

**1st Prokeimenon**

*Deacon:* Wisdom!

*Priest:* Peace be unto all.

*Reader:* And to thy spirit.

*Reader:* The Prokeimenon, in the **6th Tone:** Be glad in the Lord,  
and rejoice, ye righteous. (*Psalm 3*)

*Choir:*

Be glad in the Lord, and re-joyce — ye right - - - eous.

*Reader:* Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven.

*Choir:* (*sings entire prokeimenon again*)

*Reader:* Be glad in the Lord,

*Choir:* And rejoice, ye righteous.

*Deacon:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* The reading from Genesis. (*4:16-26*)

*Deacon:* Let us attend!

*Reader:* So Cain went forth from the presence of God and dwelt in the land of Nod over against Edem. And Cain knew his wife, and having conceived she bore Enoch; and he built a city; and he named the city after the name of his son, Enoch. And to Enoch was born Gaidad; and Gaidad begot Maleleel; and Maleleel begot Mathusala; and Mathusala begot Lamech. And Lamech took to himself two wives; the name of the one was Ada, and the name of the second Sella. And Ada bore Jobel; he was the father of those that dwell in tents, feeding cattle. And the name of his brother was Jubal; he it was who invented the psaltery and harp. And Sella also bore Thobel; he was a smith, a manufacturer both of brass and iron: and the sister of Thobel was Noma. And Lamech said to his wives, Ada and Sella, Hear my voice, ye wives of Lamech, consider my words, because I have slain a man to my sorrow and a youth to my grief. Because vengeance has been exacted seven times on Cain's

behalf, on Lamech's it shall be seventy times seven. And Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore a son, and called his name Seth, saying, For God has raised up to me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. And Seth had a son, and he called his name Enos: he hoped to call on the name of the Lord God.

### 2nd Prokeimenon

*Reader:* The Prokeimenon, in the **1st Tone:** Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee. (*Psalm 32*)

*Choir:*

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be up - on us, ac - cord - ing \_\_\_

as \_\_\_ we \_\_\_ have \_\_\_ hoped in Thee.

*Reader:* Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise is meet for the upright.

*Choir:* (*sings entire prokeimenon again*)

*Reader:* Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us

*Choir:* According as we have hoped in Thee.

(at a Pre-Sanctified Liturgy)

*Deacon:* Command!

*The Priest, holding the candle and the censer, and standing before the Holy Altar, exclaims:* Wisdom! Aright!

*And turning to the people he says:* The Light of Christ illumineth all.

*And the people prostrate.*

*Deacon:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* The reading from Proverbs (5:15 - 6:3)

*Deacon:* Let us attend!

*Reader:* Drink waters out of thine own vessels, and out of thine own springing wells. Let not waters out of thy fountain be spilt by thee, but let thy waters go into thy streets. Let them be only thine own, and let no stranger partake with thee. Let thy fountain of water be truly thine own; and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. Let thy loving hart and thy graceful colt company with thee, and let her be considered thine own, and be with thee at all times; for ravished with her love thou shalt be greatly increased. Be not intimate with a strange woman, neither fold thyself in the arms of a woman not thine own. For the ways of a man are before the eyes of God, and he looks on all his paths. Iniquities ensnare a man, and every one is bound in the chains of his own sins. Such a man dies with the uninstructed; and he is cast forth from the abundance of his own substance, and has perished through folly. My son, if thou become surety for thy friend, thou shalt deliver thine hand to an enemy. For a man's own lips become a strong snare to him, and he is caught with the lips of his own mouth. My son, do what I command thee, and deliver thyself; for on thy friend's account thou art come into the power of evil men: faint not, but stir up even thy friend for whom thou art become surety.