

I Will Pay You

And so our sins become greater, and not only from this but also from the benefits and honor which we enjoy from them. If you want to learn how our sins against God are like ten thousand talents, or more in fact, and even much more, I will try to show you briefly. But I fear, lest to those who are inclined to wickedness and love continually to sin, I should appear to provide them with still greater security; or that I might drive the meeker sort to despair, and that they should repeat the despairing question of the disciples: "Who then can be saved?"

... But nevertheless I will continue on in the hope that I may make those who pay attention more secure and more amenable. For those who suffer an incurable disease and feel no pain are untouched by these words and do not change from their natural wickedness and inertia. And even if in the future they derive from my words greater occasion for contempt, that should be attributed not to this kind of argument but to

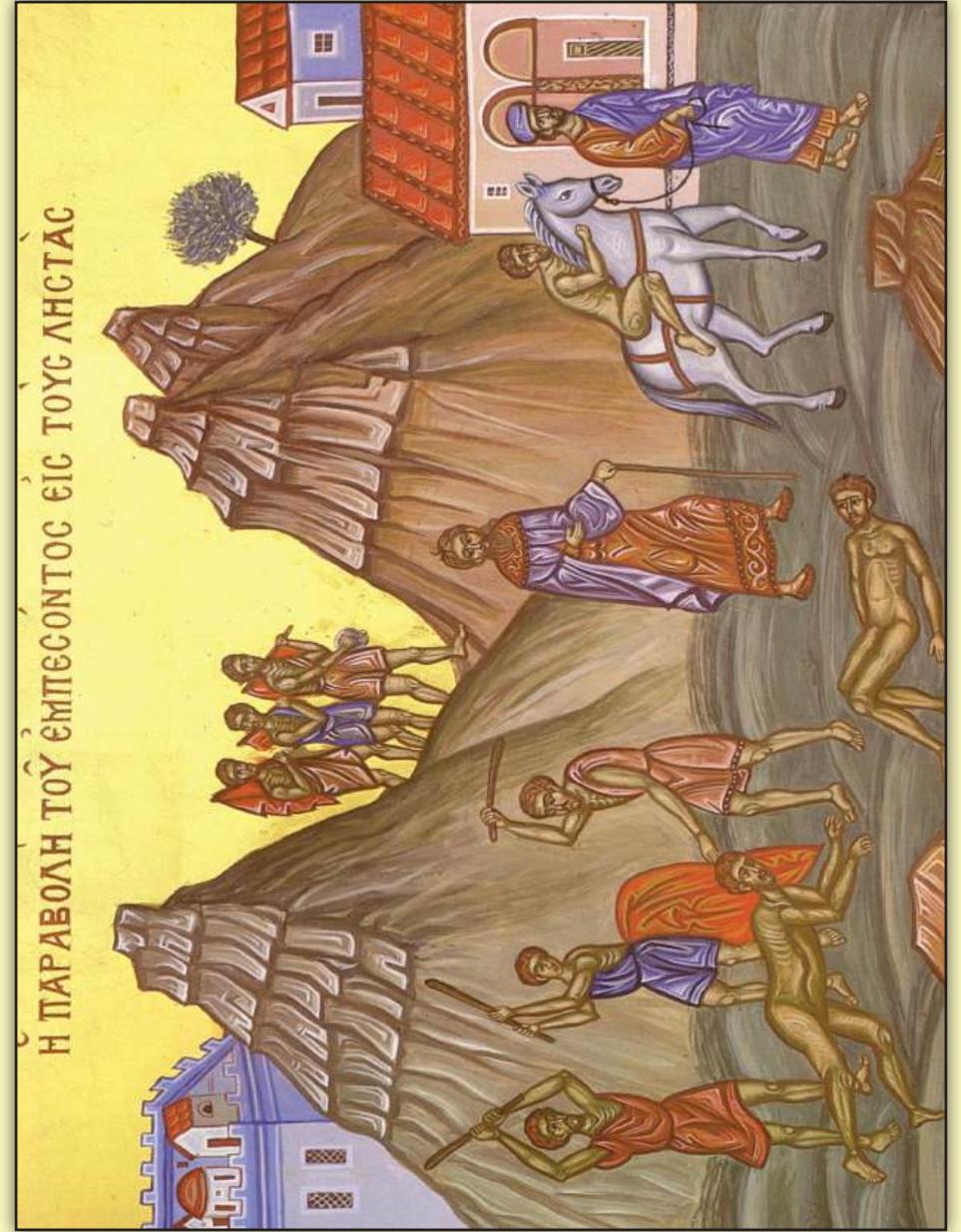
their own insensibility. What I will say ought to be able to arouse them if only they attend to it and let it prick their hearts.

And so it is necessary that I speak. In speaking of our sins, I will distinguish between those we commit against God and against other persons. I will set forth not each person's own but what are common. But then I will ask individuals to add their own sins according to an examination of their conscience. I will do this, having first set forth the good deeds of God to us. What then are God's good deeds? He created us from nothing; he made the whole visible world for us, the heaven, the sea, the earth, animals, plants and seeds.... He gave us a helpmate and set us over all the brute species, and He crowned us with glory and honor.

