's sake I wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.
 <u>Glo</u>ry to You, O <u>Sav</u>ior Christ,
 Only-begotten Son of God, who was <u>nailed</u> to the Cross// and resurrected from the tomb on the <u>third</u> day!

V. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord! **Tone 6**^{*} (*Having placed all their hope*)

The Lord took a handful of <u>dust</u> from the earth. / He breathed into it and created me, a <u>liv</u>ing man. / He made me lord and master of <u>all</u> things on earth; / truly I enjoyed the life of the <u>angels</u>. / But Satan the deceiver tempted me in the guise of a <u>serpent</u>; / I ate the forbidden fruit and forfeited the <u>glory</u> of God. / Now I have been delivered to the <u>earth</u> through death.//O my compassionate Lord, call me back to <u>Ed</u>en!

V. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver *Israel from all his iniquities.*When the Enemy tempted me,
I disobeyed Your command, O Lord.
I exchanged the glory of my mortal body for shame and <u>nakedness.</u>
Now I must wear garments of skins and <u>fig</u>-leaves;
I am condemned to eat the bread of bitter hardship by the <u>sweat</u> of my brow.
The earth is cursed and brings forth thorns and <u>husks</u> for me.
O Lord, You took on flesh from the Virgin in the <u>fullness of time;//</u>
call me back and restore me to Eden!

V. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples! O Paradise, garden of delight and <u>beau</u>ty, dwelling-place made <u>per</u>fect by God, unending gladness and e<u>ter</u>nal joy, the hope of the prophets and the <u>home</u> of the saints, by the music of your rustling leaves beseech the Cre<u>at</u>or of all to open the gates which my <u>sins</u> have closed, that I may partake of the Tree of <u>Life</u> and Grace// which was given to me in the beginning!

V. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Adam was exiled from Paradise through diso<u>be</u>dience; / he was driven from eternal bliss, deceived by the <u>words</u> of Eve; / he sat naked and weeping before the gates of <u>Paradise</u>. / Let us hasten to enter the season of <u>fasting</u>; / let us carefully obey the <u>Gos</u>pel commands, / that we may be made acceptable to <u>Christ</u> our God,// and regain our home in <u>E</u>den!

^{*} Music for the Sunday of the Expulsion of Adam from Paradise from the Department of Liturgical Music and Translations can be downloaded at <u>www.oca.org</u>.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; **Tone 6** (from the Lenten Triodion) Adam sat before the gates of <u>Eden</u>, bewailing his nakedness and <u>cry</u>ing out: "Woe to me! I have listened to <u>wick</u>ed deceit; I have lost my glory, and now am <u>driv</u>en away! Woe to me! My open-mindedness hath left me <u>na</u>ked and confused! No longer will I enjoy your delights, O <u>Par</u>adise; no longer can I see my Lord, my God and Cre<u>at</u>or. He formed me from dust, and now to the <u>dust</u> I return! I beg You, O com<u>pas</u>sionate Lord:// Have mercy on me who have fallen!"

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Tone 8** (Theotokion – Dogmatikon) The King of heaven, because of His love for man, appeared on earth and <u>dwelt</u> with men. He took <u>flesh</u> from the pure <u>Virgin</u> and after assuming it, He came <u>forth</u> from her. The Son is one: in two natures, yet one <u>Per</u>son. Proclaiming Him as perfect <u>God</u> and <u>per</u>fect Man, we confess <u>Christ</u> our God!// Entreat Him, O unwedded Mother, to have mercy on our souls.

APOSTICHA

Tone 8 De<u>scend</u>ing from heaven to a<u>scend</u> the Cross, the eternal Life has <u>come</u> for death to raise <u>those</u> who are <u>fal</u>len; to enlighten those in <u>dark</u>ness.// O Jesus, our Savior and illuminator, <u>glo</u>ry to You!

V. *The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!* We <u>glo</u>rify Christ, who <u>rose</u> from the dead. He accepted the human <u>body</u> and soul, and freed <u>both</u> from <u>suf</u>fering. His most pure soul descended to <u>hell</u>, which He spoiled. His holy body did not see cor<u>rup</u>tion in the tomb.// He is the Re<u>deem</u>er of our souls.

V. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved. In <u>psalms</u> and songs we glorify Your Resurrection from the <u>dead</u>, O Christ. By it, You have freed us from the <u>tor</u>tures of hell// and as God have granted eternal life and great <u>mer</u>cy.

V. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!

O<u>Mas</u>ter of all, incomprehensible Creator of <u>heav</u>en and earth, by Your suffering on the Cross You have gained <u>pas</u>sionlessness for me. Accepting burial and a<u>ris</u>ing in glory, You resurrected Adam with Yourself by Your al<u>mighty</u> hand. Glory to Your rising on the <u>third</u> day! By it You have granted us eternal <u>life</u> and <u>cleans</u>ing of sins// as the only com<u>pas</u>sionate One.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; **Tone 6** (from the Lenten Triodion) Adam ate the forbidden fruit and was driven from <u>Par</u>adise. He sat outside, weeping <u>bitterly</u>: "Woe to me! What will become of me, a <u>worthless man?</u> I disobeyed one command of my Master and lost <u>every</u> good thing! O holy Paradise, planted for me by God, and closed by the <u>weak</u>ness of Eve, grant that I may once again gaze on the flowers of your <u>gar</u>dens!" The Savior <u>said</u> to him: "I do not wish the death of My cre<u>a</u>tion! I desire that all should be saved and come to the <u>know</u>ledge of the truth,// for him who comes to Me I shall <u>nev</u>er cast out!"

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Tone 6** (*Theotokion*) My Maker and Redeemer, <u>Christ</u> the Lord, was born of you, O most pure <u>Virgin</u>. By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his <u>an</u>cient curse. Unceasingly we magnify you as the <u>Moth</u>er of God! Rejoice, O ce<u>les</u>tial Joy! Rejoice, O <u>La</u>dy:// the Protection, Intercession and Sal<u>va</u>tion of our souls!

TROPARIA

Tone 8Troparion (Resurrection)You descended from on high, O Merciful One!You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Tone 8 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

For our sake You were <u>born</u> of <u>the Virgin</u> and endured cruci<u>fix</u>ion, O <u>Good</u> One, destroying <u>death</u> by death. Revealing the <u>Resurrec</u>tion as God, do not despise the <u>work</u> of Your hand! Reveal Your <u>love</u> for <u>man</u>, O Merciful One, and accept the Theotokos <u>pray</u>ing for us,// and save the des<u>pair</u>ing <u>people</u>, O our <u>Sav</u>ior!