

Wednesday of the 2nd Week

At the 6th Hour

Prokimenon, Tone 5 (Psalm 29): Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry,* and unto my God will I make supplication.

Verse: I will exalt Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast upheld me.

The Reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah (5:16-25)

Whe Lord of Sabaoth shall be exalted in judgement, and the holy God shall be glorified in righteousness. Woe to them that draw sins to them as with a long rope, and iniquities as with a thong of the heifer's yoke: who say, "Let Him speedily hasten what He will do, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel come, that we may know it." Woe to them that call evil good, and good evil; who make darkness light, and light darkness; who make bitter sweet, and sweet bitter. Woe to them that are wise in their own conceit, and knowing in their own sight. Woe to the strong ones of you that drink wine, and the mighty ones that mingle strong drink: who justify the ungodly for rewards, and take away the righteousness of the righteous. Therefore as stubble shall be burnt by a coal of fire, and shall be consumed by a violent flame, their root shall be as chaff, and their flower shall go up as dust: for they rejected the law of the Lord of Sabaoth, and insulted the word of the Holy One of Israel. Therefore the Lord of Sabaoth was greatly angered against His people, and He reached forth His hand upon them, and smote them: and the mountains were troubled, and their carcasses were as dung in the midst of the way: yet for all this His anger hath not been turned away, but His hand is yet raised.

Prokimenon, Tone 6 (Psalm 30): In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped,* let me not be put to shame in the age to come.

Verse: In Thy righteousness deliver me, and rescue me.

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1st Reading at Vespers

Prokimenon, Tone 6 (Psalm 31): Be glad in the Lord,* and rejoice, O ye righteous.

Verse: Blesséd are they whose iniquities are forgiven.

The Reading is from Genesis (4:16-26)

Cain went forth from the presence of God and dwelt in the land of Nod over against Eden. And Cain knew his wife, and having conceived she bare Enoch; and he built a city; and he named the city after the name of his son, Enoch. And to Enoch was born Gaidad; and Gaidad begat Maleleel; and Maleleel begat Methuselah; and Methuselah begat Lamech. And Lamech took to himself two wives; the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the second Zillah. And Adah bare Jabal; he was the father of those that dwell in tents, feeding cattle. And the name of his brother was Jubal; he it was who invented the psaltery and harp. And Zillah also bare Tubal; he was a smith, a manufacturer both of brass and iron: and the sister of Tubal was Naamah. And Lamech said to his wives, Adah and Zillah, "Hear my voice, ye wives of Lamech, consider my words, because I have slain a man to my sorrow and a youth to my grief. Because vengeance hath been exacted seven times on Cain's behalf, on Lamech's it shall be seventy times seven." And Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bare a son, and called his name Seth, saying: "For God hath raised up to me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew." And Seth had a son, and he called his name Enos; he hoped to call on the name of the Lord God.

2nd Reading at Vespers

Prokimenon, Tone 1 (Psalm 32): Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us,* according as we have hoped in Thee.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise is meet for the upright.

The Reading is from Proverbs (5:15-6:3)

My son, drink waters out of thine own vessels, and out of thine own springing wells. Let not waters out of thy fountain be spilt by thee, but let thy waters go into thy streets. Let them be only thine own, and let no stranger partake with thee. Let thy fountain of water be truly thine own; and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. Let thy loving hart and thy graceful colt company with thee, and let her be considered thine own, and be with thee at all times; for ravished with her love thou shalt be greatly increased. Be not intimate with a strange woman, neither fold thyself in the arms of a woman not thine own. For the ways of a man are before the eyes of God, and he looketh on all his paths. Iniquities ensnare a man, and every one is bound in the chains of his own sins. Such a man dieth with the uninstructed; and he is cast forth from the abundance of his own substance, and has perished through folly. My son, if thou become surety for thy friend, thou shalt deliver thine hand to an enemy. For a man's own lips become a strong snare to him, and he is caught with the lips of his own mouth. My son, do what I command thee, and deliver thyself.