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READER'S TYPIKA ON SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026
(3rd Sunday after Pentecost)

The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus

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 TWO

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.
- Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

For the Resurrection in Tone Two

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

We bring unto Thee the words of the thief, and we cry unto Thee: Remember us, O Saviour, in Thy Kingdom.

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

For the forgiveness of our sins, we bring before Thee the Cross, which Thou didst accept for us, O Friend of man.

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

We worship Thy burial and arising, O Master, whereby Thou hast delivered the world from corruption, O Friend of man.

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

By Thy death, O Lord, death was swallowed up; and by Thy Resurrection, O Saviour, Thou hast saved the world.

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.

When they that slept in darkness saw Thee, the Light, in the nethermost regions of Hades, O Christ, they arose.

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

Thou didst meet the myrrh-bearers when Thou didst arise from the tomb, and Thou didst command them to tell the disciples of Thine Arising.

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

Let us glorify the Father; let us all worship the Son; and with faith let us praise the Holy Spirit.

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

Rejoice, O throne of fiery form; rejoice, O Bride unwedded; rejoice, thou who didst give birth to God for the sake of man, O Virgin.

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 TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE IN TONE ONE

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

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 2

The Lord is my strength and my song, and He is become my salvation. (*Ps.117:14*) {twice}

Verse: With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me, but He hath not given me over unto death. (*Ps.117:18*)

The Lord is my strength and my song, and He is become my salvation.

APOSTOLOS FOR 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENETECOST:

Reader: The reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans §88 (5:1-11)

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

ALLELUIA, TONE 2

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse 1: The Lord hear thee in the day of affliction; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee. (*Ps.19:1*)

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse 2: O Lord, save the king, and hearken unto us in the day when we call upon Thee. (*Ps.19:9*)

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW:

Reader: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew §18 (6:22-33)

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

Reader: The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For

the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.”

Choir: Glory to 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 TWO

*(**Thou soughtest the heights**)*

Arisen art Thou, * Almighty Saviour, from the tomb; * as Hades beheld, * he trembled at the miracle; * and the dead arose, and creation, seeing this, doth rejoice with Thee; * and as Adam also is glad, * the world, O my Saviour, praiseth Thee forever.

KONTAKION OF THE SEASON IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant: O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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.

READINGS

THE HOLY MARTYR JULIAN OF TARSUS

The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus was born in the Asia Minor province of Cilicia. He was the son of a pagan senator, but his mother was a Christian. After the death of her husband the mother of Saint Julian moved to Tarsus, where her son was baptized and raised in Christian piety. When Julian reached age 18, a persecution against Christians began under the emperor Diocletian (284-305). Among those arrested was Saint Julian. They brought him before the governor Marcian for trial, and for a long time they urged him to renounce Christ. Neither tortures nor threats, nor promises of gifts and honors could convince the pious youth to offer pagan sacrifice and deny Christ. The holy confessor remained steadfast in his firm faith.

For a whole year they led the martyr through the cities of Cilicia, everywhere subjecting him to interrogation and tortures, after which they threw him in prison. Saint Julian's mother followed after her son and prayed that the Lord would strengthen him. In the city of Aegea, she besought the governor to permit her to visit the prison, ostensibly to persuade her son to offer sacrifice to idols. She spent three days in prison with Saint Julian, exhorting him to be strong until the end.

Saint Julian was again brought to stand before the governor. Thinking that the mother had persuaded her son to submit to the imperial decree, the governor began to praise her prudence. But suddenly she boldly confessed Jesus Christ, and even more fearlessly and boldly denounced polytheism. The governor then gave orders to cut off her feet, since she had accompanied her son from Tarsus. They tied the Martyr Julian into a sack, filled with sand and poisonous snakes, and threw it into the sea. The body of the sufferer was carried by the waves to the shores of Alexandria, and with reverence was buried by a certain pious Christian. The martyr's death occurred in about the year 305. Afterwards his relics were transferred to Antioch. Saint John Chrysostom honored the holy Martyr Julian with an encomium. [From oca.org]

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THE HOLY MARTYR APHRODISIUS OF CILICIA

Saint Aphrodisios was from the land of Cilicia, who was taught to revere Christ from his ancestors. Arrested as a Christian, he was brought before the governor Dionysios, and confessed Christ as the true God.

