

## EPISTLE READING FOR FUNERAL SERVICE

**PRIEST:** Let us attend. Peace be with you all.

**READER:** And to your spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom.

**READER:** The Prokimenon in the 6<sup>th</sup> Tone..

Blessed is the way in which you shall walk today, O soul, for a place of rest is prepared for you.

**VERSE:** Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord my God.

Blessed is the way in which you shall walk today, O soul.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom.

**READER:** The Lesson from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Thessalonians.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend.

**READER:** Brethren: I would not have you to be ignorant concerning them which are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

**PRIEST:** Peace be with you.

**READER:** And to your Spirit.

**CHOIR:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**READER:** (Verse) Blessed is he whom Thou has chosen and taken, O Lord.