

Friday of Cheesefare Week

At the 6th Hour

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 the Prophecy of Zachariah (8:7-17)

Yhus saith the Lord Almighty: Behold, I will save My people from the east country, and the west country; and I will bring them in[to their own land], and cause them to dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be to Me a people, and I will be to them a God, in truth and in righteousness. Thus saith the Lord Almighty: Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words out of the mouth of the prophets, from the day that the house of the Lord Almighty was founded, and from the time that the temple was built. For before those days the wages of men could not be profitable, and there could be no hire of cattle, and there could be no peace by reason of the affliction to him that went out or to him that came in: for I would have let loose all men, every one against his neighbour. But now I will not do to the remnant of this people according to the former days, saith the Lord Almighty. But I will shew peace: the vine shall yield her fruit, and the land shall yield her produce, and the heaven shall give its dew: and I will give as an inheritance all these things to the remnant of My people. And it shall come to pass, as ye were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: be of good courage, and strengthen your hands. For thus saith the Lord Almighty: As I took counsel to afflict you when your fathers provoked Me, saith the Lord Almighty, and I repented not: so have I prepared and taken counsel in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: be ye of good courage. These are the things which ye shall do; speak truth every one with his neighbour; judge truth and peaceable judgement in your gates: and let none of you devise evil in his heart against his neighbour; and love not a false oath: for all these things I hate, saith the Lord Almighty.

Prokimenon, Tone 3 (Psalm 46): O chant unto the Lord, chant ye;* chant unto our King, chant ye.

Verse: Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing.

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At Vespers

Prokimenon, Tone 7 (Psalm 58): Thou, O God, art my Helper,* and Thy mercy shall go before me.

Verse: Rescue me from mine enemies, O God, and from them that rise up against me redeem me.

The Reading is from the Prophecy of Zachariah (8:19-23)

Whus saith the Lord Almighty: The fourth fast, and the fifth fast, and the seventh fast, and the tenth fast, shall be to the house of Judah for joy and gladness, and for good feasts; and ye shall rejoice; and love ye the truth and peace. Thus saith the Lord Almighty: Yet shall many peoples come, and the inhabitants of many cities; and the inhabitants of five cities shall come together to one city, saying, "Let us go to make supplication to the Lord, and to seek the face of the Lord Almighty;" I will go also. And many peoples and many nations shall come to seek earnestly the face of the Lord Almighty in Jerusalem, and to obtain favour of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord Almighty: In those days My word shall be fulfilled if ten men of all the languages of the nations should take hold – even take hold of the hem of a Jew, saying, "We will go with thee; for we have heard that God is with you."

Prokimenon, Tone 6 (Psalm 130): Let Israel hope in the Lord, from henceforth and for evermore.

Verse: O Lord, my heart is not exalted, nor are mine eyes become lofty.