**2. JANUARY. 2022. 28-th. SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. TONE-3.**

 **SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY. SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS.**

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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 TO THE FATHERS IN TONE – 2.**

 Great are the achievements of faith, In the fountain of flames the Three Holy Children rejoice as in refreshing waters, and the prophet Daniel in the midst of lions is like a shepherd among his sheep. Through their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

**TROPAR OF THE FOREFEAST IN TONE – 4.**

 Prepare O Bethlehem, O Eden open unto all. Rejoice O Ephratha, for in the cave the tree of life has blossomed forth from the Virgin. Her womb has proven to be a spiritual paradise, in which is found the divine garden. Partaking of it we shall live and not die as Adam. Christ is born, to renew the image which had fallen of old.

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

**KONDAK OF THE FATHERS 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.

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

**KONDAK IN TONE – 1.**

 Rejoice O Bethlehem, Ephratha prepare, for the Ewe hurries to give birth to the Great Shepherd whom she carries in her womb. Seeing Him, the God-bearing fathers rejoice, and with the shepherds hymn the Virgin who nursed a child.

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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: 6. Reading 114. Lk. 24 : 36 - 53.

**EPISTLE:** Hebrews. Reading 328. Heb. 11 : 9-10, 17-23, 32-40.

 1 John. Reading 73. 1 Jn. 4 : 7 - 11.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew. Reading 1. Mt. 1 : 1 - 25.

 Luke. Reading 26. Lk. 6 : 31 - 36

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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** : “ **PROKIMEN IN TONE – 7.**  The righteous man shall be glad in the Lord

 and shall hope in Him.”

**CHOIR** : “ The righteous man shall be glad in the Lord and shall hope in Him.”

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**THE EPISTLE**

**PRIEST** : “ Wisdom.”

**READER** : “ **ALLELUIA IN TONE – 4.** We have heard with our ears O God, and our

 fathers have told us what deeds You performed. Alleluia.”

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

**READER** : “ You have saved us from them that afflict us and have put those who

 hate us to shame. Alleluia.”

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

**READER** : “ His heart is ready to hope in the Lord.”

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

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