

Sayings From the Fathers

“To repent is not to look downwards at my own shortcomings, but upwards at God’s love, it is not to look backwards with self-reproach but forward with trustfulness, it is to see not what I have failed to be, but what by the grace of God I might yet become.”

- St John Climacus

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Antiphon (3rd)

1. Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us shout with joy to God our Savior.

O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

2. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving and let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.

O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

3. For God is a great Lord and a great King over all the earth.

O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

Entrance Hymn:

Priest: Come let us worship and bow down before Christ

People: O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

Resurrectional Troparion (Tone 8, Pg. 42)

You descended from on high O compassionate One; and consented to burial for three days that You might free us from suffering. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory to You!

Troparion for the Glorious Apostle Thomas (Tone 3)

Holy Apostle Thomas, intercede with God all-merciful that He may grant us the remission of our sins.

Patronal Troparion (Tone 1, Pg. 15)

In giving birth, you have preserved your virginity, and in falling asleep, you did not forsake the world, O Mother of God. You have passed to life, being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death.

Kondakion (Tone 2, Pg. 16)

O never-failing Protectress of Christians, and their ever-present Intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

Prokimenon

Reader: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them: let all round about Him bring gifts to the awesome Lord!

People: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them: let all round about Him bring gifts to the awesome Lord!

Reader: God is renowned in Judah; in Israel, great is His name.

People: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them: let all round about Him bring gifts to the awesome Lord!

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The destruction of the temple marked the effective end of Jewish liturgical worship. The prayer services of the synagogues replaced the daily sacrifices of the temple. The leadership role of the priests was taken over by the rabbis.

The New Temple

For Christians, the destruction of the temple had another effect: it reminded them of the connection between the temple and the body of Christ as the focus of worship. In the Gospel of John we read Jesus Himself making this connection after driving the money-changers from the temple. “*So the Jews answered and said to Him, ‘What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?’ Jesus answered and said to them,*

‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’

Then the Jews said, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?’

But He was speaking of the temple of His body. Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said” (Jn 2:18-22).

The Lord Jesus was now not only the temple; for Christians He was the High Priest as well: “*we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God...*” (Heb 4:14). “*But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God*” (Heb 10:12).

Jesus thus replaces, in the mind of the first Christians, temple and priest. In addition, He becomes the very sacrifice itself: “*Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us*” (1 Cor 5:7). “*He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself*” (Heb 9:26).

PRIESTS PLUNDER THE TEMPLE

“At this time, one of the priests, the son of Thebuthus, whose name was Joshua, was assured by the oath of Caesar, that he should be preserved, upon condition that he should deliver up certain of the precious things deposited in the temple. This Joshua handed over from the wall of the holy house two candlesticks, like those that lay in the holy house, with tables, and cisterns, and vials, all made of solid gold, and very heavy. He also delivered to him the veils and the garments, with the precious stones, and a great number of other precious vessels that belonged to their sacred worship.

“The treasurer of the temple, whose name was Phineas, was also seized. He showed Titus the coats and girdles of the priests, with a great quantity of purple and scarlet, which were there for the uses of the veil, as also a great deal of cinnamon and cassia, with a large quantity of other sweet spices, which used to be mixed together, and offered as incense to God every day. A great many other treasures were also delivered to him, including not a few sacred ornaments of the temple. When these things were delivered to Titus, he [the treasurer] was granted the same pardon that was given to those who deserted of their own accord.”

(Flavius Josephus, *History of the Destruction of Jerusalem*, VI, VIII, 3)

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

Today +Catherine Delnore (40 Day). Requested by her family. Coffee Hour sponsored by the Family. Coffee Hour sponsored by the Family

