Sunday, January 22, 2023
15th Sunday of Luke
+ St. Timothy the Apostle
Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Tenth (John 21:1-14)
Mode of the Week: Grave/Βαρύς

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The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God, bring to the Lord glory and honor. (Ps. 28)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

- Weekly Resurrectional Hymn (Κατάλυσα τω Σταυρώ): By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the martyr-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy. (sung before and after the Small Entrance)

- Hymn of St. Timothy (Χειροτοπία εὐδοκιμία, 4th Mode): Having learned kindness, and being always steady and sober, vested with a good conscience and a priest, you drew out from the Chosen Vessel the secrets of the gods. And having kept the faith, you have finished the fair race, O Hieromartyr Timothy, you ascend to Paradise with Christ our God, entrusting Him to save our souls.

- Hymn of St. Anastasios (Ο Μάρτυρος σος Κίρη, 4th Mode): Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You * the crown of incorruption, in that he contested for You our immortal God. * Since he possessed Your power, he defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons’ powerless defenses of death. * O Christ God, at his fervent entreaties, save our souls.

- Hymn of the Holy Cross (Σώσον Κύριε): Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross. (Greek—English)

- The Kontakion of the Presentation of Christ (Ο μάρτυρος Χριστοῦ, 2nd Mode): You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of the handymen fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You have come and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.

Prayer Requests:

- Metropolitan Alexios, Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Pantaleimon, Michael, Ev. Kassian, Michael, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Jill, Betty, David, Irene, Valerie, Marina, Alex, Chris, Dianna, Keith, Jeannie, David, Kenneth, Samuel, Emmanuel, Mary, Adrienne, Kay, Helen, Niki

- Prayers for those recently reposed: Cynthia (+December 25), Sharon (+December 28), Louis (+January 6)

- Prayers for expecting mothers: Sarah, Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Nate, Chad, Charlotte, Alexander, and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

- Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers: St. Gregory the Theologian (+390), celebrated this week on January 25 gave the following counsel: “Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.”

- St. Ephraim the Syrian (+373), celebrated this week on January 28: “When you begin to read or listen to the Holy Scriptures, do not choose those texts that Jesus Christ, open the ears and eyes of my heart so that I may hear Thy words and understand them, and may fulfill Thy will.” Always pray to God like this, that He may open your mind and open the power of His words. Many, having trusted in their own reason, have turned away into deception.”