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Prophet Zephaniah

December 3, 2017

Troparion – Tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest of mankind!”

Troparion – Tone 2

We celebrate the memory of Thy prophet Zephaniah, O Lord; through him we beseech Thee: “Save our souls!”

Kontakion – Tone 1

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:// “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Kontakion – Tone 4

Thou hast been revealed by the Spirit of God to be brilliant, O Prophet Zephaniah, for thou didst proclaim the coming of God: “Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Proclaim Him, O Jerusalem! // Behold, your King is coming to save mankind!”

Prokeimenon – Tone 1

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)

Prophet Zephaniah

The Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias) was a contemporary of the Prophet Jeremiah and the Prophetess Oldama. He was from the tribe of Simeon, and was the ninth of the Twelve Minor Prophets of the Old Testament. The prophet lived at the royal court, where he preached repentance and helped King Josiah eliminate idol-worship.

He prophesied about the calamities that were to come for the people of Judea and the surrounding regions: Gaza, Ascalon, Crete, and against the Moabites, the Ammonites and the Ninevites.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:9-19

(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time,

because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Service Schedule for the week of December 3

Today – 9:00 AM Church School, 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

Tuesday December 5 – 7:00 PM Vespers with Litya, St. Nicholas

Wednesday December 6 – 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, St. Nicholas

Saturday December 2 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday December 3 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Weekly Giving

November 26 – 45 adults, 17 youth, \$2,852

Parish Announcements

Remember to partake in the Sacraments of Confession and Communion prior to the Nativity. If you need to schedule a particular time for Confession please contact Father Volodymyr. There is a sheet on the table across from the candle desk about preparation for Holy Confession.

The Sunday School children will decorate the Christmas tree in Daria Hall during coffee hour today, and the Christmas Yolka will be held next Sunday December 10 during coffee hour.

The Bake Sale will be held in two weeks on Saturday December 16. We need baked goods, especially cookies, dropped off in Daria Hall no later than 1 PM on Friday December 15 so cookie trays can be assembled. You may bring your cookies early and put them in the Daria Hall Coat Room freezer – please mark the contents, especially if there are nuts in the baked goods. Any questions contact Nina Laushell or Darice Keyes.

We will have a Christmas Eve Supper once again this year on Sunday, December 24 at 5:00 PM in Daria Hall. *Due to the Supper, we will not have Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy.* There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Please bring a Lenten dish to share (estimate 20-25 people). The Supper will be followed by Great Compline services in the church at 7:00 PM.