

## MELKITE RESOURCES FOR THE DOMESTIC CHURCH TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

### 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 7

After You destroyed Death by Your cross,  
You opened paradise to the thief.  
You changed the weeping of the myrrhbearers,  
and commanded Your apostles to proclaim  
that You, O Christ God, have risen, granting to the world great mercy.

## **EPISTLE: COLOSSIANS 3:4 - 11**

Brethren, when Christ, our life, appears, then you too shall appear in glory. Put to death whatever in your members is of the earth: immorality, uncleanness, lust, evil desire, covetousness, which is a form of idol-worship. Because of these passions, God's wrath comes upon the sons of disobedience and you yourselves once walked in them when they were your way of life.

But now, you too put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, abusive language and foul-mouthed utterances. Do not lie to one another. Strip off the old man with his deeds and put on the new, one that is being renewed towards perfect knowledge *according to his creator's image* (Cf. Gn.1:26). Here there is no Gentile and Jew, no circumcised and uncircumcised, no Barbarian and Scythian, no slave and freeman, but Christ is all things, and in all.

## **GOSPEL: LUKE 17:12 - 19**

At that time as Jesus was entering a certain village, there met him ten lepers, who stood afar off and lifted up their voice, crying, "Jesus, master, have pity on us."

And when he saw them he said, "Go, show yourselves to priests." And it came to pass as they were on their way that they were made clean.

But one of them, seeing that he was made clean, returned, with a loud voice glorifying God, and he fell on his face at his feet, giving thanks; and he was a Samaritan. But Jesus answered and said, "Were not the ten made clean? But where are the nine? Has no one been found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Arise, go your way, for your faith has saved you."

## **CATECHETICAL SUMMARY**

Today, in the Gospel account of the healing of the ten lepers, we hear of a most serious sin. Truly, it is a sin which is at the foundation of so many others sins and temptations which we face today. The sin is that of forgetfulness.

Today it seems that so many in our world have forgotten God, and we ourselves are tempted to do the same in our daily life. This foundational sin of forgetfulness leads us to frustration and anger, jealousy and covetousness, and so many other sins which spring from our forgetting God. And in place of our remembrance, in the absence of our constant communion with the Lord, our society today has convinced many of the "rights"

which every member of society must enjoy. Everything, we are told, is ours by "right." And when we do not get what we want or what we think is owed to us, we become frustrated, angry and jealous.

The truth is quite different. All we have, from the air we breathe and the ground we stand upon, to the home we live in and the life we enjoy is a gift from God. And when we remember this, when we live in constant awareness of the gifts of the Lord, then we cease to be jealous, angry and frustrated, and begin to live the life of thanksgiving.

This is the new life, the life of thanksgiving, that the Samaritan leper, the only one to return to Jesus after he had been healed, discovered when we were cleansed by the Lord. It is the most important lesson that we can learn if we seek to follow Christ.

### **Challenge Questions:**

1. The word "eucharist" means "thanksgiving." How does this help us understand what we are supposed to be doing when we are celebrating the Divine Liturgy?
2. In what ways can we say thank you to God for the life he has given us?
3. How can I become a "Eucharistic" person?