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**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (10<sup>th</sup> of Luke) ,Monk-Martyr and Confessor Stephen the New**

In the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit God is one. (Blessed Nativity Fast to All).So- ought not this woman being a daughter of Abraham whom Satan had bound for 18 years be loosed and healed on the Sabbath? This is the question the Lord asked, all the nitpickers or as he called them the hypocrites. This unfortunate woman in today's gospel is so much like most of us in this life. Many people in the world are broken, bent over so to speak, by the weight of this life, and its cares, its sorrow and Temptations. All of us at some point in our time have felt the crushing weight bending us down. And I'm pretty sure that some of us if not all of us at one point have been overwhelmed by our own cares. Consider if you will all those unfortunate, who are even worse off than all of us. They are hungry, naked, homeless, many are roaming the streets looking for shelters, youngsters are running away because of the pressure is so great. Fathers and mothers are unemployed and worried sick, over how to pay the bills or even feed their children. Many who would even look for temporary relief from their problems in the form of some kind of addiction! But the Lord is compassionate and merciful. So ought- not us who are called by his name show the same compassion and mercy toward others? The choice is ours; we can be a source of healing and welcoming allowing the very words of God in the scriptures to penetrate our hearts, and facilitated so it can reach the hearts of others. Or we can be liked the nitpickers or the hypocrites as the Lord called them! Blocking and preventing others from receiving the words of salvation! Your prayers in Christ always!

**Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)**

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, // glory to Thee.

**Tone 4 Troparion (St. Stephen the New)**

Trained in asceticism on the mountain, with the weapon of the Cross thou didst destroy the spiritual assaults of the hostile powers, O all-blessed one. Again thou didst bravely prepare for combat and didst slay Copronymus with the sword of faith; // for both struggles thou hast been crowned by God, monk-martyr Stephen of eternal memory.

**Troparion ST. George: You were.....Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit**

**Tone 6 Kontakion (Resurrection)**

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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### **Tone 8 Kontakion** (St. Stephen the New)

Lovers of the feasts, from the heart with hymns let us praise in faith God-like Stephen, the lover of the Trinity, for he honored the fair icon of the Master and of His Mother. Now let us rejoice together and cry out to him with love:// “Rejoice, ever-glorious Father!”

**Kontakion St. George...Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Steadfast protectress of Christian**

### **Tone 6 Prokeimenon** (Resurrection)

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! **V.** *To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!*

**Epistle** (220) Ephesians 2:4-10

**Tone 6** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! **V.** *He who dwelleth in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps. 90:1)* **V.** *He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.” (Ps. 90:2)*

**Gospel** (71) Luke 13:10-17

**Communion Hymn** Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **Orthodox Saints Quotes**

As it is impossible to verbally describe the sweetness of honey to one who has never tasted honey, so the goodness of God cannot be clearly communicated by way of teaching if we ourselves are not able to penetrate into the goodness of the Lord by our own experience.

**+St. Basil the Great,**

Every Christian should find for himself the imperative and incentive to become holy. If you live without struggle and without hope of becoming holy, then you are Christians only in name and not in essence. But without holiness, no one shall see the Lord, that is to say they will not attain eternal blessedness. It is a trustworthy saying that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners (**I Tim. 1:15**). But we deceive ourselves if we think that we are saved while remaining sinners. Christ saves those sinners by giving them the means to become saints. **+St. Philaret of Moscow,**

Love for Christ overflows into love for one's neighbor, love for truth, love for holiness, for the world, for purity, for everything divine, for everything deathless and eternal ... All these forms of love are natural manifestations of love for Christ. Christ is the God-man, and love for Him always means love for God and for man. When we love Christ God, we also love all that is divine, immortal and Christ-like in people. We can't truly love people if we do not love them for the sake of these causes. Any other love is pseudo-love, which is easily changed into lovelessness and hatredness toward people. True love for man comes from love for God, and love for God grows in accordance with the keeping of His commandments. **+St. Justin Popovich,**

**Payers for the livings:** Archbishop Benjamin, Abbot Tryphon, the child of God Monika, Nick, and all our brethren of this Holy Temple

**Prayers for the Departed:** all the orthodox that lies here and there sleep in the Lord .

### **Important Note**

\*\*Fr. Boris will be serving This Sunday.

\*\* The St. Nicholas party for the Kids is Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00PM. Looking forward to see all of you.

\*\*Council Meeting Dec, 5th. There is an opening for 2people to serve on the council. If you are interested, please let me, or one of the council members know. So you can be nominated.