**20, DECEMBER, 2020. 28. SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. TONE-3.**

 **SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP OF MILAN. ( 397 ).**

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**TROPAR OF SUNDAY IN TONE – 3.**

 Let the heavens rejoice. Let earth be glad. For the Lord has shown

strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become

the First-Born of the Dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hades and

has granted to the world great mercy.

**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 OF SAINT IN TONE-4.**

 You were revealed as an icon of meekness and teacher of abstinence to your flock as a rule of faith. Therefore, you attained the heights through humility, and riches through poverty. O Father and Hierarch Ambrose, entreat Christ God that our souls be saved.

**KONDAK OF SUNDAY IN TONE-3.** Today You arose from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices. Together with the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine might of Your Power.

**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 the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**KONDAK OF SAINT IN TONE - 3.** O Father and Hierarch Ambrose, you did bear God’s divine dogmas, and darkened the false teachings of Arius. Pastor and teacher of the mysteries. And working wonders through the power of the Spirit, you did manifestly heal divers passions. Pray to Christ God, that our souls be saved.

**NOW AND FOREVER** and to the ages of ages, Amen.

**THEOTOKION IN TONE – 6.**

 O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, unchanging mediation unto the Creator, do not despise the suppliant voices of sinners, but be quick to come to our aid, O Good One, who in faith cry out to You: hasten to intercession and come quickly to make supplication, for You, O Theotokos, always protect those who honour You.

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**COMMUNION VERSE:**

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

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**MATINS:** Luke. 6. Reading 114. Lk. 24 : 36 - 53.

**EPISTLE:** Colossians. Reading 250. Col. 1 : 12 - 18.

**GOSPEL:** Luke. Reading 85. Lk. 17 : 12 - 19.

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**PRIEST** : “ Wisdom.”

**READER : “ PROKIMEN IN TONE – 3.** Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing

 praises to our King, sing praises.”

**CHOIR : “** Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King,

 sing praises.”

**READER : “** Clap your hands, all you peoples. Shout to God with a joyful voice.”

**CHOIR : “** Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King,

 sing praises.”

**READER :** ” Sing praises to our God, sing praises.”

**CHOIR :** “ Sing praises to our King, sing praises.”

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**THE EPISTLE**

**PRIEST :** “ Wisdom.”

**READER : “ ALLELUIA IN TONE-3.** Alleluia.”

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

**READER :**  “ I have hoped in You O Lord; let me never be put to shame.

 Alleluia.”

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

**READER : “** Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, to save me.

 Alleluia.”

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

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