

## 14th Sunday after Pentecost.

*Semidouble. (Green)*

**INTROIT.** *Protéctor noster. Ps. 83.*

**BEHOLD, O God our defender, † and look upon the face of thy Christ: \* for one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.**

*Ps. ibid.* O how amiable are thy dwellings, O Lord of hosts! \* my soul desireth and longeth for the courts of the Lord. **V. Glory.**

**COLLECT.**

KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy: and because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall; keep it ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead it to all things profitable to salvation. Through.

**COLLECT 2.** *Of St. Mary, the Theotokos*

O LORD God Almighty, we beseech thee to keep us thy servants both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls: that by the glorious intercession of blessed Mary Ever-virgin, we may be delivered from our present heaviness, and attain in the end to everlasting gladness. Through.

**COLLECT 3.** *For the Patriarch.*

O GOD, the pastor and ruler of all the faithful, mercifully look upon thy servant, N., whom thou hast been pleased to set as pastor over thy Church: grant him, we beseech thee; to be in word and conduct (conversation) a wholesome example to the people committed to his charge, that he with them may attain unto everlasting life. Through.



**The LESSON from St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.**

*2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4*

21 Now the one who establishes us with you in Christ and who has anointed us is God. 22 He has also sealed us and given us the pledge of the Spirit in our hearts. 23 I call God as a witness to my soul, that to spare you I did not come to Corinth. 24 It is not that we have lordship over your faith: we are fellow workers with you for your joy, as you stand firm in faith.

2 But I resolved this for myself: that I would not return to you in sorrow. 2 If I cause you distress, who will bring me joy except for you, the very ones whom I grieve? 3 Indeed, I wrote to you as I did, so that when I came, I would not have sorrow from the ones who should be my joy; but I trust in you all, that my joy would also be shared by all. 4 It was out of much affliction and anguish of heart that I wrote to you with many tears, not to cause you distress but to let you know what overflowing love I have for you.

**GRADUAL.** *Ps. 117.* **It is better to trust in the Lord, \* than to put any confidence in man. V.** It is better to trust in the Lord, \* than to put any confidence in princes.

**ALLELUIA, alleluia. V.** *Ps. 94.* O come, let us rejoice unto the Lord: \* let us make a joyful noise unto God our Saviour. **Alleluia.**

**☒ The Continuation of the HOLY GOSPEL accôrding to Matthew.** *Matthew 22:1-14*

22 Jesus now addressed them with another parable, saying: 2 “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a king who planned a wedding feast for his son. 3 He then sent out his slaves to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they refused to come. 4

Again, the king sent out other slaves, saying: ‘Tell those who are invited, “Behold, I have prepared my dinner! My cattle and my fatted calves have been killed and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast!” ’ 5 But those who were invited made light of it and went off, one to his own farm, another to his merchandise, 6 and the others seized the king’s slaves, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 But when the king heard about it, he was furious. He sent out his soldiers to destroy those murderers and to burn their city.

8 Then the king said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the crossroads of the highways, and as many people as you may find, invite to the wedding feast.’ 10 Those slaves went out into the highways and gathered as many people as they could find, both good and bad. Thus, the wedding [hall] was filled with guests. 11 But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man who was not wearing a wedding garment. 12 He asked him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here, not wearing a wedding garment?’ And the man was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and throw him into the outer darkness where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.’ 14 Indeed, many are called, but few are chosen!”

*Creed.*

## Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed—The Symbol of Faith

**I BELIEVE in one God—**

**All: THE Father Almighty, | Maker of heaven and earth, | and of all things | visible and invisible. AND in one Lord, Jesus Christ, | the Son of God; | the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages; | Light of Light, | true God of true God; | begotten, not made; | of one essence with the Father; | by whom all things were made; | who for us men and for our salvation, | came down from the heavens. | And was incarnate of the Holy Spirit | and the Virgin Mary, | and became man. | And was crucified for us | under Pontius Pilate; | and suffered, and was buried; | and arose again on the third day | according to the Scriptures; | and ascended into the heavens, | and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; | and shall come again, with glory, | to judge both the living and the dead; | whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**AND in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, | the Giver of life, | who proceedeth from the Father; | who with the Father and the Son together | is worshipped and glorified; | who spake by the prophets. | In One, Holy, Catholic, | and Apostolic Church: | I confess one baptism | for the remission of sins. | I look for the resurrection ☩ of the dead, | and the life of the age to come. | Amen.**

## **Litany of Supplication**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**Answer: And with thy spirit.**

Deacon: Let us all say, Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That our God will rule and govern his holy Orthodox Church, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will preserve the hierarchy and clergy of his Church, especially our great lord and father, His Holiness Patriarch N., our lord the Most Reverend Metropolitan, N., in true religion, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will spread the light of his Gospel unto all nations, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will restore to his Church all who have erred and gone astray, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will give to all nations true peace and concord, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will endow the President of the United States and all in civil authority, with the wisdom to know and the courage to do his will, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will strengthen and preserve us in his holy service, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will heal the sick and succor all who are in any trouble, sorrow, need, or adversity, [especially NN.,] let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will give to our use the abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will grant us the spirit of true repentance, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will bless our brethren, kinsfolk, benefactors, and friends with blessings everlasting, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will grant rest to the souls of all the faithful departed, [especially NN.,] let us pray to the Lord.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, Ruler of all things in heavên and earth: mercifully accept the prayers of thy peoplê; and grant us strength to do thy will. Through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lôrd: Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, unto agês of ages. Amen.

