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READER'S TYPIKA ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

(23rd Sunday after Pentecost & 9th Sunday of Luke)

The Forefeast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Leader: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us.

Reader: Amen.

THE TRISAGION PRAYERS

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (*Thrice*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Leader: O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.

All: Amen.

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (*12 times*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O come, let us worship and fall down before God our King.

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.

O come, let us worship and fall down before the Very Christ, our King and our God.

THE FIRST ANTIPHON: PSALM 102

Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all that He hath done for thee, Who is gracious unto all thine iniquities, Who healeth all thine infirmities, Who redeemeth thy life from corruption, Who crowneth thee with mercy and compassion, Who fulfilleth thy desire with good things; thy youth shall be renewed as the eagle's. The Lord performeth deeds of mercy, and executeth judgement for all them that are wronged. He hath made His ways known unto Moses, unto the sons of Israel the things that He hath willed. Compassionate and merciful is the Lord, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy; not unto the end will He be angered, neither unto eternity will He be wroth. Not according to our iniquities hath He dealt with us, neither according to our sins hath He rewarded us. For according to the height of heaven from the earth, the Lord hath made His mercy to prevail over them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our iniquities from us. Like as a father hath compassion upon his sons, so hath the Lord had compassion upon them

that fear Him; for He knoweth whereof we are made, He hath remembered that we are dust. As for man, his days are as the grass; as a flower of the field, so shall he blossom forth. For when the wind is passed over it, then it shall be gone, and no longer will it know the place thereof. But the mercy of the Lord is from eternity, even unto eternity, upon them that fear Him. And His righteousness is upon sons of sons, upon them that keep His testament and remember His commandments to do them. The Lord in heaven hath prepared His throne, and His kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the Lord, all ye His angels, mighty in strength, that perform His word, to hear the voice of His words. Bless the Lord, all ye His hosts, His ministers that do His will. Bless the Lord, all ye His works, in every place of His dominion.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

And again: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name; blessed art Thou, O Lord.

THE SECOND ANTIPHON: PSALM 145

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord in my life, I will chant unto my God for as long as I have my being. Trust ye not in princes, in the sons of men, in whom there is no salvation. His spirit shall go forth, and he shall return unto his earth. In that day all his thoughts shall perish. Blessed is he of whom the God of Jacob is his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God, Who hath made heaven and the earth, the sea and all that is therein, Who keepeth truth unto eternity, Who executeth judgement for the wronged, Who giveth food unto the hungry. The Lord looseth the fettered; the Lord maketh wise the blind; the Lord setteth aright the fallen; the Lord loveth the righteous; the Lord preserveth the proselytes. He shall adopt for His own the orphan and widow, and the way of sinners shall He destroy. The Lord shall be king unto eternity; thy God, O Sion, unto generation and generation.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE HYMN OF JUSTINIAN

Choir: Only-begotten Son and Word of God, who art immortal, who for our salvation willed to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, and without change became man; and wast crucified, O Christ our God, and trampled down death by death; who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified together with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us.

THE BEATITUDES IN TONE SIX

In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

- Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

For the Resurrection in Tone Six

Verse 10: Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Remember me, my God and Saviour, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom and save me as Thou alone lovest mankind.

Verse 9: Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Through the wood of the Cross Thou hast saved again Adam who was beguiled by the tree and the thief as he cried aloud: Remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom.

Verse 8: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

O Giver of life, having broken the gates and chains of hell, Thou, Saviour, hast made all men rise crying aloud: Glory to Thy Resurrection.

Verse 7: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Do Thou Who hast by Thy burial and Thy Resurrection despoiled death, and filled all things with joy, remember me as Thou art compassionate.

Verse 6: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

When the women bearing myrrh came to the tomb they heard an angel crying: Christ is risen filling the whole world with light.

Verse 5: Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Let us all praise with one accord Christ nailed to the wood of the Cross thus delivering the world from error.

For the Forefeast¹ in Tone Four

Verse 4: Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

The maidens accompanying the Virgin go before, and holding their torches, they brightly portray that which is to be; for the Light of Knowledge shall be born of her, destroying the gloom of error.

Verse 3: Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in the heavens.

Rivalling the ancient Hannah in a godly manner, Anna fulfilleth her vow and dedicateth thee to the sanctuary, O all-blameless Virgin, who shalt most sacredly conceive and give birth.

Verse 2: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The sun spread out its rays when it saw the cloud of light spreading out in the Holies at God's behest; and from her, He shall rain down forgiveness on them that are withered with transgressions.