October 13 +Charles & Lena Nejaimey, Elias Tembenis, Catherine Clymer. Requested by the Nejaimey Family. Coffee Hour sponsored by the Nejaimey Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Last Week's Attendance/Donations: **39/\$1,227**
- ◆ **Help Wanted** - As you all know, our weekly Bingo is a major source of funding for the parish. We could use some additional workers! Please consider volunteering some of your time on Tuesday evenings. If you can volunteer, please see Joe Najemy.
- ◆ You should have received a mailing that included a Contact Form. I have only received sixty of the forms to date. If you have not yet returned your form, please do so in person, via regular mail, or email. Having an up to date contact list makes it easier for me to reach out to the Community. It also ensures that the mailings we send get to you. If you did not receive the contact form, please see me and I'll give you one.
- ◆ Have you ever wondered why we do what we do in the Divine Liturgy? Do you want to learn the music better? We will begin a series on the Divine Liturgy. The series will start on Wednesday **October 9 from 7-8PM**. The sessions will have two parts: 1) A presentation on the Liturgy; its different parts and their evolution, and 2) Going through the music we use here at OLPH. Please join us!
- ◆ Parish Meeting - We will have a General Parish Meeting in late October or early November. We'll discuss the financial condition of the parish, some of my ideas for the future, and most importantly, your ideas. Be on the lookout for an invitation sometime in the next few weeks.
- ◆ The next seminar in the God With Us Online series is titled "Making Disciples - The Art of Bringing Others to Christ." It runs October **9, 16, & 23** from 8PM to 9PM. Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events.

Welcome to those who are visiting today. We are happy to have you worship with us. If this is your first time here, please come downstairs to the Hall, introduce yourself, have some refreshments, and get to know the Community. If you have any questions about the Melkite Church and its traditions, please don't hesitate to ask Fr. Bryan.

Weddings — One year notice. Contact Fr. Bryan for Sacramental Preparation.

Baptisms — One month notice. Contact Fr. Bryan for Sacramental Preparation.

Please let Fr. Bryan know about anyone who is sick, in the hospital, or homebound so that he can visit and bring them the Eucharist on a regular basis.



Third Sunday after the Holy Cross - (17 Pentecost, 3 St Luke)

Christ's Prophecy Fulfilled

THE OVERRIDING THEME OF THE GOSPEL of Luke, as we have seen, is that the Lord Jesus fulfills the prophecies written about the Messiah in the Old Testament. Luke emphasizes this teaching in his telling of the risen Christ's appearance to His disciples. In Lk 24 the Lord tells the disciples at Emmaus "...beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself" (v.27).

Luke then records how Jesus appeared to the disciples in Jerusalem. "Then He said to them, 'These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.' And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures" (vv. 44, 45).

But Jesus did not only fulfill the Scriptures concerning Himself, He also prophesied what would happen after His death and resurrection. When Jesus entered Jerusalem – an event we celebrate as joyful – Luke says that, "Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, 'If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation'" (Lk 19:41-44).

Jesus specifically prophesies the destruction of the temple, the center of Jewish worship: "Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations, He said, 'These things which you see—the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down'" (Lk 21:5,6). These prophecies were to be fulfilled in the century that followed by the Roman army.

The Roman Occupation

Much of history throughout the world can be summarized as larger states gobbling up their smaller neighbors. In the Middle East the fourth century BC saw Alexander the Great conquer much of the ancient world, including the Holy Land. The Jewish territories were allowed a certain autonomy under their new masters for over 150 years. Then, in the second century BC, the drive to impose Greek culture and customs on all their dependents saw Judaism prohibited and the temple desecrated. The Jews revolted and, in 164 BC under the leadership of the Maccabees, the Jews seized Jerusalem and purified the temple, ushering in a period of Jewish independence. To this day Jews celebrate this restoration on the feast of Hannukah.

The next century saw Rome become the dominant power in the area. The Jewish kingdom became dependent on the Romans who ruled Syria. An abortive revolt was crushed in 40 BC and the Holy Land became a Roman province.

In 37 BC Rome appointed Herod the Great, son of an Edumean proselyte, as king of Judaea. A great admirer of Greco-Roman culture, Herod built classical cities and fortresses in his kingdom. He also enlarged and adorned the Jerusalem temple, giving it the form it had during Christ's lifetime.

Epistle: 2 Cor 6:16-17:1

Alleluia Verses

Come; let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us sing joyfully to God our Savior!

Verse: Let us greet His presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.

Gospel: Lk 7:11-16 – The Widow's Son

Kiss of Peace (Pg. 23)

Priest: Christ is among us!

People: He is and always will be!

Then offer the kiss of peace to the person on your right and left using the greeting above.

Hirmos (Tone 8) - "It is truly meet..."

Kinonikon: "Praise the Lord..." (Pg. 32)

After Communion: "We have seen the True Light..."

