**6. DECEMBER. 2020. 26-th. SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. TONE – 1.**

**AFTERFEAST OF ENTRY OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE.**

**ST. AMPHILOCHIUS, BISHOP OF ICONIUM (394).**

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**TROPAR OF SUNDAY IN TONE-1.**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Your Most Pure Body, You arose on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. Therefore, the Powers of Heaven cried out to You, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your Providence, O only lover of mankind.

**TROPAR OF ENTRANCE OF THEOTOKOS IN TONE-4.**

Today is the foreshadowing of God’s benevolence and the herald of salvation for the human race. The Virgin appears openly in the Temple of God, foretelling Christ to all. Let us then with a great voice, cry out to her: Rejoice, O fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation.

**TROPAR OF THE TEMPLE (ST. ELIA) IN TONE-4.**  
 An angel incarnate, the foundation of prophets and second forerunner of the coming of Christ, glorious Elias sent grace from on high to Elisha to cast out sickness and cleanse lepers. Therefore he pours forth healing for all who honour him.

**TROPAR IN TONE-4.**  
 O God of our fathers, You always deal with us according to Your gentleness. Do not take not take Your mercy away from us, but through their prayers guide our lives in peace.

**KONDAK OF SUNDAY IN TONE – 1.**

As God, You arose from the tomb in glory, raising the world together with Yourself. Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master. Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries out: You, O Christ, are the One Who gives resurrection to all.

**KONDAK OF TEMPLE (ST. ELIA) IN TONE-2.** O greatly renowned Prophet Elias, who foresaw the great deeds of our God; you stopped the rains of heaven by your command. Intercede for us with the only Lover of mankind.

**GLORY** to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**KONDAK OF SAINT AMPHILOCHIUS IN TONE – 2.**

Gods divine thunder, clarion of the Spirit, scythe cutting down heresies, husbandmen of the garden of Faith, O hierarch Amphilochius, great favorite of the Holy Trinity. Always praising God with the angels, pray unceasingly in behalf of us all.

**NOW** and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**THEOTOKION IN TONE – 4.**

The All-Pure Temple of the Saviour, the Precious Bridal Chamber and Virgin, the Sacred Treasure of the Glory of God, is led today into the House of the Lord, bringing with her the grace of the Divine Spirit. God’s angels hymn her with chants of praise: For truly she is the heavenly dwelling.

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**COMMUNION VERSE:**

“ Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia.”

“ Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, praise befits the upright. Alleluia.”

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**MATINS:** Luke. 4. Reading 112. Lk. 24 : 1 - 12.

**EPISTLE:** Ephesians. Reading 229. Eph. 5 : 8 - 19.

Hebrews. Reading 334. Heb. 13 : 7 - 16.

**GOSPEL:** Luke. Reading 66. Lk. 12 : 16 - 21.

Matthew. Reading 103. Mt. 24 : 42 - 47.

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**READER : “ PROKIMEN IN TONE – 1.** Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we

have put our hope in You.”

**CHOIR** : “ Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have put our hope in

You.”

**READER** : “ Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous. Praise befits the upright.”

**CHOIR** : “ Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have put our hope in

You.”

**READER** : “ **ANOTHER PROKIMEN IN TONE -7.** Precious in the sight of the Lord is the

death of His Saints.”

**CHOIR** : “ Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints.”

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**THE EPISTLE**

**READER** : “ **ALLELUIA IN TONE – 1.** God avenges me and has subdued peoples

under me. Alleluia.”

**CHOIR** : “ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

**READER** : “ He magnifies the salvation of the king and deals mercifully for His

anointed, for David and for his seed forever. Alleluia.”

**CHOIR** : “ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

**READER** : “ **ALLELUIA IN TONE – 6.** Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who

greatly delights in His commandments. Alleluia.”

**CHOIR** : “ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

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**INSTEAD OF “ IT IS TRULY WORTHY….”** Beholding the entry of the All Pure, the angels were struck with amazement, seeing how the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies.

**IRMOS, IN TONE – 4.** Let no profane hand touch the Living Ark of God, but let the lips of the faithful, singing ceaselessly to the Theotokos the words of the angel, cry aloud with joy: O Pure Virgin, You are truly high above all.

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