SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

14th SUNDAY OF LUKE

ZEPHANIAH THE PROPHET

EPISODE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians Chapter 5, Verse 8-19: Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.” Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 18, Verses 18-27: At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me receive my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Today’s Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone One:
The stone that had been sealed before your tomb by the Jews, and the soldiers guarding did watch over Your pure and sacred Body, O Savior, the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life. Whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory unto our resurrected Christ, glory unto your Dispensation, O You who alone love mankind.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος υπὸ τῶν Ἱουδαίων, καὶ στατισμῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἀρχάντων σοι Ἀγία, ἀνέτης τρίμερος Χειρόμερα, δωρεάνεσον τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωήν. Διὰ τούτου αἱ δούλιες τῶν σαρκικῶν ἤλθοι σοι, Ζωόδοτα ἄνεσα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σοι, Χριστὲ δόσα τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σοι, δόσα τῇ ἁγιομονίᾳ σοι, μονέ Φιλανθρώπε.