

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

**THE TRISAGION PRAYERS**

**Parents:** Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us.

**Response:** Amen.

**Parents:** Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, everywhere present and filling all things, Treasury of Blessings and Give of Life, come and dwell within us, cleanse us of all stain, and save our souls, O gracious One.

**Children:** Holy ✠ God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us. *(Three times)*

Glory be to the Father ✠ and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us; Lord, cleanse us of our sins; Master, forgive our transgressions; Holy One, come to 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 forever. 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**

O faithful, let us praise and adore the Word eternal with the Father and the Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin for our salvation.

For he chose to ascend the cross in the flesh and to suffer death,  
and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

## **EPISTLE: 2 CORINTHIANS 1:21 - 2:4**

But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not be pained by those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

**OR**

## **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>

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

## **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."

**OR**

## **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:14 - 29**

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, 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 either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. 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 which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious 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 arrayed like one of these.<sup>2</sup>

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