

Thursday of the 2nd Week

At the 6th Hour

Prokimenon, Tone 6 (Psalm 33): I sought the Lord, and He heard me,* and delivered me from all my tribulations.

Verse: I will bless the Lord at all times.

The Reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah (6:1-12)

It came to pass in the year in which king Uzziah died, that I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, and the house was full of His glory. And seraphim stood round about Him: each one had six wings: and with two they covered their face, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one cried to the other, and they said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth: the whole earth is full of His glory." And the lintel shook at the voice they uttered, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said, "Woe is me, for I am pricked to the heart; for being a man, and having unclean lips, and I have seen with mine eyes the King, the Lord of Sabaoth." And there was sent to me one of the seraphim, and he had in his hand a coal, which he had taken off the altar with the tongs: and he touched my mouth, and said, "Behold, this hath touched thy lips, and taketh away thine iniquities, and purgeth away thy sins." And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go to this people?" And I said, "Behold, I am here, send me." And He said, "Go, and say to this people. 'Ye shall hear indeed, but ye shall not understand; and ye shall see indeed, but ye shall not perceive.' For the heart of this people hath become gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them." And I said, "How long, O Lord?" And He said, "Until cities be deserted by reason of their not being inhabited, and the houses by reason of there being no men, and the land shall be left desolate. And after this God shall remove the men far off, and they that are left upon the land shall be multiplied."

Prokimenon, Tone 6 (Psalm 34): Arise, O Lord,* and be attentive unto my judgement.

Verse: Judge them, O Lord, that do me injustice.

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1st Reading at Vespers

Prokimenon, Tone 4 (Psalm 35): O Lord, Thy mercy is in heaven,* and Thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Verse: Thy righteousness is as the mountains of God, Thy judgements are a great abyss.

The Reading is from Genesis (5:1-24)

This is the genealogy of men in the day in which God made Adam; in the image of God He made him: male and female He made them, and blessed them; and He called his name Adam, in the day in which He made them. And Adam lived two hundred and thirty years, and begat a son after his own form and after his own image, and he called his name Seth. And the days of Adam, which he lived after his begetting Seth, were seven hundred years; and he begat sons and daughters. And all the days of Adam which he lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died. Now Seth lived two hundred and five years, and begat Enos. And Seth lived after his begetting Enos, seven hundred and seven years, and he begat sons and daughters. And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died. And Enos lived an hundred and ninety years, and begat Cainan. And Enos lived after his begetting Cainan, seven hundred and fifteen and he begat sons and daughters. And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years, and he died. And Cainan lived an hundred and seventy years, and he begat Maleleel. And Cainan lived after his begetting Maleleel, seven hundred and forty years, and he begat son and daughters. And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years, and he died. And Maleleel lived an hundred and sixty and five years, and he begat Jared. And Maleleel lived after his begetting Jared, seven hundred and thirty years, and he begat sons and daughters. And all the days of Maleleel were eight hundred and ninety and five years, and he died. And Jared lived an hundred and sixty and two years, and begat Enoch: and Jared lived after his begetting Enoch, eight hundred years, and he begat sons and daughters. And all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty and two years, and he died. And Enoch lived an hundred and sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah. And Enoch was well-pleasing to God after his begetting Methuselah, two hundred years, and he begat sons and daughters. And all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty and five years. And Enoch was well-pleasing to God, and was not found, because God translated him.

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2nd Reading at Vespers

Prokimenon, Tone 6 (Psalm 36): Wait on the Lord,* and keep His way.

Verse: Fret not thyself because of evildoers, nor envy them that work iniquity.

The Reading is from Proverbs (6:3-20)

My son, do what I command thee, and deliver thyself; for on thy friend's account thou art come into the power of evil men: faint not, but stir up even thy friend for whom thou art become surety. Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber with thine eyelids; that thou mayest deliver thyself as a doe out of the toils, and as a bird out of a snare. Go to the ant, O sluggard; and see, and emulate his ways, and become wiser than he. For whereas he hath no husbandry, nor any one to compel him, and is under no master, he prepareth food for himself in the summer, and layeth by abundant store in harvest. Or go to the bee, and learn how diligent she is, and how earnestly she is engaged in her work; whose labours kings and private men use for health, and she is desired and respected by all: though weak in body, she is advanced by honouring wisdom. How long wilt thou lie, O sluggard? and when wilt thou awake out of sleep? Thou sleepest a little, and thou retest a little, and thou slumberest a short time, and thou foldest thine arms over thy breast a little. Then poverty cometh upon thee as an evil traveler, and want as a swift courier: but if thou be diligent, thine harvest shall arrive as a fountain, and poverty shall flee away as a bad courier. A foolish man and a transgressor goeth in ways that are not good. And the same winketh with the eye, and maketh a sign with his foot, and teacheth with the beckonings of his fingers. His perverse heart deviseth evils: at all times such a one causeth troubles to a city. Therefore his destruction shall come suddenly; overthrow and irretrievable ruin. For he rejoiceth in all things which God hateth, and he is ruined by reason of impurity of soul. The eye of the haughty, a tongue unjust, hands shedding the blood of the just; and a heart devising evil thoughts, and feet hastening to do evil, – are hateful to God. An unjust witness kindleth falsehoods, and bringeth on quarrels between brethren. My son, keep the laws of thy father, and reject not the ordinances of thy mother.