

**25th Sunday after Pentecost; The Holy Great-Martyr Barbara (286-305);
Our Venerable Father John of Damascus (749); December 04.**

Text from "[The Divine Liturgy: An Anthology for Worship](#)"; Pg. 357 (Tone 8)

Troparion (Tone 8): You came down from on high, O Merciful One,* and accepted three days of burial* to free us from our sufferings.* O Lord, our life and our resurrection,* glory be to You.

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

Kontakion (Tone 8): When You rose from the tomb,* You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam.* Eve exults in Your resurrection,* and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead* O most merciful One.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion (Tone 8): To You, O Mother of God,* the invincible leader,* we, Your servants, ascribe these victory hymns* in thanksgiving for our deliverance from evil.* With Your invincible power free us from all dangers* that we may cry out to You:* “Hail, O Bride, and pure Virgin!”

Prokimenon (Tone 8): Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.* Pray and give praise to the Lord our God (Ps 75:12).

verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel (Ps 75:2).

Epistle: (Eph 4: 1-6) (Sunday): *Brethren*, I a prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Alleluia (Tone 8): Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Saviour (Ps 94:1).

verse: Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms (Ps 94:2).

Gospel: (Lk 10: 25-37) (Sunday): *At that time* a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.” Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest (Ps 148:1). Alleluia! (3x).