

# Hymns and Readings for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross

Martyr Sozon of Cilicia

## THE HOURS

### TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT THE THIRD HOUR

**Troparia:** Resurrection; Glory ... Holy Martyr Sozon; Both now ... From the Horologion

**Kontakion:** Resurrection

### TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT THE SIXTH HOUR

**Troparia:** Resurrection; Glory ... Forefeast of the Nativity; Both now ... From the Horologion

**Kontakion:** Forefeast of the Nativity

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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 4**

[Music on website / Green Book page 8]

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel  
the joyous message of Thy Resurrection,  
they cast away the ancestral curse  
and elatedly told the apostles:  
"Death is overthrown!  
Christ God is risen, //  
granting the world great mercy!"

##### **Troparion of the Forefeast of the Nativity in Tone 4**

[Music on website / Sheet]

Today from the stem of Jesse and from the loins of David,  
the handmaid of God Mary is being born for us.  
Therefore all creation is renewed and rejoices.  
Heaven and earth rejoice together.  
Praise her, you families of nations,  
for Joachim rejoices and Anna celebrates crying out: //  
"The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our life!"

##### **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.

##### **Troparion of Saint Sozon in Tone 4**

[Music on website / Sheet]

Thy holy martyr Sozón, O Lord,  
through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from Thee, our God.  
For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries,  
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. //  
Through his intercession, save our souls!

#### **Kontakion of the Resurrection in Tone 4**

[Music on website / Green Book page 8]

My Saviour and Redeemer as God  
rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.  
He has shattered the gates of hell,  
and as Master, //  
He has risen on the third day!

#### **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 Saint Sozon in Tone 2**

[Music on website / Sheet]

Let us gather today and together sing to Sozón,  
the true and divinely wise martyr,  
an expert fighter for the faith,  
the mystical seer of divine grace,  
a generous provider of healing, //  
who prays to Christ God for us all.

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

#### **Kontakion of the Forefeast of the Nativity in Tone 3**

[Music on website / Sheet]

Today the Virgin Theotokos Mary,  
the bridal chamber of the Heavenly Bridegroom,  
by the will of the God is born of a barren woman,  
being prepared as the chariot of God the Word. //  
She was foreordained for this, since she is the divine gate and the true Mother of Life.

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### **THE TRISAGION**

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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:** And in the Seventh Tone.

**Reader:** The righteous man shall be glad in the Lord, and shall hope in Him.

**Choir:** The righteous man shall be glad in the Lord, and shall hope in Him.

#### **EPISTLE**

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians.

Ye Brethren: See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen. [Galatians 6:11-18]

Ye Brethren: Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. [Ephesians 6:10-17]

### ALLELUIA

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

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

**Reader:** I have exalted one chosen out of My people.

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

**Reader:** For My hand shall defend him and My arm shall strengthen him.

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

**Reader:** The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them out of all their tribulations.

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

### THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." [John 3:13-17]

Jesus said to his disciples: "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But all this they will do to you on my account, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It is to fulfil the word that is written in their law, 'They hated me without a cause.' But when the Counsellor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning. I have said all this to you to keep you from falling away. They will put you out of the synagogues; indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God." [John 15:17-16:2]

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### THE ZADOSTOYNIK

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

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### COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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### AFTER COMMUNION

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

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