

**Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee;
Our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople**

Troparion, Tone 8: (page 29)

You came down from oh high, O Merciful One,* and accepted three days of burial* to free us from our sufferings.* O Lord, our life and our resurrection,* glory be to You.

Troparion, Tone 1:

Like a shepherd's flute, O Father Gregory* your theology vanquished the trumpets of orators,* for searching the depths of the spirit,* beauty of speech was increased in you.* Pray Christ God that our souls may be saved.

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 3:

O glorious saint, your tongue, versed in theology,* loosed the webs of vain philosophers;* you adorned the Church with a robe of true belief woven on high.* Wearing it she cries with us, your children.* Rejoice, O Father, highest mind of theology.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion Tone 3:

Let us bring sighs of sorrow to the Lord as did the Publican* and approach the Master as sinners,* for He desires salvation for everyone.* He grants forgiveness to all who repent.* For as God, the One-who-is, co-eternal with the Father, He became flesh for us.

Prokeimenon, Tone 8: (page 33)

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.* Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

verse: In Judea God is known;* His name is great in Israel.

Prokeimenon, Tone 1:

My mouth shall speak wisdom* and the meditation of my heart understanding.

verse: Hear these things, all you nations; give ear all you inhabitants of the world.

Alleluia, Tone 8: (page 33)

verse: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord;* let us acclaim God our Savior.

verse: Let us come before His countenance with praise* and acclaim Him with psalms.

verse: Give heed, O my people, to my law, incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

verse: I will open my mouth in parables, and proclaim secrets from old.

Communion verse: (page 67)

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.* Alleluia. (3X)

Instead of “Blessed is He Who comes...” (page 71), we sing:

Christmas Carol, ‘There was Great Rejoicing’.

During Holy Communion, we sing:

Christmas Carol, ‘Bethlehem Gives Tidings’ – ‘В Библейсі Новина’.

Instead of “We have seen the true light...” (page 73), we sing:

Christmas Carol ‘In Bethlehem’.

Instead of “May our mouths...” (page 73), we sing:

Christmas Carol ‘Heaven and Earth’.

Instead of “Blessed be the Name...” (page 77), we sing:

Christmas Carol ‘God’s Son Is Born’.

At the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, we sing:

2nd and 3rd verse of Christmas Carol, ‘There was Great rejoicing’.