

## 18th Sunday after Pentecost; Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787); Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion

Text from "[\*The Divine Liturgy: An Anthology for Worship\*](#)"; Pg. 329 (Tone 1); Pg. 707 (7thEC)

**Troparion (Tone 1):** Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of Mankind.

**Troparion (Tone 8):** Christ our God, You are glorified above all, You established our fathers as beacons on earth and through them guided all of us to the true faith. Glory to You, most compassionate Lord.

**Kontakion (Tone 1):** You arose in glory from the tomb and with Yourself You raised the world. All humanity acclaims You as God, and death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master, and Eve, redeemed from bondage now, cries out for joy: "You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all."

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.***

**Kontakion (Tone 6):** The Son who ineffably shone from the Father was born two-fold of nature from a woman. Beholding Him, we do not reject the image of His form; but depicting it, we revere it faithfully. Therefore the Church, holding the true faith, kisses the icon of Christ's becoming man.

***Now and for ever and ever. Amen.***

**Theotokion (Tone 6):** Undaunted patroness of Christians, O steadfast intermediary with the Creator, turn not away from the suppliant voices of sinners, but in your kindness come to help us who cry out to you in faith. Be quick to intercede, make haste to plead, for you are ever the patroness of those who honour you, O Mother of God.

**Prokimenon (Tone 1):** Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You (Ps 32:22).

**verse:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous (Ps 32:1).

**Prokimenon (Tone 4):** Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name for ever (Dn 3:26).

**Epistle: (Heb 13:7-16) (Fathers):** *Brethren*, remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings; for it is well for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by

regulations about food, which have not benefited those who observe them. We have an altar from which those who officiate in the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the city gate in order to sanctify the people by his own blood. Let us then go to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**Epistle: (2 Co 9:6-11) (Sunday):** *Brethren*, the point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us.

**Alleluia (Tone 1):** The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting (Ps 49:1).

*verse:* Gather to Him His devout ones, who with sacrifice make covenant with Him (Ps 49:5).

**Gospel: (Jn 17:1-13) (Fathers):** *At the time the Jesus*, looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was

with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

**Gospel: (Luke 51-11) (Sunday):** *Once while Jesus was standing* beside the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

**Communion Verse:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest (Ps 148:1).

**Second Communion Verse:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous (Ps 32:1). Alleluia! (3x)