

## The 7<sup>th</sup> Day of May

✦ Commemoration of our Father Among the Saints, Alexis (Toth) of Wilkes-Barre and Minneapolis, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America.

### Evening Service

After the Introductory Psalm, “Blessèd is the man...,” the first Antiphon.

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stikhera in Tone 6:

Come all ye who love the saints, /  
And let us honor the new man of God, /  
A fruitful branch of Christ the True Vine /  
Who brought his people back to the True Light /  
A zealous defender of the True Faith /  
And blessèd priest of the Holy Church, ///  
Our belovèd father and teacher Alexis.

**Z**ealous for the Law of God /  
King Josiah taught Israel to serve only the Lord; /  
And our divinely-wise father Alexis /  
Guided his people back to the Orthodox Faith, /  
Teaching them to cry aloud: /  
O Lord, have mercy on us! ///  
Therefore let us bless him.

**O**ur holy father Alexis /  
Guided by the Spirit of Truth, /  
Exposed the error of ignorance, /  
And led his people to the True Faith, /  
In humility he concealed his virtues from others /  
For which cause he received his reward in heaven. ///  
Therefore let us glorify him.

**T**oday the Church celebrates with great joy /  
The feast of the holy priest Alexis; /  
Who still guides his sheep toward the knowledge of Truth, /  
Watering them at the fountain of his teachings, /  
And instructing them to sing: /  
Glory to God for His great mercy; ///  
Therefore let us honor him.

The righteous priest Alexis /  
Appears today as a radiant star /  
Shining brightly with the light of holiness /  
As he nourishes his flock with the Word of God; /  
Which, having embraced the Orthodox Faith cries aloud with joy: /  
Glory to God for His great mercy; /  
Therefore let us praise him!

The worthy priest Alexis /  
The teacher of true doctrine and piety, /  
Instructed his people with fatherly counsel; /  
He led them to the Ark of Salvation; /  
And casting off the yoke of a false union, they cry aloud: /  
Glory to God for His great mercy; ///  
Therefore let us magnify him!

### Glory..., in Tone 6:

O come all ye Orthodox faithful, /  
Let us praise the new man of God /  
Who shone forth as a beacon of light /  
Dispelling the darkness of ignorance, /  
Proclaiming the Truth to those deceived by error, /  
And restoring to them their blessed inheritance ///  
The Orthodox Faith of their fathers.

### Now and ever... Theotokion, from the Pentecostarion.

### The Entrance and the Prokeimenon of the day.

### Three Readings:

#### The Reading from Proverbs (Composite 2, from Chapters 10 and 8):

<sup>10:7</sup> The memory of the just is blessed, and  
<sup>6</sup> the blessing of the Lord is upon the head  
of the righteous. <sup>13</sup> Blessed is the man that  
hath found wisdom, and the man that  
knoweth discernment. <sup>14</sup> For it is better to  
traffick in her than in treasures of gold and  
silver. <sup>15</sup> She is more precious than precious  
stones; and nothing that is precious is equal

to her worth. <sup>16</sup> For length of days and years  
of life are in her right hand, and in her left  
hand are riches and glory; out of her mouth  
proceedeth righteousness, and on her  
tongue she carrieth law and mercy.

<sup>8:32</sup> Now therefore hearken unto me, O my  
son, *for I will speak of solemn things.*  
Blessèd are they that keep my ways; <sup>35</sup> For

mine outgoings are the outgoings of life, and *in them* is prepared the favor of the Lord. <sup>4</sup> “*Therefore*, O men, do I exhort you, and I lift up my voice unto the sons of men. <sup>12</sup> *For* I, Wisdom, have dwelt with counsel and have called upon ... understanding. <sup>14</sup> Counsel is mine and safety; prudence is mine, strength also is mine. <sup>17</sup> I love them that love me, and those that seek me shall find *grace*.

