St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews
4:14-16; 5:1-6

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2
Psalm 27.9,1

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The reading is from
St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."
Πρὸς Εβραίους 4:14-16, 5:1-6
Προκείμενον. Ἡχὸς πλ. β'
ΨΑΛΜΟI 27.9,1

Σῶσον, Κύριε τὸν λαὸν σου
καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.

Στίχ. Πρὸς σὲ, Κύριε, κεκράξομαι ὁ Θεός μου.

Πρὸς Εβραίους 4:14-16, 5:1-6 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ἔχοντες οὖν ἀρχιερέα μέγαν, διεληλυθότα τοὺς οὐρανοὺς, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ θεοῦ, κρατῶμεν τῆς ὁμολογίας. Οὐ γὰρ ἔχομεν ἀρχιερέα μὴ δυνάμενον συμπαθῆσαι ταῖς ἀσθενείαις ἡμῶν, πεπειραμένον δὲ κατὰ πάντα καθ' ὁμοιότητα, χωρὶς ἀμαρτίας. Προσερχώμεθα οὖν μετὰ παρρησίας τῷ θρόνῳ τῆς χάριτος, ἵνα λάβωμεν ἔλεον, καὶ χάριν εὐρομεν εἰς εὐκαιρον βοήθειαν. Πάς γὰρ ἀρχιερεύς, ἐξ ἀνθρώπων λαμβανόμενος, υπὲρ ἀνθρώπων καθίσταται τὰ πρὸς τὸν θεόν, ἵνα προσφέρῃ δῶρά τε καὶ θυσίας. Ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ, καθὼς περὶ τοῦ λαοῦ, οὐτώς καὶ περὶ ἑαυτοῦ, προσφέρειν ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν. Καὶ οὐχ ἑαυτῷ τις λαμβάνει τὴν τιμήν, ἀλλὰ καλούμενος ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ, καθάπερ καὶ Ἀαρών. Οὕτως καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτὸν ἐδόξασεν γενῆθηναι ἀρχιερέα, ἀλλ' ὁ λαλήσας πρὸς αὐτὸν, Υἱός μου εἶ σύ, ἐγὼ σήμερον γεγέννηκά σε. Καθὼς καὶ ἐν ἑτέρῳ λέγει, Σὺ ἱερεὺς εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ.
The Gospel
According to Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."
Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μᾶρκον 8:34-38, 9:1
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Εἴ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἔλθεῖν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθεῖτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλῃ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σώσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτὴν· ὃς δὲ ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἑνεκὲν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτὴν. τί γὰρ ὥφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἐὰν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἐὰν ἐπαισχυνθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμοὺς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἁμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυνθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἐλθῇ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰς τινὲς τῶν ὧδε ἑστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσονται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθοῦσαν ἐν δυνάμει.
Resurrection Apolytikion in the Third Tone

Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death, and first-born of the dead has He become. From the womb of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy!

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ἃδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion for the Holy Cross

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Apolytikion for the Church in the Plagal First Mode

Like a most fruitful olive tree you did blossom forth in the folds of the Lord, Sophia, martyr most pious! And to Christ you did bring sweetest fruit: the tender sprouts of your womb, through divine martyrdom, Agape, along with Hope and Faith. The God-minded with whom do you pray to God for all of us.

Kontakion for the Theotokos during Lent

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, from all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

Τῇ ύπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθείσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Αλλ’ ὦς ἐχοῦσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἔλευθέρωσον, Ἰνα κράζω σοι· Χαίρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.
Sunday—April 7, 2024

Memorial
Nikolaos Themistocles Tsilibes (1 Year)
Olga Zeppos (1 Year)

Trisagion
Joanne Allis (17 Years)
George Zeppos (26 Years)

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Church Services & Events for Today & the Upcoming Week

Today ~ Sunday of The Holy Cross
8:45 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

6:00 pm Lenten Vespers at Sts. Peter & Paul

Thursday—April 11, 2024
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday—April 12, 2024
6:00 pm Fourth Akathist Hymn

Saturday ~ April 13, 2024
9:00 am Pita Dough Making & Pita Making Class
Please Join Us!

2024 PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN VESPERS

Schedule of Services ~ 6:00 pm on Sundays followed by a Fasting Meal

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Sunday of the Holy Cross
Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church
401 Hamilton Street ~ Syracuse, NY 13204

April 14, 2024
Sunday of St. John Climacus
St. Luke’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church
3290 Warners Road ~ Warners, NY 13164

April 21, 2024
Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt
St. George Macedonian Orthodox Church
5083 Onondaga Road ~ Syracuse, NY 13215
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General Assembly Meeting

Sunday—April 14, 2024