Verse 1: Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

God maketh a God of me, having dwelt in thee for His mercy's sake, O pure and immaculate Lady, and though once I was beguiled with food by the serpent's deceit, He giveth me back incorruptible delight in the stead of corruption.

THE SUNDAY EISODIKON

Verse: O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Choir: O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Apolytikia:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF FOREFEAST IN TONE FOUR

*(**Be quick to anticipate**)*

By blossoming forth the only Ever-virgin as fruit, * today holy Anna doth betroth us all unto joy, instead of our former grief; * on this day she doth fulfill her vows to the Most High, * leading her with joy into the Lord's holy temple, * who truly is the temple and pure Mother of God the Word.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE IN TONE ONE

*(**The soldiers standing guard**)*

¹ Troparia from 3rd Ode of the Matins canon

When Christ God had been born for our sakes from the Virgin, thou faith-fully didst follow Him, keeping His statutes and heeding His sacred laws, O august Mary Magdalene. Hence, as we today observe thy holy remembrance, we receive the loosing of our sins and transgressions through thy holy prayer(s) for us.

THE TRISAGION HYMN

Holy God, Holy mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us. (*thrice*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

THE APOSTOLOS & THE GOSPEL

PROKEIMENON, TONE 6

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. (*Ps.27:9a*) {*twice*}

Verse: Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry; O my God, be not silent unto me. (*Ps.27:1a*)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

SUNDAY APOSTOLOS:

Reader: The reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians §220 (2:4-10).

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

ALLELUIA, IN TONE 6

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse 1: He that dwelleth in the help of the Most High shall abide in the shelter of the God of heaven. (*Ps.90:1*)

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse 2: He shall say unto the Lord: Thou art my helper and my refuge. He is my God, and I will hope in Him. (*Ps.90:2*)

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL FOR THE 9TH SUNDAY OF LUKE:

Reader: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke §66 (12:16-21).

Choir: Glory the Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee.

Reader: The Lord spoke this parable: “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have no-where to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

As He said this, Jesus called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Choir: Glory the Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee.

Then we sing the following, in tone 6

Choir: Remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

- Remember us, O Master, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.
- Remember us, O Holy One, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

The heavenly choir praiseth Thee and saith: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Verse: Come unto Him, and be enlightened and your faces shall not be ashamed.

The heavenly choir praiseth Thee and saith: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The choir of Holy angels and archangels, with all the heavenly hosts praiseth Thee and saith: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

THE SYMBOL OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, Begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets;

And I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Leader: Remit, pardon, forgive, O God, our offenses, both voluntary and involuntary, in deed and word, in knowledge and ignorance, by day and by night, in mind and thought; forgive us all things, for Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

All: Amen

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Leader: O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.

All: Amen.

Kontakia:

KONTAKION OF THE RESURRECTION IN TONE SIX

Having raised up all the dead out of the dark abysses by His life-bestowing hand, Christ God, the Giver of Life, hath bestowed the Resurrection upon mortal nature; for He is the Savior and Resurrection and Life of all, and the God of all.

KONTAKION OF FOREFEAST IN TONE FOUR

*(**On this day Thou hast appeared**)*

The whole world is filled today * with joy and gladness * on the Theotokos' * auspicious and resplendent feast, * whereon with great voice it crieth out: * The heavenly tabernacle is she in truth.

Leader: Lord, have mercy. (12 times)

O All-Holy Trinity, the consubstantial dominion, the indivisible Kingdom, and cause of every Good: Show Thy good will even unto me a sinner; make steadfast my heart and grant it understanding, and take away mine every defilement; enlighten my mind that I may glorify, hymn, worship, and say:

Choir: One is Holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

PSALM 33

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth. In the Lord shall my soul be praised; let the meek hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my tribulations. Come unto Him, and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his tribulations. The angel of the Lord will encamp round about them that fear Him, and will deliver them. O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that hopeth in Him. O fear the Lord, all ye His saints; for there is no want to them that fear Him. Rich men have turned poor and gone hungry; but they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good thing. Come ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is there that desireth life, who loveth to see good days? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Turn away from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are opened unto their supplication. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, utterly to destroy the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them out of all their tribulations. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and He will save the humble of spirit. Many are the tribulations of the righteous, and the Lord shall deliver them out of them all. The Lord keepeth all their bones, not one of them shall be broken. The death of sinners is evil, and they that hate the righteous shall do wrong. The Lord will redeem the souls of His servants, and none of them will do wrong that hope in Him.