<sup>8:5</sup> O ye simple, understand subtlety, and ye that are untaught, take heart. <sup>6</sup> Harken unto me, for I will speak of solemn things

and bring forth that which is right out of my lips. <sup>7</sup> For my throat shall speak truth, and false lips are an abomination in my sight. <sup>8</sup> All the words of my mouth are with righteousness; there is nothing *contrary* or perverse in them. <sup>9</sup> They are all plain to them that understand and upright to them that find knowledge. *I shall instruct you in truth, so that your hope will be in the Lord and you shall be filled with the Spirit.*

### **The Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon (Composite 4: A paraphrase of Proverbs 10; Wisdom of Solomon 6-9):**

**T**hus saith the Lord Almighty: The mouth of the righteous bringeth forth wisdom; the lips of the righteous drop grace. The mouth of the righteous bringeth forth wisdom, but righteousness delivereth them from death. If a righteous man dies, hope doth not die, for the son of the righteous is born to life, and in his own good things he acquireth the fruit of righteousness. There is always light for the righteous and they obtain grace and glory from the Lord. The tongue of the wise is a good [counselor], and in their hearts resteth wisdom. The Lord loveth the hearts of the holy, and acceptable to Him are all the undefiled in the way. The wisdom of the Lord illumineth the faces of the wise. For she takes hold of those desiring her by making herself first known to them. She is easily seen by those who love her. He who rises early to seek her shall have no difficulty, and those keeping vigil for the sake of her shall quickly be without sorrows. For she goeth about seeking those worthy of her, and graciously revealeth herself in the pathways. Against wisdom evil doth not prevail.

Therefore I was a lover of her beauty; I loved her and sought her out from my youth. I desired to make her my bride, and even the Master of All loved her. For she is an initiate in the knowledge of God, and a discoverer of His works. Her labors are virtues, for she teacheth temperance and prudence, justice and courage; no things in life are more necessary for men than these. And if anyone desireth much knowledge, she knoweth the things of old, and beholdeth things to come; she understandeth turns of speech and the solution of riddles; she has foreknowledge of signs and wonders and the outcome of times and seasons. She is a mediator of good things for all, for immortality is in her, and glory in the company of her words.

Therefore, <sup>8:21</sup> I prayed unto the Lord and besought Him and with my whole heart I said, <sup>9:1</sup> “O God of my fathers, and Lord of mercy, Who hast made all things with Thy word <sup>2</sup> and ordained man through Thy wisdom, that he should have dominion over the creatures which Thou hast made <sup>3</sup> and order the world according to equity and righteousness and execute judgment

with an upright heart, <sup>4</sup>give me wisdom. <sup>5</sup>For I [am] Thy servant and son of Thine handmaid ... <sup>10</sup>O send her out of Thy holy heavens and from the throne of Thy glory, that being present she may labor with me that I may know what is pleasing unto Thee.

*And she shall guide me in understanding, and preserve me in her glory. For the thoughts of mortals are miserable, and their intentions likely to fail.*

**The Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon (Composite 5: A paraphrase of the Wisdom of Solomon 4, 6, 7, 2):**

**W**hen the righteous is praised, the people rejoice: For his memory is everlasting, since it is known both by the Lord and by men for his soul was pleasing to the Lord. Therefore love wisdom, O men, and live. Desire her and be instructed: For her beginning is love and the keeping of her laws. Honor wisdom that you may reign forever. I will tell you and not hide the mysteries of God from you. *For He is the preceptor of wisdom, the corrector of the wise and the master of all thoughts and deeds.* Wisdom will teach with all understanding: For in her is a Spirit, intelligent and holy, the radiance of the everlasting light and the image of the grace of God. She fashions friends of God and prophets. For she is more beautiful than the sun and above all the order of the stars; being compared with light, she is found before it. She delivered from infirmities those pleasing her and guided them on the paths of righteousness. She gave to them understanding to be holy and to preserve them from those who would ensnare them, and she granted them strength in struggles, so that all might understand that the most powerful of all is piety, and that evil might not prevail against wisdom, nor judgment pass away without convicting the wicked.

<sup>2:1</sup>For the ungodly said, reasoning with themselves, <sup>10</sup>Let us oppress the poor righteous man, let us not spare the widow nor reverence the ancient gray hairs of the

aged. <sup>11</sup>Let our strength be the law of justice, for that which is feeble is found to be nothing worth. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let us lie in wait for the righteous, because he is not for our turn, and he is clean contrary to our doings; he upbraideth us with our sins against the law and ascribeth to us sins against our education. <sup>13</sup>He professeth to have the knowledge of God, and he calleth himself the child of the Lord. <sup>14</sup>He was made to reprove our thoughts. <sup>15</sup>He is grievous unto us even to behold, for his life is not like other men's; his ways are of another fashion. <sup>16</sup>We are esteemed of him as counterfeits; he abstaineth from our ways as from filthiness; he pronounceth the end of the just to be blessed, and maketh his boast that God is his Father. <sup>17</sup>Let us see if his words be true, and let us prove what shall happen in the end of him ... <sup>19</sup>Let us examine him with despitefulness and torture, that we may know his meekness, and prove his patience. <sup>20</sup>Let us condemn him with a shameful death; for according to his words, he shall be regarded."

