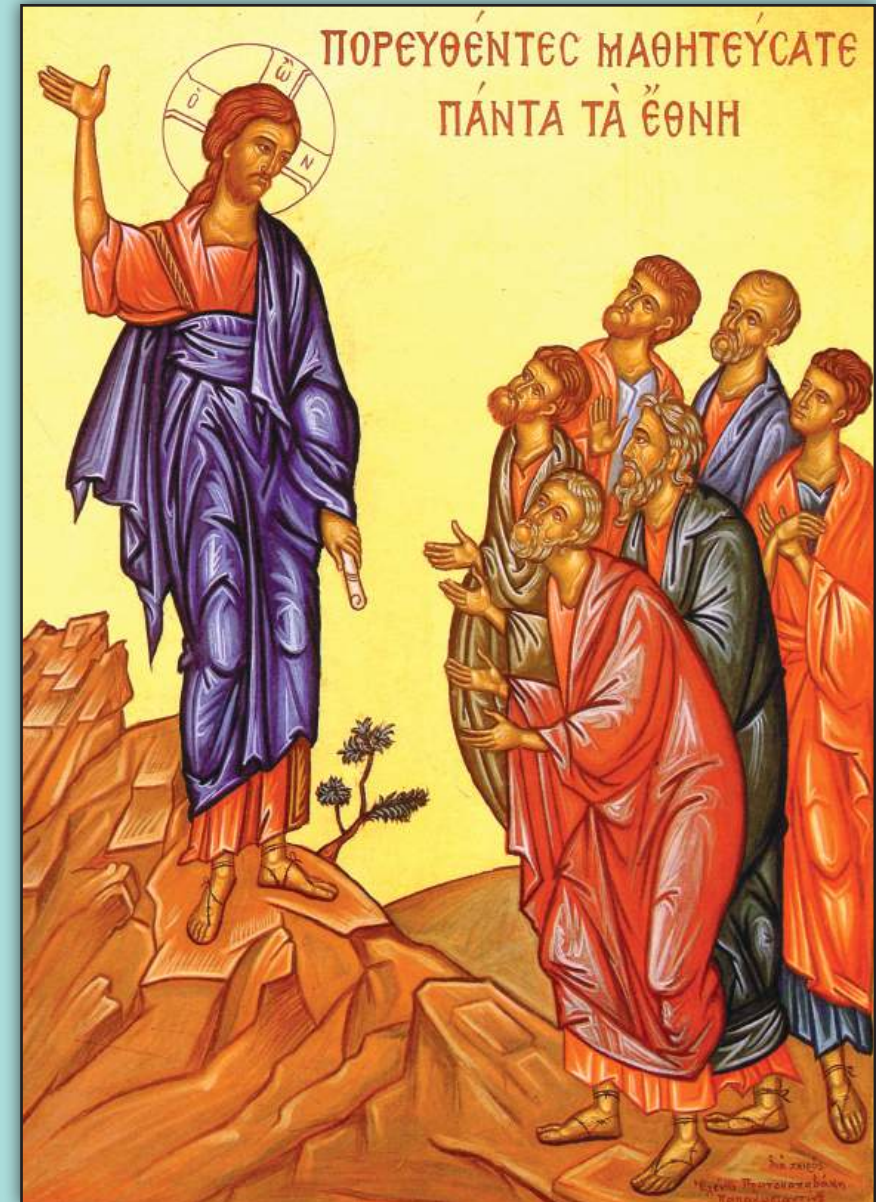


## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Christ Teaching on the Mount*

### *Prove Your Faith by Your Trust*

‘Look at the birds of the air,’ says Jesus. What a splendid example for our faith to follow! If God’s providence bestows an unfailing supply of food on the birds of the air who neither sow nor reap, we ought to realize that the reason for people’s supply running short is human greed. The fruits of the earth were given to feed all without distinction and nobody can claim any particular rights. Instead, we have lost the sense of the communion of goods, rushing to turn these goods into private property. The birds do not know famine because they do not claim anything specially for themselves and neither do they have any envy of others. ‘Consider the lilies of the field: not even Solomon in all his glory was

arrayed like one of these. If God so clothes the grass which is alive today and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more will he clothe one of you!’ Listen to these stupendous and uplifting words. With this parable of flowers and grass the Lord urges us to hope that God will also be merciful to us. Nothing is more persuasive than a glance at unthinking creatures who have received such beautiful dress from Providence. Surely we should be all the more ready to believe that human beings, if they entrust themselves completely to God and free themselves of all their worries, will not lack anything.