*or*

O LORD our God, receive the fervent prayers ôf thy people: in the multitude of thy mercies, look with compassion upon ûs; and upon all who turn to thee for help. Through (He bows his head.) Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lôrd: Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit (Ghost), God, unto agês of ages (world wîthout end). Amen.

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**OFFERTORY.** *Ps. 33.* The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them: \* O taste, and see, that the Lord is good.

*Súscipe, Sancte Pater*

RECEIVE, O holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, this spotless Host which I, an unworthy servant, offer unto thee, my living and true God, for all my countless sins, offences and neglect; and for those who stand round about; as also for all the faithful in Christ, both living (quick) and dead; that to me and to them it may avail for salvation unto life everlasting. Amen.

*Offerimus Tibi*

WE offer unto thee, O Lord, the Chalice of Salvation; beseeching thy mercy that it may ascend in the sight of thy Divine Majesty as a sweet-smelling savour for our salvation, and that of the whole world. Amen.

*In Spíritu Humilitátis*

IN a spirit of humility, and with a contrite heart, may we be accepted by thee, O Lord; and so let our sacrifice be offered in thy sight this day, that it may be pleasing unto thee, O Lord God.

*Veni, Sanctificátor*

COME, O thou Sanctifier, ✠ Almighty and Eternal God; and bless this sacrifice made ready unto thy holy Name.

*Súscipe, Sancta Trínitas*

RECEIVE, O holy Trinity, this oblation which we offer unto thee in memory of the Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ: and to the honour of blessed Mary Ever-Virgin,

of blessed John the Baptist, of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, of these and of all thy Saints: that it may avail to their honour, and for our salvation; and may they vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we keep on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Orâte, Fratres*

PRAY, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours be acceptable unto God the Father Almighty.

*Suscípiat, Dóminus*

MAY the Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, to our benefit also, and that of all his holy Church.

**SECRET.**

GRANT to us, O Lord, wê beseech thee: that this saving Victim may avail, both for the cleansing of our offencês, and for the obtaining of the favour of thy almighty power. Through.

**SECRET 2.** *Of St. Mary.*

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that by the bountiful goodness of thy mercy, and by the intercession of blessèd Mary Ever-virgin, these our oblations may be acceptable î thy sight: that we being delivered in this present life from all adversitês, may obtain in that which is to come peace everlasting. Through.

**SECRET 3.** *For the Church.*

DEFEND us, O Lord, who wait upôn thy Mysteries: that we, cleaving fast to things heavenly, may serve thee both in body and soul. Through.

**PREFACE.** *Of 14th Sunday after Pentecost.*

IT is truly meet and right, our joy and salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God: who givest strength in our every weakness, makest thy Church to rise in every adversity, to prevail exalted whenever it is thought oppressed; and, when suffering for the faith, always perseveres victorious, with the help of thy love. Through Christ our Lord: by whom the Angels praise thy Majesty, the Dominions adore thee, the Powers tremble before thee; the heavens, the heavenly Virtues, and blessed Seraphim, together sing thy praise; with whom we pray thee to join our humble voices, evermore saying.

*And the Sanctus is sung.*

**PRAYERS BEFORE COMMUNION**

*Credo, Dómine*

**I BELIEVE, ☩ O Lord, and I confess that thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the Living God, who didst come into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief. Moreover, I believe that this is truly thy most pure Body, and that this is truly thine own precious Blood. Wherefore, I pray thee: Have mercy on me and forgive me my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary; in word and deed; in knowledge and in ignorance. And vouchsafe me to partake without condemnation of thy most pure Mysteries, unto the remission of sins and life everlasting. Amen.**

*Cenæ Mysticæ*

**OF thy Mystical Supper, O Son of God, receive me today as a communicant: for I will not speak of the Mystery to thine enemies, nor will I give thee a kiss, as did Judas; but like the**

**Thief do I confess thee: ☩ Remember me, O Lord, in thy Kingdom.**

*Mihi nec Judicio*

**LET not the communion of thy Holy Mysteries be unto me for judgement or condemnation, O Lord, ☩ but for healing of soul and body.**

**COMMUNION.** *St. Matt. 6.* Seek ye first the kingdom of God, \* and all these things shall be added unto you, saith the Lord.

**POSTCOMMUNION.**

LET thy holy Sacrament, O God, evermore cleanse and defend us: that we may be brought thereby to the attainment of everlasting salvation. Through.

**POSTCOMMUNION 2.** *Of St. Mary.*

O LORD, who hast appointed this holy sacrament which we have here received to be the means of our salvation: mercifully grant, that we which have offered these our gifts unto thy divine majesty in honour of blessed Mary Ever-virgin, may by her protection be preserved both in body and soul. Through.

**POSTCOMMUNION 3.** *For the Patriarch.*

DEFEND us, O Lord, we beseech thee, who have here received these heavenly Mysteries: and grant that thy servant, N., whom thou hast chosen to be pastor and ruler of thy Church, together with the flock committed to his charge, may thereby be strengthened and preserved against all adversities. Through.