*After the Thrice Holy Hymn…*

***Deacon****: Let us attend.*

***Priest****: Peace be unto all!*

**Reader**: **And to your spirit!**

***Deacon****: Wisdom!*

**Reader**: **The Prokeimenon in the 3rd tone:**

(Tone 3) **Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

*Choir: (Repeats Prokeimenon)*

**Reader**: **Clap your hands, all ye people, shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

***Choir****: (Repeats Prokeimenon)*

**Reader**: **In the 4th tone: Blesses are You O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever!**

***Choir****: (Sing praises to our King, sing praises!)*

***Deacon****: Wisdom!*

**Reader**: **The reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Romans.**

***Deacon****: Let us attend.*

**Reader**: Brothers and sisters, being then made free from sin, you became servants of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For as you yielded your members as servants of impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members as servants of righteousness unto holiness. For when you were servants of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin, and have become servants of God, you have your fruit unto holiness, and in its end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is life everlasting in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Brothers and Sisters, remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

*Priest: Peace be unto you Reader*

**Reader**: **And to your spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! In You, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame!**

*Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**Reader*:* Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!**

*Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

**Reader**: **The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

*Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*