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

It is truly meet and right to bless thee, O Theotokos, who art ever blessed and all-blameless, and the Mother of our God. More honourable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, thou who without corruption bearest God the Word and art truly Theotokos: We magnify thee.

READING(S)

FOREFEAST OF THE ENTRY INTO THE TEMPLE OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

The Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple has only one day of prefeast. The hymns for today praise Saint Anna for bringing her daughter, the living temple of God, to the Temple in Jerusalem.

The three Old Testament readings at Great Vespers this evening refer to the Temple. The first lesson (Exodus 40:1-5, 9-10, 16, 34-35) refers to the arrangement of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation (a portable sanctuary which was carried by the Israelites in their wanderings). The second lesson (III Kings/I Kings 7:51; 8:1, 3-7, 9-11) describes the dedication of Solomon's Temple. The third lesson (Ezekiel 43:27-44:4) speaks of the gate of the sanctuary which faces east. God enters through this gate, which is shut so that no one else can enter by it. [From oca.org]

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OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHER GREGORY OF DECAPOLIS

Saint Gregory, who was from Irenopolis of the Decapolis in Asia Minor, was the son of Sergius and Mary. He became a monk as a young man, and after struggling for many years in virtue and prayer under obedience to a wise spiritual father, he was informed by revelation that it was the will of God for him to live, like the Patriarch Abraham, with no certain dwelling, moving from place to place. His journeyings took him to Ephesus, Constantinople, Corinth, Rome, Sicily, Thessalonica, and again to Constantinople, where, after many labors in defense of Orthodoxy against Iconoclasm, he reposed in peace in the first half of the ninth century. He had two disciples, one of whom was Saint Joseph the Hymnographer (see Apr. 3) who wrote the *Menaion* service for Saint Gregory, his father in Christ. [From tyoos.org]

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OUR FATHER AMONG THE SAINTS PROCLUS, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Saint Proclus lived during the reign of Saint Theodosius the Younger. A disciple and scribe of Saint John Chrysostom, he was ordained Bishop of Cyzicus about the year 426, but because the people there unlawfully elected another bishop before his arrival, he remained in Constantinople. In 429, Nestorius, who had been Archbishop of Constantinople for about a year, and had already begun his blasphemous teaching that it is wrong to call the holy Virgin "Theotokos," invited Bishop Proclus to give a sermon on one of the feasts of our Lady, which he did, openly defending in Nestorius' presence the name "Theotokos," that is, "Mother of God." Saint Proclus was elevated to the throne of Archbishop of Constantinople in 434. It was he who persuaded Emperor Theodosius the Younger and his holy sister Pulcheria to have the most sacred relics of his godly teacher Saint John Chrysostom brought back from Comana, and triumphantly received them upon their return to the imperial city (see Jan. 27 and Nov. 13). He reposed in peace in 447. [From tyoos.org]

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OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHER SOZOMEN OF CYPRUS, THE WONDERWORKER

Saint Sozomenos lived as hermit in a cave on Mount Kompsa in the Karpas peninsula. The biographer of the Saint, Monk Akakios, who wrote his divine service mentions the following in his synaxarion about the Saint:

"The hermitage where this Saint Sozomenos lived as a hermit, in a cave on a mountain near the villages of Tavrou, Galatia, Livadi and other villages, in a plateau, is called Kompsa, and over there, his holy church is built, and inside it is the cave where he lived as an ascetic life. Some of the remains of the Saint still survive, and they issue forth a very pleasant scent, and the Christians venerate them, all those who go there for their illnesses to be cured. This holy Saint works so many miracles, as much as to the faithful Christians as to the Agarene [Muslim] unbelievers, who

go with their wives and quickly get well, if they have faith and a longing for God and for the Saint.

And inside the church towards the north, there is an arch, and in there, the Saint has been painted as an old man and not as a hierarch, and there are letters saying "Agios Sozomenos" (like I read them when I was a child and still lived with my parents, during the year of Christ 1670). There were still some remains of the Saint left at that time, and they were inside the holy cave, where he passed away. But now [1733], I don't know if some of his remains still survive, because during the time of the Christhater and cursed from God Markoullis, who took the census, namely the population inventory, Cyprus was devastated and many Christians of the island were killed. Some became Muslims and were Turkified, others left and went to other places, like my relatives who left at that time, and we went to the lands of Cilicia and stayed there for 50 years, and when my parents died, I came again back to Cyprus during the year of Christ 1731. And I stayed at the city of Karpasia [of Rizokarpaso] and wrote the divine service for a few new saints. Saint Sozomenos, I believe, lived during the Christian era [314-1191] and because he is a new Saint and is not found in the books of the Holy [Orthodox] Church of Christ, I took the initiative, because of the many miracles that the Saint performs and does, and composed these few verses [which are to be found in his divine service], and I hope that they will be found by Christians in future years, and copy them, and read them, and chant them during his feast day."

