

## SECOND SUNDAY OF THE HALLOWING OF THE CHURCH

### The Anthem of the Chancel

*Our God is a mighty place of refuge.*

All your worshippers hasten to the place of refuge which is your Church, O our Lord, to receive the Holy Mysteries, that they may have pardon for their debts.

*Rich and poor alike.*

All your worshippers hasten to the place of refuge which is your Church, O our Lord, to receive the Holy Mysteries, that they may have pardon for their debts.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; from everlasting, and for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

One is the power of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, which is glorified in Heaven and on earth.

### The Lections

Exodus 39:32-40:16

Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting was finished; and the people of Israel had done according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses; so had they done. And they brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent and all its utensils, its hooks, its frames, its bars, its pillars, and its bases; the covering of tanned rams' skins and goatskins, and the veil of the screen; the ark of the testimony with its poles and the mercy seat; the table with all its utensils, and the bread of the Presence; the lampstand of pure gold and its lamps with the lamps set and all its utensils, and the oil for the light; the golden altar, the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the screen for the door of the tent; the bronze altar, and its grating of bronze, its poles, and all its utensils; the laver and its base; the hangings of the court, its pillars, and its bases, and the screen for the gate of the court, its cords, and its pegs; and all the utensils for the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of meeting; the finely worked garments for ministering in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons to serve as priests. According to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so the people of Israel had done all the work. And Moses saw all the work, and behold, they had done it; as the LORD had commanded, so had they done it. And Moses blessed them.

The LORD said to Moses, "On the first day of the first month you shall erect the tabernacle of the tent of meeting. And you shall put in it the ark of the testimony, and you shall screen the ark with the veil. And you shall bring in the table, and set its arrangements in order; and you shall bring in the lampstand, and set up its lamps. And you shall put the golden altar for incense before the ark of the testimony, and set up the screen for the door of the tabernacle. You shall set the altar of burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and place the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it. And you shall set

up the court round about, and hang up the screen for the gate of the court. Then you shall take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it, and consecrate it and all its furniture; and it shall become holy. You shall also anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and consecrate the altar; and the altar shall be most holy. You shall also anoint the laver and its base, and consecrate it. Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the tent of meeting, and shall wash them with water, and put upon Aaron the holy garments, and you shall anoint him and consecrate him, that he may serve me as priest. You shall bring his sons also and put coats on them, and anoint them, as you anointed their father, that they may serve me as priests: and their anointing shall admit them to a perpetual priesthood throughout their generations."

Thus did Moses; according to all that the LORD commanded him, so he did.

### 1 Kings 8:10-28

And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

Then Solomon said,

"The LORD has set the sun in the heavens,  
but has said that he would dwell in thick darkness.

I have built thee an exalted house,  
a place for thee to dwell in for ever."

Then the king faced about, and blessed all the assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel stood. And he said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who with his hand has fulfilled what he promised with his mouth to David my father, saying, 'Since the day that I brought my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city in all the tribes of Israel in which to build a house, that my name might be there; but I chose David to be over my people Israel.' Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel. But the LORD said to David my father, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a house for my name, you did well that it was in your heart; nevertheless you shall not build the house, but your son who shall be born to you shall build the house for my name.' Now the LORD has fulfilled his promise which he made; for I have risen in the place of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and I have built the house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel. And there I have provided a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt."

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven; and said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to thy servants who walk before thee with all their heart; who hast kept with thy servant David my father what thou didst declare to him; yea, thou didst speak with thy mouth, and with thy hand hast fulfilled it this day. Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father what thou hast promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a man

before me to sit upon the throne of Israel, if only your sons take heed to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Now therefore, O God of Israel, let thy word be confirmed, which thou hast spoken to thy servant David my father.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built! Yet have regard to the prayer of thy servant and to his supplication, O LORD my God, hearkening to the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prays before thee this day . . . . ."

### **The Shuraya**

Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.  
I will bless her huntsmen;  
I will satisfy her poor with bread.  
Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her righteous with glory.  
There I will make a horn to sprout for David;  
I will light a lamp for his anointed.

### **The Apostle**

Hebrews 8:1-9:4

Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord. For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; hence it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary; for when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain." But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry which is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion for a second.

For he finds fault with them when he says:

"The days will come, says the Lord,  
when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel  
and with the house of Judah;  
not like the covenant that I made with their fathers  
on the day when I took them by the hand  
to lead them out of the land of Egypt;  
for they did not continue in my covenant,  
and so I paid no heed to them, says the Lord.  
This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel

after those days, says the Lord:  
I will put my laws into their minds,  
and write them on their hearts,  
and I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.  
And they shall not teach every one his fellow  
or every one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,'  
for all shall know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest.  
For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,  
and I will remember their sins no more."

In speaking of a new covenant he treats the first as obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant . . . . .

### **The Zumara**

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! (2)  
For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your sons within you, and makes peace in your borders. (3)

### **The Gospel**

Matthew 12:1-13

. . . . . Jesus went through the grainfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath." He said to them, "Have you not read what David did, when he was hungry, and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? Or have you not read in the law how on the sabbath the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. And if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of man is lord of the sabbath."

And he went on from there, and entered their synagogue. And behold, there was a man with a withered hand. And they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath?" so that they

might accuse him. He said to them, "What man of you, if he has one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the sabbath." Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, whole like the other.

### **Anthem of the Mysteries**

**Text:** His Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom: Who will not fear you, O King of all ages?

*I will extol you, my Lord, the King.*

O Christ the King, you who saved the holy Church from error through your precious blood, grant us in your compassion to be made worthy at all times to do your will, and to honorably offer the Oblation to your Godhead with a pure heart, and with companies of angels to lift up praise to you in fear, saying, Holy, holy, you are holy, O Lord God, our Savior.

*You have saved us from our enemies.*

O Christ the King, you who saved the holy Church from error through your precious blood, grant us in your compassion to be made worthy at all times to do your will, and to honorably offer the Oblation to your Godhead with a pure heart, and with companies of angels to lift up praise to you in fear, saying, Holy, holy, you are holy, O Lord God, our Savior.

### **Anthem of the Bema**

O you who are bidden, O children of the light, draw near and take delight in the wedding-feast of the Bridegroom who has summoned us to new life, and has appointed us heirs in his Kingdom on high. He has given us his own Body, and has clothed his Church with appropriate glory.

And with the spiritual ones let us cry out three-fold, calling aloud and singing to him, saying, Hallelujah!

### **Verses:**

Mystically the Bridegroom who affianced me has set me higher than the watchers in the light, says the Church. Through water and the Spirit he sanctified me by his Baptism, and he summons my children to new life.

And with the spiritual ones let us cry out three-fold, calling aloud and singing to him, saying, Hallelujah!