<sup>21</sup>Such things they did imagine, and were deceived, for their own wickedness hath blinded them. <sup>22</sup>As for the mysteries of God, they knew them not, neither hoped they for the wages of righteousness....," *nor did they discern that Thou alone art God, having the power of life and death: Who savest in times of affliction and*

*deliverest from every evil; Who art com- to His venerable ones, and opposing the  
passionate and merciful, granting Grace proud with His arm.*

**At the Litya, these stikhera, in Tone 6:**

**C**ome, all ye who love the feasts, /  
Let us sing together with all the angels and saints; /  
For today the laborer resteth from his work /  
And the earthly voice of our teacher is stilled. /  
Today our father Alexis commendeth his soul to God, /  
And becometh a citizen of heaven; ///  
Let us honor his glorious memory

**T**oday Wilkes-Barre makes glad /  
And the Twin Cities rejoice /  
As they celebrate the radiant feast of St Alexis. /  
Praise him, O ye bishops, /  
Extol him, O ye priests, /  
Venerate him, O ye people, ///  
For he stands before the throne of God praying for the salvation of our souls

**A** new star hath appeared in the heavens /  
Dispelling the spiritual darkness of our times, /  
Leading us away from the abyss of error, /  
And guiding us onto the path of righteousness, /  
Therefore let us offer hymns for praise to our father Alexis /  
As we venerate his holy relics ///  
For he stands before the throne of God praying for the salvation of our souls.

**Glory..., in Tone 6:**

**O** glorious wonder! /  
A new saint is revealed in America today: /  
A preacher of the Gospel fulfilling the teachings of Christ ///  
Who hath attained unto heaven receiving great gifts from God.

**Now and ever... Theotokion, from the Pentecostarion.**

**At the Apostikha, these stikhera, in Tone 2:**

**C**ome all ye lovers of piety, /  
Let us sing the praises of our beloved father Alexis, /  
For he is the adornment of priests and the boast of the faithful, /  
A fearless champion of the Orthodox Faith ///  
And our fervent intercessor in heaven.

**Verse:** Thy priests shall be clothed in righteousness and thy saints shall rejoice!

*(Psalm 131:9)*

**R**ejoice, O American people, /  
Let us make a joyful noise to God, /  
Sing a new song to the Lord, O Minneápolis, /  
Exalt him with praise O Wilkes-Barre! /  
For the voice of our father Alexis went forth from you /  
And his words put to shame the hearts of the heartless ///  
Teaching all where to seek the Truth .

**Verse:** My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding! *(Psalm 48:4)*

**W**ith what wreaths of victory, /  
Shall we adorn our most wise teacher Alexis? /  
What words can suffice to tell of his love for the Church of Christ? /  
For as a true shepherd, he ever protected the sheep of his flock ///  
From all enemies, both visible and invisible.

**Glory... Tone 6:**

Fearing the harm that comes from vanity and pride /  
Thou didst hide thy virtues from the eyes of men /  
And patiently endured sore trials and tribulations. ///  
Therefore the Lord Who seeth all things hath glorified thee, O father Alexis.

**Now and ever... Theotokion, from the Pentecostarion.**

**After the Blessing of the Loaves, the Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 4:**

**O** righteous father Alexis, /  
Our heavenly intercessor and teacher, /  
Divine adornment of the Church of Christ, /  
Entreat the Master of all /  
To strengthen the Orthodox Faith in America, /  
To grant peace to the world ///  
And to our souls great mercy.

