

Saturday before Meatfare Sunday (All Souls Saturday); February 11.

Text from "[*The Divine Liturgy: An Anthology for Worship*](#)"; Pg. 607

Troparion (Tone 8): With profound wisdom and love for mankind, You arrange all things* and bestow beneficial things upon all, O only Creator and Lord.* Grant rest to the souls of your servants,* for they have placed their hope in You,* our God, Who made and shaped us.

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

Kontakion (Tone 8): To the souls of Your servants, O Christ,* grant rest among the saints* where there is no pain,* no sorrow, no mourning,* but only life without end.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion (Tone 8): In you we have a rampart and a haven,* and an intercessor most acceptable to God,* whom you bore, O virgin Mother of God,* salvation of the faithful.

Prokimenon (Tone 6): Their souls shall dwell* amidst good things (Ps 24:13).

verse: To You, O Lord, I have lifted up my soul (Ps 24:1).

Epistle (1 Co 10:23-28): *Brethren*, 'All things are lawful', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful', but not all things build up. Do not seek your own advantage, but that of others. Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience, for 'the earth and its fullness are the Lord's.' If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. But if someone says to you, 'This has been offered in sacrifice', then do not eat it, out of consideration for the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience

Epistle (1 Thes 4:13-17) (All Soul Saturday): *Brethren*, we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever.

Alleluia (Tone 6):

verse: Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken to yourself (Ps 64:5).

verse: And let their memory be from generation to generation.

Gospel (Lk 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36): *The Lord said:* ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them. ‘When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’ ‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

Gospel (Jn 5:24-30): *The Lord said to the Jews who had come to him:* Truly, truly, I say to you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life. ‘Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. ‘I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgement is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

Communion Verse: Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken to yourself, O Lord;* and let their memory be from generation to generation (Ps 64:5). Alleluia! (3x).