

28 November 2021
23rd Sunday after Pentecost (10th of Luke)
Monk-Martyr and Confessor Stephen the New

Troparion (Tone 6) *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You captured hell, not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord, Who rose from the dead,
glory to You.

Troparion (Tone 3) *(St. Matthew)*

You heard the divine voice of The Word,
and received the light of faith,
and abandoned the office of publican.
Then you proclaimed the Good News
of the inexpressible condescension of Christ.
Now intercede that those who praise you, O Apostle Matthew,
may be granted forgiveness of sins and great mercy.

Kontakion (Tone 6) *(Resurrection)*

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Glory . . .

Kontakion (Tone 4) *(St. Matthew)*

In casting off the tax collector's yoke to shoulder the yoke of justice,
you became a truly able merchant rich in the wisdom of heaven itself.
In preaching the word of truth, you vividly described the final judgment,
urging us to be ready at all times.

Now and ever . . .

(In Tone 6) **Steadfast Protectress of Christians,**

constant advocate before the Creator,
despise not the entreating cries of us sinners,
but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith,
hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos,
for you always protect those who honor you.

Prokeimenon (Tone 6) (Resurrection)

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! (Ps. 27:9a)

v. *To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!* (Ps. 27:1a)

Epistle (Ephesians 2:4-10) (Resurrection)

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God – not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ, Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Tone 6) (Ps. 90:1-2)

v. *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.*

v. *He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."*

Gospel (Luke 13:10-17) (Resurrection)

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!