**Morning Service**

**After “God is the Lord,” Troparia as prescribed, Glory..., Troparion of the Saint, Now and ever..., as prescribed.**

**After the first Kathisma, the Sedalen, from the Pentecostarion.**

**After the second Kathisma, this Sedalen, in Tone 3:**

O our holy father Alexis, /  
Standing now before the throne of the life-creating Trinity /  
Whom the angelic host unceasingly glorify; /  
Whom thou didst proclaim in the lands of America, /  
Fervently pray for the salvation of the souls /  
Of those who honor thy holy memory with love ///  
And the remission of all their sins.

**Polyeley and Magnification:**

We magnify thee, / O holy father Alexis, / and we honor thy holy memory / for thou didst lead thy people back to the Orthodox Faith, / and thou dost pray to Christ our God for us.

*Selected Psalm verses:*

**H**ear this all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the earth!  
**M**y mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding!

**After the Polyeley, the Sedalen, in Tone 8:**

**T**hou didst wisely search the meadows of the Holy Scripture /  
And the works of the holy fathers /  
And like a diligent bee, O Alexis; /  
Thou didst collect sweet nectar from these Orthodox flowers, /  
Making honey for those in America /  
To taste and see that the Lord is good. /  
Thy people were led to the wellspring of the True Faith. /  
Therefore we cry out to thee in faith: /  
Intercede with Christ our God, /  
That those who honor thy holy memory with love ///  
Be granted the remission of their sins.

**1st Antiphon of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone (The Song of Ascents), “From my Youth...”**

**The Prokeimenon, in Tone 4:**

**P**recious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. (*Ps. 115:6*)  
**V**erse: What shall I render to the Lord for all His bounty to me? (*Ps. 115:3*)

**L**et every breath praise the Lord!..

**Gospel: (36) John 10:9-16.**

**After Psalm 50 (51), the Post-Gospel Stikheron, to the Saint, in Tone 6:**

**F**earing the harm that comes from vanity and pride /  
Thou didst hide thy virtues from the eyes of men /  
And patiently endured sore trials and tribulations. ///  
Therefore the Lord Who seeth all things hath glorified thee, O father Alexis.

**The Canon**

**Ode 1**

**Tone 6**

**Irmos:** When Israel passed on foot over the deep as if it were dry land, and beheld their pursuer Pharaoh drowning in the sea, they cried aloud: Let us sing to God a song of victory!

**Refrain:** O holy father Alexis, pray unto God for us!

**C**ome, all ye who love the saints, let us rejoice and keep festival with the angels. Let us sing praises to Saint Alexis, the unshakable pillar of the Faith, the divinely wise teacher of the Church, the all-virtuous shepherd of the flock of Christ, the boast of priests and the joy of North America.

**O** radiant beacon of piety shining forth in America, thou didst enlighten us with thy teachings and encourage us by thins example. Through thy prayers, O holy father, deliver us from the darkness of sin and the gloom of ignorance.

**L**eaving thy native land, thou didst pass over the sea to the New World. There, by the grace of God, thou wast led to the Orthodox Faith and didst proclaim its saving teachings to all. We celebrate today thy memory and cry aloud: This is the faith of our fathers which hath established the universe!

**Ode 3**

**Irmos:** There is none as holy as Thou, O Lord my God, Who hast exalted the power of Thy faithful, O Blessèd One, and hast established us upon the rock of Thy confession.

**T**hou didst exult in the Lord, O father, and in turn He blessed thee and multiplied the talents given thee. He sent thee forth among the people to nourish them with spiritual food, and they received it and were filled. We celebrate today thy feast with joy and we sing praises to God Who glorified thee.

**C**hrist gave thee the strength to defend His Church and the wisdom to refute false teachings so that His flock might not be led astray. Entreat thou Him to preserve us steadfast in our confession of the Orthodox Faith and grant our souls great mercy.

**T**hou didst meet with the Bishop Vladimir to tell him of thine earnest desire to join with the Orthodox Church with thy flock, and coming to Minneapolis he gathered in a harvest, a multitude of souls, the first-fruits of thine apostolic labors.



#### Ode 4

***Irmos:*** Christ is my strength, my God and my Lord, the sacred Church sings in a manner befitting God, with a pure mind, keeping festival unto the Lord.

**P**lacing thy trust in God, thou didst go forth among the people, tending to thy flock in a manner well pleasing unto God. In thy humility, thou didst conceal thy virtues from the eyes of others, but Christ hath openly rewarded thy labors, O righteous father.

