**Wednesday of the Second Week of the Great Fast**

**Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

**AT PSALM 140**

*In Tone 1*

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8. O martyrs, worthy of praise,

though the earth may not have covered you, heaven received you,

opening to you the gates of Paradise, where you dwell,

delighting in the Tree of Life.

Beseech Christ to grant our souls peace and great mercy.

*In Tone 3*

7. Through the prayers of the divine apostles, O righteous Lord,

grant that this time of the Fast may be well spent.

In Your kindness grant repentance to our hearts,

that we all may be saved and give glory to You.

6. Your coming will be great and fearful, O Lord,

when You shall sit in just judgment.

Do not pass sentence on me,

for I am already condemned;

but show Your divine favour toward me,

through the intercession of Your apostles.

*In Tone 6*

5. O apostles of Christ who shine your light on all mortals,

you are the treasuries of the holy knowledge of God.

Through your prayers deliver from temptation those who praise you.

Guide us successfully through the course of this Fast;

direct our lives in peace,

so that with our eyes lifted up to the Passion of Christ,

we may with courage give praise to our God.

*In Tone 8*

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2. Divinely-wise father Timothy,

you became a true imitator of Abraham,

everywhere healing those who turn to you!

You acquired the strength of Job in afflictions,

and possessing the meekness of David,

you lived on earth a life equal to the angels!

Therefore you received your final desire,

as you pray for us all!

1. Divinely-wise father Timothy,

you were revealed to be a model of chastity,

an instructor of abstinence,

an image of piety,

a fountain of compunction,

an unshakable foundation of orthodoxy,

an ever-flowing stream of healings

a never-setting sun,

a child of divine grace,

the adornment of monastics,

most-honourable one!

*In Tone 5, Glory… Now…*

Come, all faithful, and rejoice in the Holy Scriptures!

Rejoice in the preaching of the apostles!

Rejoice in the Virgin who gave birth to God!

She is the Queen of Heaven.

In her we exult with hymns and songs,

for she is our fervent intercessor before God.

**PROKEIMENON I, TONE 8**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,\* exult, O you just!

verse: Blessed are those whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.

**READING I (Genesis 4:16-26)**

Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden. And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son—Enoch. To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech. Then Lamech took for himself two wives: the name of one was Adah, and the name of the second was Zillah. And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. His brother’s name was Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and flute. And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal-Cain was Naamah. Then Lamech said to his wives: “Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; wives of Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have killed a man for wounding me, even a young man for hurting me. If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.” And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, “For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed.” And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh. Then men began to call on the name of the LORD.

**PROKEIMENON II, TONE 1**

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us\* as we have hoped in You.

verse: Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

**READING II (Proverbs 5:15-6:3)**

Drink water from your own cistern,

And running water from your own well.

Should your fountains be dispersed abroad,

Streams of water in the streets?

Let them be only your own,

And not for strangers with you.

Let your fountain be blessed,

And rejoice with the wife of your youth.

As a loving deer and a graceful doe,

Let her breasts satisfy you at all times;

And always be enraptured with her love.

For why should you, my son, be enraptured by an immoral woman,

And be embraced in the arms of a seductress?

For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD,

And He ponders all his paths.

His own iniquities entrap the wicked man,

And he is caught in the cords of his sin.

He shall die for lack of instruction,

And in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

My son, if you become surety for your friend,

If you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger,

You are snared by the words of your mouth;

You are taken by the words of your mouth.

So do this, my son, and deliver yourself;

For you have come into the hand of your friend:

Go and humble yourself;

Plead with your friend.