

Hymns and Readings for Sunday 10th December 2023

27th Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and EUGRAPHUS, of Alexandria

THE HOURS

TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT BOTH HOURS

Troparia: Resurrection; Glory ... Holy Martyrs; 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 2

[Music on website / Green Book page 4]

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendour of Thy Godhead.
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
"O Giver of life, Christ our God, 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 the Holy Martyrs in Tone 8

[Music on website / Sheet]

Having mortified the fiery forms and movements of the passions by abstinence,
O Martyrs of Christ, ye received the grace to dispel the ailments of the infirm,
and living even after your death, to work miracles.
O truly most glorious wonder! Bare bones pour forth healing!//
Glory to the only God and Creator!

Kontakion of the Resurrection in Tone 2

[Music on website / Green Book page 5]

Hell became afraid, O almighty Saviour,
seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee,//
and the world, O my Saviour, praises Thee forever.

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 Holy Martyrs in Tone 1[\[Music on website / Sheet\]](#)

Together let us all honour with sacred and sweet hymnody
the wondrous Menas, the godly Hermogenes and Eugephus,
as ones who rendered honour unto the Lord
who suffered for him,
have attained unto the incorporeal choirs in the heavens, //
and pour forth miracles.

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 Second Tone.

Reader: The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

Choir: The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

Reader: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

Choir: The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

Reader: And in the Fourth Tone.

Reader: The Lord hath been wondrous in the saints that are in His earth; * He hath wrought all His desires in them.

Choir: The Lord hath been wondrous in the saints that are in His earth; * He hath wrought all His desires in them.

EPISTLE

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

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: 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!

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

Choir: The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them out of all their troubles.

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 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 ass 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 Lord said to his disciples: "Beware of people, for they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be a time for you to bear testimony. Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends, and some of you they will put to death; you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives. [Luke 21:12-19]

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! Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous;
praise befits the upright! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

AFTER COMMUNION

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