**I**n thy love for God and neighbor, thou didst fulfill the chief part of the Law and the Prophets, and being endowed with power from on-high, though didst traverse the land sowing seeds of piety. Therefore the Lord said unto thee: Well done, good and faithful servant!

**M**any have attained salvation without uttering prophecy or working miracles, but none may enter into the heavenly bridal chamber without humility. O holy father Alexis, pray that we too may acquire humility, the foundation of all virtues.

#### Ode 5

***Irmos:*** With Thy divine light, O Good One, illumine, I ask Thee, the souls of those who in love keep vigil that they may know Thee, O Word of God as the true God Who recalls them from the darkness of sin.

**“C**ome, O children, and hear me!” thou didst cry out to thy flock, “and I will teach you the fear of the Lord.” They heard thy voice and they followed thee as the true shepherd, leading them to the pasture of Christ.

**T**hou didst act as the swift guardian of thy flock when it fell under the attack of wolves, O father. Thou didst defend them with the shield of thy ministry and repelled all foes in the name of the Lord.

**F**ear and trembling fell upon thine enemies, O victorious champion of Christ, when they heard thee proclaim the Orthodox Faith and expose their false teaching. O thou defender of Orthodoxy in America, entreat the Lover of mankind to preserve His Church from every assault of the enemy.

#### Ode 6

***Irmos:*** Beholding the sea of life surging high with the storm of temptations, I have fled to Thy tranquil haven and cry out unto Thee: Raise up my life from corruption, O greatly Merciful One!

**T**ossed about by the storms of life thou didst hasten to the calm havens of Christ’s Holy Church. Thou didst accomplish great things, O Father, yet refrained from vainglorious boasting, saying, “Whatever I have achieved, has been done with the help of God.”

**I**nspiring thy flock with thy love for Christ and His Church, O God-pleasing Alexis, thine enemies were alarmed by thy courage and zeal. For through thine orations and thy writings the vanities and lies of the impious were revealed, and True Faith and Godliness were confirmed.

When the prophet Jonah was sent to Nineveh, his preaching led a multitude of people to repentance. Thy teachings, O righteous father, brought thousands back to the Orthodox Church. They embraced their ancestral faith with joy and glorified God for His great mercy.

**The Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 5:**

Let us, the faithful, praise the priest Alexis /  
A bright beacon of Orthodoxy in America, /  
A model of patience and humility, /  
A worthy shepherd of the flock of Christ. /  
He called back the sheep who had been led astray /  
And brought them by his preaching ///  
To the heavenly Kingdom.

**Ikos:** What worthy praise or thanks can we offer thee, O most holy father Alexis? While laboring here in the West thou didst turn to the Orthodox East, bringing thyself and thy entire flock as an offering to Christ. Through trials and tribulations thou didst trod on the narrow path, proclaiming thy fear of God alone and not the threats of men. Therefore in love we cry with joyful voices: Rejoice, O Alexis, boast and glory of the Orthodox faithful in America, for through thy preaching we have been brought to the heavenly Kingdom.

**Ode 7**

**Irmos:** An angel made the furnace moist with dew for the godly children and the command of God consuming the Chaldeans made the tyrant cry out: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

Uninstructed souls were led astray, O holy father, but through thee were brought back to the true Faith. Thou wast a leader of your brethren and the pride of thy people, for through thy labors they were taught to sing: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

Thou didst become a teacher of many by revealing through thy writings and thy sermons all the treasures of the Orthodox Faith. Now thou dost ceaselessly intercede for those who with faith honor thee and cry out to the Lord: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

The supporters of a false union led thy people astray, O holy one of God, but didst free them from an oppressive yoke, leading them to the True Faith and teaching them to cry aloud: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

**Ode 8**

**Irmos:** Out of the flames Thou didst drop dew on the godly ones, and with water didst kindle the sacrifice of the righteous one, for Thou doest all things as Thou willest, O Christ; we exalt thee throughout all ages!

**C**onsecrating thyself to God thou didst instruct thy people. As Josiah abolished the delusion of idolatry and proclaimed the newly found Law, so thou didst bring an end to erroneous belief, instructing thy flock in the true faith and piety.

