

Hymns and Readings for Sunday 12th November 2023

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Saint John the Almsgiver, Patriarch of Alexandria

Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Nilus the Faster, of Sinai

THE HOURS

TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT THE THIRD HOUR

Troparia: Resurrection; Glory ... Venerable Father Nilus; Both now ... From the Horologion

Kontakion: Resurrection

TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT THE SIXTH HOUR

Troparia: Resurrection; Glory ... Saint John the Almsgiver; 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 6

[Music on website / Green Book page 12]

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave,
seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell
not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.//
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

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 John the Almsgiver in Tone 8

[Music on website / Sheet]

In patience thou didst acquire thy reward, venerable father;
who continued in prayers unceasingly, and who loved the poor and saw to their needs.//
Entreat Christ God, O blessed almsgiver John, that our souls be saved!

Troparion of Venerable Father Nilus in Tone 8

[Music on website / Sheet]

With the streams of thy tears thou didst irrigate the barren desert,
and with sighs from the depths of thy soul thou didst make it to bear fruit an hundredfold;
thou wast a beacon to the whole world, radiating miracles.//
O Nilus our father, entreat Christ God that our souls be saved!

Kontakion of the Resurrection in Tone 6

[Music on website / Green Book page 12]

When Christ God the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//
He is the Saviour of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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.

Kontakion of Saint John the Almsgiver in Tone 2[\[Music on website / Sheet\]](#)

Thou didst distribute thy wealth to the destitute
and hast now received heavenly riches, O John most wise.
Wherefore, celebrating thy memory, //
we all honour thee, O namesake of almsgiving.

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

Kontakion of Venerable Father Nilus in Tone 8[\[Music on website / Sheet\]](#)

In thy vigilant prayer thou didst cut away the underbrush
of the uprisings of the passions of the body as with a scythe.
As thou hast boldness before the Lord, free me from every misfortune, //
that I may cry out to thee: "Rejoice, O universal father!"

Both now and ever and unto 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 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: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Choir: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

EPISTLE

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

Ye Brethren: God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. [Ephesians 2:4-10]

Ye Brethren: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. [2 Corinthians 9:6-11]

ALLELUIA

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

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

Reader: He that dwelleth in the shelter of the Most High shall abide in the shadow of the God of heaven.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: He will say to the Lord: My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom and his tongue shall speak of judgment.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: A lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go, and do thou likewise." [Luke 10:25-37]

The Lord said to his disciples: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." [Matthew 5:14-19]

ZADOSTOYNIK

It is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos,
ever blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God.
More honourable than the Cherubim,
and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim:
without defilement thou gavest birth to God the Word:
true Theotokos, we magnify thee!

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!

AFTER COMMUNION

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

AFTER THE DISMISSAL

The Memorial Service will be served for all those who have died in war.