

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost; The Conception of the Honorable
and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John – Sept 23.**

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: (2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1): *Brethren*, what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, ‘I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be your father, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.’ Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and of spirit, making holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Alleluia (Tone 8):

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

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

Gospel: (Matthew 15:21-28): *At the time the Jesus* went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’ He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the

house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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