

## UKRAINIAN RESOURCES FOR THE DOMESTIC CHURCH TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### THE TRISAGION PRAYERS

**Parents:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen. *(Three times)*

**Response:** Glory be to you, our God, glory be to You.

**Parents:** Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth, Who are everywhere present and fill all things, Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of Life, come and dwell within us; cleanse us of all that defiles us, and O Good One, save our souls.

**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.

Trinity most Holy, have mercy on us. Cleanse us of our sins, O Lord; Pardon our transgressions, O master; look upon our weaknesses and heal them, O Holy One; for the sake of Your name.

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 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!

## GOSPEL: LUKE 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus was entering a village, ten lepers met (him). They stood at a distance from him and raised their voice, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

### CATECHETICAL SUMMARY

Today, in the Gospel account of the healing of the ten lepers, we learn 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?