

**MELKITE RESOURCES FOR THE DOMESTIC CHURCH  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST &  
THE BEHEADING OF THE FORERUNNER JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**THE TRISAGION PRAYERS**

**Parents:** Blessed ✠ is our God at all times, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**Response:** Amen.

**Parents:** Glory to You, our God, glory to You. Heavenly King, Consoler, Spirit of Truth, present in all places and filling all things, the Treasury of blessings and the Giver of life, come and dwell in us, cleanse us of all stain, and save our souls, O Good One.

**Children:** Holy ✠ God! Holy Mighty One! Holy Immortal One! Have mercy on us!  
*(Three times w/ metany)*

Glory be to the Father ✠ and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on us! Lord, forgive us our sins! Master, pardon our transgressions! Holy One, look upon us and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy! *(Three times)*

Glory be to the Father ✠ and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

**RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION – TONE 5**

Let us, O faithful, praise and worship the Word,  
coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our Salvation,  
for He was pleased to be lifted in the flesh upon the cross, and to endure death,  
and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

## **EPISTLE: ACTS 13:25 - 33**

In those days, when John was coming to the end of his career, he would say, "I am not the one you suppose me to be; but see, there comes one after me the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie. Brethren, children of the race of Abraham, and all among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent. For the inhabitants of Jerusalem and its rulers, not knowing him nor the sayings of the prophets which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by sentencing him; and though they found no grounds for putting him to death, they asked Pilate's permission to kill him. And when they had carried out all that had been written concerning him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb.

But God raised him from the dead; and he was seen during many days by those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem; and they were now witnesses for him to the people. So we now bring you the Good News that the promise made to our fathers, God has fulfilled for our children, by raising up Jesus."<sup>1</sup>

## **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:2 - 14**

The Lord told this parable: The kingdom of heaven is like a king who made a marriage feast for his son. And he sent his servants to call in those invited to the marriage feast, but they would not come. Again he sent out other servants saying: "Tell those who are invited, behold. I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and fatlings are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.'

But they made light of it, and went off, one to his own farm and another to his business; and the rest laid hold of his servants treated them shamefully, and killed them. But when the king heard of it, he was angry; and he sent his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The marriage feast indeed is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy; go therefore to the crossroads, and invite to the marriage feast whomever you shall find.'

And his servants went out into the roads and gathered all those they found, both good and bad; and the marriage feast was filled with guests. Now the king went in to see the guests, and he saw there a man who had not on a wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' But he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, take hold of him, and throw him out into the darkness, where there will be weeping and the gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Epistle Book, English (Apostolos): Bishop Joseph Raya, Alleluia Press, 1980

<sup>2</sup> Gospel Book, English: Bishop Joseph Raya, Alleluia Press, 1978