For this he was burned with heated iron on his back, then put in a cauldron full of boiling lead. Afterward he was suspended upside down. Because he was kept unharmed by divine grace, a lion appeared in the theater which was set loose upon the Saint, that harmed him in no way, but instead spoke with him in a human voice, rebuking the harshness of the Greeks. Because of this miracle, many came to believe in Christ, whom they boldly confessed, for which reason they were beheaded, and thus ascended victoriously into the heavens.

When the tyrant saw this, he ordered for a rock to be split, for the Saint to be placed in the middle, and for the other half of the rock to be put on top of him. It took fifty-five soldiers to carry this out. Thus the Saint immediately delivered his soul into the hands of God, and received from Him the crown of martyrdom. [From Mystagogy]

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THE HOLY NEW MARTYR NICETAS (NICETAS) OF NISYROS

The holy New Martyr Nicetas was born on Nisyros, one of the islands of the Dodecanese, between Kos and Rhodes. Though his parents were Christians, his father renounced Christ to avoid judgment for some crime. He raised his children as Moslems, and Nicetas being too young at the time to understand, had no perception, as he grew up, that he had ever been a Christian; in fact

he became a zealous in the religion in which his father raised him. One day, when Nicetas quarrelled with a Turkish boy, the boy's mother, who knew his family's secret, accused him of being a false convert and an unbeliever. Upset at this, Nicetas importuned his mother relentlessly to know why he had been called such things, and finally learned from her that he had indeed been born a Christian and that his name was Nicetas. After reflecting on this, he deeply desired to recover his ancestral piety and pondered how he might do so – since apostasy from Islam is punished with death.

With God's help he was able, after a time, to sail to Chios and to find refuge in the Monastery of Nea Moni. After he confessed his identity and purpose to the abbot, the abbot sent him to Saint Macarius, Metropolitan of Corinth, now in retirement and struggling in stillness and prayer. Nicetas lived in the monastery unknown to most and kindling the love of Christ in his heart more and more. Finally he asked permission of the Fathers to present himself for martyrdom. Since he was only fifteen or sixteen years of age, some hesitated, but in the end, seeing his zeal, and that it was of his own initiative, and not from compulsion by anybody else, they gave him their blessing.

He left Nea Moni for the main port city of Chios but on the way, at a place called Molos, he was arrested for the head tax, which Christians were obliged to pay and, being found without papers to identify himself nor money to pay the tax, he was taken to prison. On the way to prison an acquaintance of his from Chios, who knew him as the Moslem Mehmet, expressed surprise that a Moslem should be forced to pay the head tax. This conversation aroused the suspicion of his Moslem captor, who took him to the agha's residence, where he was interrogated and found to be circumcised. They tortured him to compel him to renounce Christ and return to Islam, but he ignored their threats and insults and stood fast in the Faith. Then they changed their tactics to flattery and extravagant promises, which he also rejected with scorn. He was therefore subjected to beatings and tortures for ten days; then they took him out of prison, and after beating and abusing him again to compel him to renounce Christ, they beheaded him on June 21, 1732, at the age of fifteen or sixteen. Certain blind men anointed their eyes with the Martyr's blood and received their sight.

The man who beheaded him was a particularly savage Crimean, who purposely cut off his head with many blows of the sword to prolong and intensify his pain. Because he had shown singular cruelty beyond what anybody else had inflicted on the Saint, he was visited with a trembling and quaking, like that of Cain, which never left him for the rest of his life. Besides this, the Martyr Nicetas appeared to him at night and frightened him and even trampled upon him and beat him, so that the Crimean suffered from apoplexy from the nightmares and beatings and terror. It only ceased once he had an icon of the Saint painted (perhaps at the suggestion of his wife, who was a Christian) and placed secretly in a cupboard of his divan room, hidden from the eyes of his fellow Turks. After this, the apoplexy left him, and the nightmares and the beatings ceased, although the trembling remained and his body was paralyzed, and he dragged out a miserable existence. Furthermore a knocking was heard from the cupboard in which he hid the icon, piquing the curiosity of his visitors, so that eventually the secret was exposed, and the glory of the Martyr Nicetas was made known. [From tyoos.org]

THE 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; of our venerable and God-bearing fathers; of the *Holy Myrrh-Bearer and Equal to the Apostles Mary Magdalene*, protector of this community; *of the Martyr Julian of Tarsus; Martyr Aphrodisius of Cilicia; and New-martyr Nikita of Nisyros near Rhodes*, 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.