

Hymns and Readings for Sunday 7th December 2025

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Our Father among the Saints, Ambrose, Bishop of Milan

THE HOURS

TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT THE THIRD AND SIXTH HOURS

Troparia: Resurrection; Glory ... Saint Ambrose; Both now ... From the Horologion

Kontakion: Resurrection

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 1

[Music on website / Green Book page 2]

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour,
granting life to the world.

The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:

“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!

Glory to Thy Kingdom!//

Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind!”

Troparion of Saint Chad in Tone 2

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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 Ambrose in Tone 4

[Music on website / Sheet]

The truth of things revealed thee to thy flock as a rule of faith,
an icon of meekness and a teacher of temperance;
wherefore thou hast achieved the heights by humility,
riches by poverty.

O Father and Hierarch Ambrose

intercede with Christ God//

that our souls be saved.

Kontakion of the Resurrection in Tone 1

[Music on website / Green Book page 3]

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory,
raising the world with Thyself.

Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished.

Adam exults, O Master!

Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee://

“Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

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 Ambrose in Tone 3

[Music on website / Sheet]

Thou didst shine forth with divine doctrine, eclipsing the deception of Arius,
O shepherd and initiate of the mysteries, Ambrose.
Thou didst work miracles through the power of the Spirit,
healing various passions;//
righteous Father, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Both now, and veer, and unto the ages of ages, Amen,

Steadfast Protectress of Christians in Tone 6

[Music on website / Folder]

Steadfast Protectress of Christians,
Constant advocate before the Creator,
despise not the cry of us sinners,
but in thy goodness
come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith.
Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, //
for thou dost ever protect those who honour thee.

THE TRISAGION

PROKEIMENA

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the First Tone.

Reader: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

Choir: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

Reader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

Choir: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

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

Choir: as we have set our hope on Thee!

EPISTLE

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

Ye Brethren: Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart. [Ephesians 5:9-19]

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: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him. [Luke 13:10-17]

THE ZADOSTOYNIK

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

COMMUNION HYMN

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

AFTER COMMUNION

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