*St. Ambrose of Milan*



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**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever! Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава на віки!**

Reader Great Vespers, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 5:00pm

**Divine Liturgy in English, Sundays 10:30am**

Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession): Sundays, 9:45am

**JUNE 14, 2026 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST;  
HOLY PROPHET ELISHA (9<sup>TH</sup> C. BC); OUR HOLY FATHER METHODIUS,  
PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE (847)**

**GIVING REPORT** – The in-pew collection for Sunday, June 7 was \$1,723. *Thank you for your financial support of the parish!*

**WEEKDAY LITURGY** – Join us for the Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, June 17, 6pm. The Holy Mystery of Confession will be available at 5:30pm.



**READER GREAT VESPERS** – Join us on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 5:00pm for Great Vespers led by one of our deacons or lay cantors. Next opportunity: Saturday, June 20. “The unique theological, spiritual, poetic, and artistic riches of Vespers and Matins help us to integrate more deeply into our lives the history of salvation” (*Christ Our Pascha*, 541). Great Vespers on Saturday evening is the first service of the Lord’s Day.

**Want to learn to sing the Epistle at the Divine Liturgy? Interested in becoming a cantor or learning more about our musical tradition? Talk to Deacon David.**

### What is Vespers?

*Christ Our Pascha Catechism, 542–43:*



Vespers is a prayer in which we alternately glorify the Lord, ask for his gifts, and repent for our sins. In Psalm 103[104] we praise the Lord for his creation. Then, in a series of penitential psalms (“Lord, I have cried out to you” – Ps 140[141]; 141[142]; 129[130]; 116[117]) we express repentance and ask for forgiveness. Important elements of Vespers are incense and light. The rising smoke of incense expresses our penitential prayer ascending to the Lord. Then, in the ancient hymn “Tranquil Light,” we sing of Christ who, through the weakness that he endured on the cross, overcame the devil’s power and “gave life to all the world.” In the hymn “Deign, O Lord,” we ask for protection from sin “this evening.” We pray that the light of God’s commandments will provide that protection.



Vespers culminates in the singing of the Song of Simeon, “Now you dismiss your servant, O Lord” (see Lk 2:29–32). Simeon is known as “the one who received God.” In this canticle, the whole community, along with Simeon, expresses the joy of having encountered the Lord “this evening.” But the hymn also voices our readiness to encounter him in glory, when we see him “face to face” (see 1 Cor 13:12). Then, we shall fully see the salvation of God, “prepared before the face of all peoples.”

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Nancy & Jon Anderson, Julie, Lisa Behnke, Alison Bernhoft, Yevhenia Borys, Robert Matthew, Carrie Chuff, Arthur Dhanagom, Elizabeth Deegan, Clara Anne Duda, Fr Michael Duesterhaus, Robert Dulaine, Pat Fagan, Danylo (Neyko) Fedoryka, Fr Mark Fesniak, Emma Flournoy, Katie Flynn, Lilian Garland, Jerry Gawron, CR Gaush, Samuel Gaush, Josie Hacker, Brigid and Marlena Hess, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Fr Robert Hitchens, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Walter Janaro, Sarah Kelt, Dixie Lane, Catherine Luckey, Destiny Makins, Michael Marshner & Family, Bridget McDonald, Laura McMahan, Vince McLaughlin, Thomas Pavick, Phillip Rexrode, Ivanna Richardson & Family, Chris Saboe, Betsy Sayre, Truman L Sayre, Jr, CJ & Theresa Sidrow, Amy Smith, Karena Tapsak, Fr George Worschak, and Éamonn Yockey.

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### Third Sunday after Pentecost

*Tone 2 resurrectional propers, pp. 333-336*

**Troparion, Tone 2.** When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,\* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.\* When You raised the dead from the nether world,\* all the powers of heaven cried out:\* “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.*

**Kontakion, Tone 2.** You rose from the tomb, O almighty Saviour;\* and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose.\* Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults.\* And the world, my Saviour, sings Your praises for ever.

*Now and for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Theotokion, Tone 2.** The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God,\* unceasing in her intercession and an unfailing hope of patronage,\* for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life\* by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

**Prokeimenon, Tone 2.** The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation. *verse:* The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death. (Ps 117:14,18)

**Epistle: Romans 5:1-10.** Brothers and Sisters, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his

blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

**Alleluia, Tone 2.**

*verse:* The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

*verse:* Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. (Ps 19:2,10)

**Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33.** The Lord said: “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! “No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**Communion Verse.** Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia. (Ps 18:5)