And yet after all this, when humanity turned out ungrateful toward its benefactor, He thought us worthy of an even greater gift – forgiveness.

St. John Chrysostom

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)



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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever! Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава навіки!

Reader Great Vespers: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 5:00pm
 Divine Liturgy in English, Sundays 10:30am
 Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession): Sundays, 9:45am

**NOVEMBER 16, 2025 – 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 6);
 THE HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST MATTHEW**

GIVING REPORT - The in-pew collection for Nov 9 was \$1,038.06.

WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGY - Join us for the Divine Liturgy on **Wednesday, November 19, 6:00pm**. Confessions available at 5:30pm.

GREAT FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD INTO THE TEMPLE - Join us for the Divine Liturgy on **Friday, November 21, 6:00pm**.

The expectation of the Messiah [re-created liturgically by St Philip's Fast, *Pilipivka*] and the drawing near to him are fulfilled in the person of the Virgin Mary from Nazareth. Before all ages she was chosen by God. Mary, who in accordance with Tradition was introduced into the temple as a young child, spiritually grew into the "handmaid of the Lord." God progressively prepared her to become the womb, the ark, the temple, and the dwelling place for the uncontainable God.

"By the good will of God the Father, the Most Holy Spirit prepared a dwelling-place in her for God the Word." Mary became the tabernacle in which

the Word of God came to dwell in the fullness of time: "The Word became flesh and lived among us" (Jn 1:14). In celebrating the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple in Jerusalem (November 21), Christians are called to follow her example, allowing the Lord to prepare them so that they may worthily receive God incarnate into the tabernacles of their hearts...The Church sees in her the perfect model for our growth in holiness." (*Christ Our Pascha Catechism*, 177 and 311)



"And when the child [Mary] was three years old Joachim said, 'Call the undefiled daughters of the Hebrews, and let each one take a torch'...And they did so until they had gone up to the temple of the Lord. And the priest took her and kissed her and blessed her...And he placed her on the third step of the altar, and the Lord God put grace upon her and she danced with her feet, and the whole house of Israel loved her" (*Prot. Jas 7:2-3*).

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Nancy & Jon Anderson, Julie, Lisa Behnke, Alison Bernhoft, Yevhenia Borys, Robert Matthew, Carrie Chuff, Elizabeth Deegan, Clara Anne Duda, Fr Michael Duesterhaus, Robert Dulaine, Pat Fagan, Danylo (Neyko) Fedoryka, Emma Flournoy, Katie Flynn, Lilian Garland, Jerry Gawron, CR Gauth, Samuel Gauth, Josie Hacker, Brigid and Marlena Hess, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Sarah Kelt, Dixie Lane, Catherine Luckey, Destiny Makins, Michael Marshner & Family, Bridget McDonald, Laura McMahan, Vince McLaughlin, Thomas Pavick, Robert Rice, Chris Saboe, Betsy Sayre, Truman L Sayre, Jr, CJ & Theresa Sidrow, Amy Smith, Karena Tapsak, and Fr George Worschak. *Teresa Fedoryka is our prayer coordinator; please email bulletin prayer requests to ssjoachimandannaucc@gmail.com.*

23rd Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew

Troparion, Tone 6 (p. 349). Angelic powers were upon Your tomb* and the guards became like dead men;* Mary stood before Your tomb* seeking Your most pure body.* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.* You met the Virgin and granted life.* O Lord, risen from the dead,* glory be to You! **Troparion, Tone 3.** O Matthew, proclaimer of God's word,* you earnestly turned from the tax collector's booth* and followed the Master, who our His love* appeared to us on earth and summoned you.* You shone to the world as chosen apostle and loud herald of the Good News.* Because of this we feast your memory;* pray to God all-merciful* for the forgiveness of sins. (p. 349-50) *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.* **Kontakion, Tone 6.** With His life-giving hand* Christ our God, the Giver of life,* raised all the dead from the murky abyss* and bestowed resurrection upon humanity.* He is for all the Saviour,* the resurrection and the life, and the God of all. *Now and for ever and ever. Amen.* **Kontakion, Tone 4.** Casting off the yoke of the custom house* you yoked yourself to justice;* revealed as an excellent merchant* you gained wisdom—wealth from on high.* From whence you preached the word of truth,* arousing sluggish souls by describing the hour of judgment.

Prokeimenon, Tone 6 (p. 352). Save Your people, O Lord, * and bless Your inheritance. *verse:* Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence. **Prokeimenon, Tone 8.** Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10. Brothers and Sisters, 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 seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come 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 the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Alleluia, Tone 6 (p. 352). *verse 1:* He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven. *verse 2:* He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in Whom I hope. *verse 3:* The heavens shall confess our wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39. At that time Jesus arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Communion Verses. Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth,* and their words unto the ends of the world. Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 148:1)