**5. DECEMBER. 2021. 24-th. SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. TONE – 7.**

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

**APOSTLE PHILEMON AND THOSE WITH HIM.**

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**TROPAR OF SUNDAY IN TONE-7.**

 You destroyed death by Your Cross. You opened paradise to the thief. You changed the Myrrh-Bearers weeping and commanded Your apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ God, granting the world great mercy.

**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 OF HOLY APOSTLES IN TONE-3.**
 O holy apostles, entreat the Merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of sins.

**KONDAK OF SUNDAY IN TONE-7.** The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended shattering and destroying its power. Hades is bound while the prophets rejoice in harmony. The Saviour has come to those who believe, saying; come forth you faithful, unto the resurrection.

**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 HOLY APOSTLES IN TONE – 2.**

 Let us praise the apostles of Christ, the glorious Philemon and the sacred Archippus, Onesimus, Mark and Apollos, and with them the most wise Apphia as most radiant stars that illumin the ends of the earth; and let us cry out: “ 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.”

“ Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth and their words to the ends of the

 universe. Alleluia.”

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**MATINS:** Mark. 2. Reading 70. Mk. 16 : 1 - 8.

**EPISTLE:** Ephesians. Reading 221. Eph. 2 : 14 - 22.

 Philemon. Reading 302. Phi. 1 : 1 - 25.

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

 Luke. Reading 50. Lk. 10 : 1 - 15.

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**READER : “ PROKIMEN IN TONE – 7.** The Lord shall give strength to His people.

 The Lord shall bless His people with peace.”

**CHOIR :** “ The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His

 people with peace.”

**READER :** “ Bring to the Lord, you sons of God, bring young rams to the Lord.”

**CHOIR :** “ The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His

 people with peace.”

**READER : “ ANOTHER PROKIMEN IN TONE-8.** Their proclamation has gone out into

 all the earth and their words to the ends of the universe.”

**CHOIR :** “ Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth and their words to

 the ends of the universe.”

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**THE EPISTLE**

**READER : “ ALLELUIA IN TONE – 7.** It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing

 praises to Your Name, O Most High.”

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

**READER :** “ To declare Your mercy in the morning and Your truth by night.”

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

**READER : “ ALLELUIA IN TONE-1.** The heavens, O Lord, shall declare Your

 wonders, and Your Truth in the assembly of the saints.”

**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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