

Order of the Divine Liturgy

Fourth Sunday of Matthew

Commemoration of Symeon the Fool for Christ, Parthenios, Bishop of Arta, Ezekiel the Prophet

July 21, 2013

APOLYTIKIA

Today is Salvation

Today is salvation come unto the world. Let us sing unto the Author of our life Who arose from the tomb; for, destroying death by death, He granted us the victory and great mercy.

Resurrectional Apolytikion -- Third Mode

Let all things above in heav'n rejoice, let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform: beneath His feet, He has trampled down death by death, and first born of the dead has He become. From the depths of Hades, has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

O God of our Fathers

O God of our Fathers, ever dealing with us according to Thy gentleness: take not Thy mercy from us, but by their entreaties guide our life in peace.

Having seen the image

Having seen the image of Thy Cross in Heaven, and, like Paul, having received the call not from men, Thine apostle among kings entrusted the commonwealth to Thy hand, O Lord. Keep us always in peace, by the intercessions if the Theotokos, O only Friend of man.

KONTAKION (*relating to the Season or Feast*)

O protection of Christians

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant: O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honour thee.

EPISTLE

Romans 6:18-23

GOSPEL

Matthew 8:5-13