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Readings:**I Timothy 1:15-17** (*31st Sunday after Pentecost*)**Luke 18:35-43** (*14th Sunday of Luke*)

BRETHREN, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

At that time, as he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Saturday service:**Vespers – 6:30 PM****(Private Confession – After Vespers by appointment.)****Sunday service:****Hours - 9:40 AM****Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM****(General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)****(Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)****Church School****All classes will meet every Sunday.****Grades 5-8 – 9:30 am****Preschool and Grades K through 4 – immediately after communion.****We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.****Announcement:**

- There will be a **meeting of the Parish Council** on Sunday, January 26th after coffee hour.
- There will be a **meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God** on Sunday, February 2nd after coffee hour.
- The **annual meeting of the parishioners will be Sunday, February 16th**, after coffee hour. The meeting is for the election of the Parish Council and its officers, and for the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting.

Reminders:

- We offer general confession the first Sunday of each month, and Private Confession after Vespers by appointment on Saturday evenings. It is important that every Orthodox Christian go to confession.
- Upcoming bulletins can also be sponsored by using the signup sheet at the candle stand. If using the signup sheet, please give two weeks' notice.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org
- Prosphora (bread) is available at the candle stand. Before the Divine Liturgy, while the Hours are being read, the faithful can have the bread sent into the altar with a list of names for prayers of health and salvation for the living and for the repose of the departed servants of God. (Bread must be purchased a week in advance of the Sunday Liturgy.)
- The Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.

Ven. Macarius the Great of Egypt:

*The Lord truly placed you in the house of abstinence,
as a star enlightening the ends of the earth,
Venerable Macarius, Father of Fathers.*

Kontakion – Tone 4

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:
<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2020/01/19>

PROKIMENON - (*Gradual*) (*Prokimenon*) (pl. *Prokeimena*) - Literally means, “that which goes before.”

A verse and refrain which is read and sung before the reading of the Epistle. - On most Sundays, the prokeimenon of the resurrection, for the tone of the week (from the Octoechos), is chanted.

A form of responsorial singing consisting of a psalm-verse refrain and, by extension -- the entire psalm and refrain; so called because in ancient Constantinopolitan usage the psalm-verse refrain was given before (*pro*) the text (*keimenon*) of the psalm. In the liturgy the *Prokimenon* can stand alone, as at Vespers, or be used in conjunction with readings from Scripture, where its original function was that of a prayerful and didactic respite from the rigors of attentive listening to Scripture. *Prokeimena* are sung on special melodies according to the Tones: after the reader intones the verse, the *Prokimenon* is repeated in sung fashion; then one or several other verses are chanted, and the *Prokimenon* is repeated after each one. Finally, half of the *Prokimenon* verse is read, while the singers conclude the second half, and the Scripture reading begins.

Today (Tone 6) the psalm-verse is:

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance! (*Ps 27/28:9*)

And, as usual, the first verse of the same psalm is chanted as a refrain:

To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (*Ps 27/28:1*)

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**Glory to Jesus
Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

Ven. Macarius the Great of Egypt

Dweller of the desert and angel in the body

you were shown to be a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father Macarius.

*You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer:
healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith.*

Glory to Him who gave you strength!

Glory to Him who granted you a crown!

Glory to Him who through you grants healing to all!

Troparion - Tone 1

Today the Church remembers:

- Ven. Macarius the Great of Egypt (390-391)** ● Ven. Macarius of Alexandria (394-395)
● St. Mark, Archbishop of Ephesus (15th c.) ● Ven. Makáry the Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.) ● Ven. Makáry the Deacon, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.) ● Righteous Theodore of Novgorod, Fool-for-Christ (1392) ● Opening of the Relics of Ven. Savva (Sabbas) of Storozhévk and Zvenígorod (1652) ● Virgin Martyr Euphrasia of Nicomedia (303) ● St. Arsenius, Archbishop of Kerkyra (Corfu—8th c.)

January 19, 2020

31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 6 of the Octoechos