And Monk Akakios continues writing that according to the tradition of the residents of the region, Saint Auxentios, who lived as a hermit farther north, not very far, to the north of the village of Eftakomi, used to leave his hermitage each Saturday evening and came and met Saint Sozomenos at his hermitage, and they prayed and chanted together until Sunday evening, when at which time he left and returned back to his own hermitage after receiving forgiveness. Thus, all week they lived and prayed alone as hermits and during the weekends they met and prayed together.

From the above tradition, the conclusion is given that this Saint must have been one of the 300 Christians that reached Cyprus from Palestine after the persecutions of the Arabs.

Near the village of Davlos in the Karpas peninsula, to the east, next to the sea, there is a picturesque chapel dedicated to Saint Sozomenos, which today is under Turkish occupation. It has been sacked by the Turks. Most likely, this chapel is dedicated to Saint Sozomenos, the hermit who lived on Mount Kompsa because in distance Davlos is near enough to this Saint's hermitage, around 12 kilometres, and not to the hermitage of Saint Sozomenos of Potamia which is very far away, at the province Nicosia. This chapel of Saint Sozomenos must have been built many years ago, most likely by somebody from the village of Davlos who suffered from some kind of illness and in order for it to be cured by the Saint, he promised to build a church in his name. It appears that after the Saint cured his illness, the patient built this church for the Saint.

However, in Davlos Saint Sozomenos is celebrated by the residents of the village on the 7th of August, the day on which the Orthodox Church celebrates the memory of the Saint and Martyr Dometios.

The last known miracle made by Saint Sozomenos took place a few years before the 1974 Turkish invasion of Cyprus and it happened as follows: A faithful Christian who honored Saint Sozomenos, happened to have a wound on one of his legs which was caused by infection, and which in the Cypriot dialect is called limpourka which means "ant-hive" in English. He went to many doctors in many countries of the world. The result was zero, and while feeling distressed, as he was in the bed of pain in England, because it was said to him by the doctors that there was no other treatment other than to cut his leg in order to save his life, he began to plea to Saint

Sozomenos in order to find an exit from the impasse that he was found in. In his despair he called out: "My God help me, Saint Sozomenos save me." Afterwards, he fell into a light drowsiness and during that time he saw an aged and revered man approaching and saying to him: "What happened to you, man of God, and you are laid down sick and distressed?" The man showed him his leg and said: "This is what happened to me." The Saint said: "What did the doctors say to you?" The patient answered that the doctors wanted to cut his leg. And the Saint said to him: "Don't accept it; I will heal you by the grace of Christ. I do not want anything from you other than to make (the celebration) of my feast day." And after he made the sign of the Cross on the patient's leg, he was immediately healed, and right after, the Saint disappeared. When the patient woke up, he saw that his leg was truly cured. From then on, up until the time he died, he celebrated the feast of the Saint on the 7th of August of each year. The name of the cured man is Konstantinos Koumantaris from the village of Davlos, Famagusta.

Is it also reported by Monk Akakios that Saint Sozomenos served as bishop of Karpasia (of Rizokarpaso).

The memory of Saint Sozomenos of Karpasia is celebrated on the 20th of November, where thousands of faithful gather to celebrate his memory. [From Mystagogy]

THE LITTLE DISMISSAL

The Leader bows toward the icon of Christ on the iconostasis, saying:

Leader: Glory to thee, O Christ our God and our Hope, glory to thee.

All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. O Lord, bless.

Leader: O Thou Who rose again from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of his all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother —whose Entrance into the Holy of Holies we prepare to celebrate; of our venerable and God-bearing fathers; of the Holy Myrrh-Bearer and Equal to the Apostles Mary Magdalene, protector of this community; of our righteous father Gregory of Decapolis; Proclos, patriarch of Constantinople; and Wonderworker Sozomen of Cyprus, whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: have mercy on us, and save us, for Thou art good and lovest mankind.

Then, facing the icon of Christ, on the iconostasis, the Leader says:

Leader: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us.

All: Amen.