Order of the Divine Liturgy

Feast of

St Patrick the Hieromartyr, Bishop of Proussa and his Companions, Akakios, Menandros and Polyenos

May 19, 2012

Apolytikia

Christ is Risen (as the Priest exits with the Gospel)	Tone 1	p. 103
Christ is Risen (as the Priest re-enters the Altar)		*(above)*
Your Martyrs	Tone 4	

Your Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for You, receive as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from You, our immortal God. For since they possessed Your strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since You love mankind.

Kontakion (follows the last Apolytikion, relating to the Season or Feast)

Ei kai en Tafo Tone 8

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and rose the victor, Christ God. To the myrrh-bearing women, saying "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You are He Who raises up the fallen.

Epistle

Acts 15:35-41

Gospel

John 1:27-38

Communion Hymn

Soma Christou (Body of Christ) Tone 8 p. 104

Thought for the Day:

"When I was a child," the Holy Makarios once said, "I grazed cattle along with other children. One day they went to steal figs and took me along. When we returned to the herd, one of the figs fell from their basket and I picked it up and ate it. Even now that my hair has grown white, I remember that sin and I lament."

Giving

"It's hard to scrape together $100 for the church," someone once said. So it was, because he had allowed his weekly pledge to accumulate. Regular weekly giving, however, makes it easy to give much larger totals than this. Scripture tells that we are to give to God *weekly*. "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper" (I Cor. 16:2).

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