**O** holy Alexis, zealot of piety adorning churches with holy icons! Through thy spiritual counsels and fatherly love, thou didst teach thy flock to glorify God in an Orthodox manner.

**T**hough falsely accused of converting for material gain, thou didst live in poverty, “having nothing, yet possessing all things.” Relieving the sufferings of others, thou thyself endured exhaustion, hunger and thirst. Being faithful to the Lord, thou didst earn the reward of everlasting life.

### Ode 9

**Irmos:** It is not possible for men to see God upon Whom the ranks of angels dare not gaze, but through thee, O All-pure One, was the Word incarnate revealed unto men, Whom magnifying together with the heavenly hosts, we call thee blessed!

**N**o one can draw near to God except one who separates himself from the world. Thou didst reject the fleeting joys of this world and endure the the sorrows of the earth with heavenly joy. Thou didst regard insults as praise; disrespect as honor. Therefore Christ hath given thee that joy which cannot ever be taken away.

**O** most blessed father Alexis, thou didst show thyself as a vigilant shepherd of Christ’s flock rather than a hireling who flees from danger. Thou didst drive away the voracious wolves from the sheepfold of the Church and refute their soul-destroying heresies. Intercede for those who celebrate thy feast with joy and beseech the Lord to save our souls.

**T**hough we are unable to praise thee worthily, we celebrate thy joyous festival with love. O unshakeable pillar of the Church and invincible bastion of the faithful, intercede with our merciful God for the salvation of our souls.

### Exapostilarion (Svietilen), in Tone 8:

Let us the faithful, with illuminated hearts, /  
Praise the new man of God Alexis, who hath arisen in our midst. /  
Dispelling the darkness of error through his teachings, /  
Leading those who sat in its gloom back to the light of Truth ///  
Proclaiming that there is no other foundation save Christ our True God. (*Twice*)

### Glory..., now and ever... from the Pentecostarion.

### On the Praises, 4 stikhera, in Tone 6:

**T**oday the memory of holy Alexis shines forth, /  
Illuminating the hearts of the faithful; /  
Let us celebrate his feast with spiritual songs /  
For he is our father and teacher, /

Our guide to the heavenly Kingdom /  
Standing now before Christ our God ///  
Entreating Him to save our souls.

**W**e venerate thy holy relics, O Saint /  
And glorify God Who hath glorified thee /  
For having shown us the way of Truth /  
May we always confess the Orthodox faith /  
And demonstrate thy courage and zeal, /  
Standing firm in the faith of our fathers ///  
Entreating God to save our souls.

**O** trumpet of the Divine Spirit, /  
O herald of the Kingdom, /  
O fount of heavenly theology /  
Thou didst reveal the errors of false doctrines, /  
And spoke the truth with faith and love /  
Thou didst teach us to worship God in spirit and truth ///  
Therefore we honor thy holy memory.

**A**s a faithful servant of the Master, /  
Thou didst labor ceaselessly in the vineyard; /  
And thy missionary work bore abundant fruit /  
And added countless souls to the Church. /  
Yet thou wast not satisfied with thy labors; /  
And thy zeal increased as thou drew near to thy prize, ///  
A crown of glory from the Savior Christ.

**Glory... now and ever... from the Pentecostarion.**

**Great Doxology and usual ending.**

### Liturgy

**At the Beatitudes, 8 Troparia: 4 from Ode 3, and 4 from Ode 6.**

**The Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 4:**

**O** righteous father Alexis, /  
Our heavenly intercessor and teacher, /  
Divine adornment of the Church of Christ, /  
Entreat the Master of all /  
To strengthen the Orthodox Faith in America, /  
To grant peace to the world ///

And to our souls great mercy.

**The Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 5:**

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A bright beacon of Orthodoxy in America, /  
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A worthy shepherd of the flock of Christ. /  
He called back the sheep who had been led astray /  
And brought them by his preaching ///  
To the heavenly Kingdom.

**Prokeimenon of the Saint, Tone 7:** The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall set his hope on Him. *Verse:* Hear my voice, O God, when I pray unto Thee!

**The Epistle:** (200) Galatians 1:11-19.

**The Alleluia, Tone 6:** Blessèd is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. *Verse:* His seed shall be mighty in the land.

**The Gospel:** (35-ctr) John 10:1-9

**The Communion Hymn:** The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings.