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Tone 1

**Saint Matthias the Apostle; Ten Holy Martyrs who were martyred
at Chalcedon; Saint Antoninus of Alexandria; Venerable Psoes;
Saint Constantine I, Patriarch of Constantinople; Discovery of the
Icon of Christ Not Made by Hands at Camuliana; Saint Euthymius,
Hieromartyr and Metropolitan of Rhodes; Venerable Herman of
Alaska**

**Epistle Reading
I Corinthians (4:9-16)**

Prokeimenon in Tone I

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have put our hope in Thee.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise becometh the just.

Brethren, God has revealed us, the apostles, last of all, as those appointed to death; for we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are glorified, but we are dishonored. Even to this present hour we both hunger and thirst, we are naked, and are buffeted, and are restless; and we labor, working with our own hands. While reviled, we bless; while persecuted, we endure, while blasphemed, we exhort; we have become the filth of the world and the off-scouring of all things, even until now. I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children; for though you have a myriad of tutors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for I begat you in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I beseech you, therefore, be imitators of me.

Alleluia.

Verse 1: It is God who avengeth me, and who subdueth the peoples under me.

Verse 2: He magnifieth the salvations of the King and shows mercy unto his anointed, unto David and his seed for evermore.

Gospel Reading Matthew (17:14-23)

At that time, when they came to the crowd, a man came to Jesus. He knelt down before him and said: "Lord, have mercy on my son! He is epileptic and suffers terribly as he often falls into the fire and into the water. And so, I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him." Jesus answered, "Faithless and perverse generation! How much longer must I be with you? How long must I bear with you? Bring him to me." When Jesus rebuked it, the demon went out of the boy and he was cured from that hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why were we not able to cast it out?" Jesus replied, "Because of your unbelief! Amen, I tell you that if you have faith [even] like a grain of mustard, you will tell this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you! ¶But this kind [of spirit] does not go out except by prayer and fasting." ¶ While they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and the third day, he will be raised up." They were extremely distressed.

Troparion of the Resurrection. Tone 1.

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

St Herman of Alaska

Troparion

O joyful North Star of the Church of Christ, guiding all men to the heavenly Kingdom; teacher and apostle of the True Faith; intercessor and defender of the oppressed; adornment of the Orthodox Church in America: blessed Father Herman of Alaska, pray to our Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of our souls!

St Martin the Merciful

Troparion

In signs and in miracles thou wast renowned throughout the land of Gaul. By grace thou art a light for the world, O Martin, Bishop blessed of God. Deeds of mercy and compassion filled thy life with their splendours, teaching and wise counsel were thy riches and treasures, which still thou dost dispense freely to those who honour thee.

St Helen

Troparion

We behold thee, glorious Helen, with thy God-inspired son, in the joys of the kingdom of Heaven, and we magnify Christ, for he hath revealed to us thine honoured festival, giving light more brilliant than the sun. Therefore we cry in faith: O People, exalt Christ above all forever!

The Transfiguration Kontakion

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, and thy disciples beheld thy glory as far as they could bear it; so that when they would behold thee crucified, they would understand that thy passions was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

Apostle Matthias

Apostle Matthias was born at Bethlehem of the Tribe of Judah. From his early childhood he studied the Law of God. When the Lord Jesus Christ revealed himself to the world, St Matthias believed in him as the Messiah,

followed constantly after him and was numbered among the Seventy Apostles, whom the Lord “sent them two by two before His face” (Luke 10:1).

After the Ascension of the Savior, at the initiative of St. Peter, St. Matthias was chosen by lot to replace Judas Iscariot as one of the Twelve Apostles (Acts 1:15-26).

After the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Matthias preached the Gospel at Jerusalem and in Judea together with the other Apostles (Acts 6:2, 8:14). From Jerusalem he went with the Apostles Peter and Andrew to Syrian Antioch, and was in the Cappadocian city of Tianum and Sinope. Here the Apostle Matthias was locked into prison, from which he was miraculously freed by St Andrew the First-Called.

The Apostle Matthias returned to Judea and did not cease to enlighten his countrymen with the light of Christ’s teachings. He worked great miracles in the Name of the Lord Jesus and he converted a great many to faith in Christ.

The Jewish High Priest Ananias hated Christ and earlier had commanded the Apostle James, Brother of the Lord, to be flung down from the heights of the Temple, and now he ordered that the Apostle Matthias be arrested and brought for judgment before the Sanhedrin at Jerusalem.

The impious Ananias uttered a speech in which he blasphemously slandered the Lord. Using the prophecies of the Old Testament, the Apostle Matthias demonstrated that Jesus Christ is the True God, the promised Messiah, the Son of God, Consubstantial and Coeternal with God the Father. After these words the Apostle Matthias was sentenced to death by the Sanhedrin and stoned.

When St Matthias was already dead, the Jews, to hide their malefaction, cut off his head as an enemy of Caesar. (According to several historians, the Apostle Matthias was crucified, and indicate that he instead died at Colchis.) The Apostle Matthias received the martyr’s crown of glory in the year 63.

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Holy Liturgy this week

Saturday 15 August, 9:30am

Dormition of the Theotokos, St Martin’s Church.