

# Hymns and Readings for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Sunday Before the Theophany ♦ Eve of the Theophany

[Holy Hieromartyr Theopemptus, Bishop of Nicomedia & Holy Martyr Theonas]

### THE HOURS

#### TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT THE THIRD HOUR

**Troparia:** Resurrection; Glory ... Eve of Theophany; Both now ... From the Horologion

**Kontakion:** Resurrection

#### TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT THE SIXTH HOUR

**Troparia:** Resurrection; Glory ... Eve of Theophany; Both now ... From the Horologion

**Kontakion:** Eve of Theophany

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### THE DIVINE LITURGY

#### TYPICAL PSALMS AND BEATITUDES

##### ENTRANCE HYMN

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

##### TROPARIA & KONTAKIA

###### **Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 3**

[Music on website / Green Book page 6]

Let the heavens rejoice!

Let the earth be glad!

For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.

He has trampled down death by death.

He has become the first born of the dead.

He has delivered us from the depths of hell,

and has granted to the world//

great mercy.

###### **Troparion of the Eve of Theophany in Tone 4**

[Music on website / Sheet]

The River Jordan was turned back by the mantle of Elisha,  
after Elijah had been taken up to heaven.

The waters were parted in two,  
and the stream became a dry path.

This was truly a type of baptism,  
by which we pass over the stream of life.//

Christ has shone forth in the Jordan to sanctify the waters.

###### **Troparion of Saint Chad in Tone 2**

[Music in Folder]

As a Bishop thou gavest thyself

to preaching the truth and the purity of the Church.

Thou didst shine forth as an example of humility and holiness;  
studying the Scriptures, thou tookest care to follow the Word.

Pray for thy children, O Holy Father Chad,  
that we too may follow Christ,//

and be found worthy to partake of the nature of God.

###### **Kontakion of the Resurrection in Tone 3**

[Music on website / Green Book page 6]

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb,  
O Merciful One,

leading us from the gates of death.

On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;

with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise//  
the divine majesty of Thy power.

**Kontakion of Saint Chad in Tone 2**[\[Music in Folder\]](#)

When thou wast praying to Christ, O venerable Chad,  
the choir of the angels came to call thee to thy reward.  
Then thou wast summoned to share  
in the Thrice Holy song with the seraphim.  
Pray thou that we may live as icons of the cherubim, //  
rejoicing before the Trinity, the Giver of life.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**Kontakion of the Eve of Theophany in Tone 2**[\[Music on website / Sheet\]](#)

O Christ, in Thy compassion and infinite mercy,  
Thou art coming as a man to be baptized in the Jordan,  
in order to take away the many transgressions of us all,  
clothing me in the garment of ancient glory //  
of which I was cruelly stripped bare.

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Kontakion of the Forefeast of Theophany in Tone 4**[\[Music on website / Sheet\]](#)

Today the Lord enters the Jordan and cries out to John:  
"Do not be afraid to baptize Me. //  
For I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man."

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**PROKEIMENON**

**Reader:** The Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone.

**Reader:** O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!

**Choir:** O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!

**Reader:** To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

**Choir:** O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!

**Reader:** O Lord, save Thy people

**Choir:** and bless Thine inheritance!

**EPISTLE**

The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Saint Timothy.

Timothy, my son: Always be watchful, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. [2 Timothy 4:5-8]

**ALLELUIA**

**Priest:** Peace be to thee that readest, and to all the people.

**Reader:** And to thy spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Choir:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Reader:** O God, be bountiful to us and bless us, show the light of Thy countenance upon us, and have mercy on us.

**Choir:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Reader:** That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all the nations.

**Choir:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**THE GOSPEL**

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in

the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." [Mark 1:1-8]

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**THE ZADOSTOYNIK**

[Music on website / Folder]

"It is truly meet ..." / "Meet it is in truth ..."

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**COMMUNION HYMN**

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

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**AFTER COMMUNION**

"We have seen the True Light ..." etc., as usual.

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**AFTER THE DISMISSAL**

The Blessing of the Waters is served by anticipation.

[Music in White Book page 86ff]

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