**26. DECEMBER. 2021. 27-th. SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. TONE – 2.**

 **SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS.**

 **STS. EUSTRATIUS AND COMPANIONS.**

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**TROPAR OF SUNDAY IN TONE - 2.**

 When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You destroyed hades with

the lightning of Your Divinity. And when from the depths You raised the dead,

all the powers of Heaven cried out: O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You.

**TROPAR OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS IN TONE-2.** Through faith You justified the Forefathers when through them You betrothed Yourself to the Church from among the nations. The saints exult in glory, that from their seed came a blessed fruit: She who bore You without seed. By their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us.

**TROPAR OF MARTYRS IN TONE-4.**

 Your Martyrs, O Lord, did obtain through their sufferings, incorruptible crowns from You, our God; for, rejoicing in Your strength, they laid low their tormentors and did also beat off impotent affronts of the demons; at their intercessions save our souls.

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

**KONDAK OF SAINT IN TONE-3.** You spoke powerfully of divine things before the wicked, O all-wondrous one, you did endure beatings with a courageous heart. You did shine with godly signs, and did extinguish the towering flame of falsehood. Terefore, we honour you, O most blessed Eustratius, martyr of Christ.

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

**KONDAK OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS IN TONE-6.** You would not worship a hand-made image, O thrice-blessed ones, but armed with the boundless essence of God, You were glorified in a trial by fire. Standing in the midst of unbearable flames You called on God: Hasten, O Compassionate One, come quickly to our defense, since You are merciful; for You are able if it be Your will.

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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. 5. Reading. 113. Lk. 24 : 12 - 35.

**EPISTLE:** Colossians. Reading. 257. Col. 3 : 4 - 11.

 Ephesians. Reading. 233. Eph. 6 : 10 - 17.

**GOSPEL:** Luke. Reading. 76. Lk. 14 : 16 - 24.

 Luke. Reading. 106. Lk. 21 : 12 - 19.

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**PRIEST** : “ Let us be attentive – Peace be unto all.”

**CHOIR** : “ And to your spirit.”

**PRIEST** : “ Wisdom.”

**READER : “ PROKIMEN IN TONE – 4.** Blessed are You, Lord God of our Fathers,

 and praised and glorified is Your Name to the ages.”

**CHOIR** : “ Blessed are You, Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified

 is Your Name to the ages.”

**READER** : “ For You are righteous in all that You have done for us.”

**CHOIR** : “ Blessed are You, Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified

 is Your Name to the ages.”

**READER : “ ANOTHER PROKIMEN IN TONE – 4.** In the saints that are in His land, the Lord

 has been wondrous; He has wrought all His desires in them.”

 **CHOIR : “** In the saints that are in His land, the Lord has been wondrous; He has

 wrought all His desires in them.”

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**THE EPISTLE**

**PRIEST** : “ Wisdom.”

**READER : “ ALLELUIA IN TONE – 4.** Moses and Aaron are among His priests and

 Samuel among them that call upon His Name. Alleluia.”

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

**READER :** “ They called upon the Lord and He heard them. Alleluia.”

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

**READER : “** The righteous cried and the Lord heard them and delivered them

 out of all their afflictions. Alleluia.”

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

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