

Hymns and Readings for Saturday 6th January 2024

The Holy Theophany of Our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ

THE HOURS

TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT THE THIRD & SIXTH HOURS

Troparia: Glory ... The Theophany; Both now ... From the Horologion

Kontakion: The Theophany

THE DIVINE LITURGY

FIRST ANTIPHON

[Music on website / White Book page 67]

When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

SECOND ANTIPHON

[Music on website / White Book page 68]

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication.

O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish, then I called upon the Name of the Lord.

O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Gracious and righteous is the Lord, and our God is merciful.

O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

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

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

O only-begotten Son and Word of God. O Thou Who art Immortal, yet for our salvation didst deign to be incarnate of the holy Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary; and without change wast made man; Who also wast crucified for us; and by death didst overcome death: save us, O Christ, our God; one Person of the Holy Trinity, glorified together with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

THIRD ANTIPHON

Reader: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Troparion of the Theophany in Tone 1

[Music on website / White Book page 70]

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan,
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest.

For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee,
and called Thee His beloved Son;

and the Spirit in the form of a dove

confirmed the truthfulness of His word.

O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself//

and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Reader: Let the house of Israel say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

Choir: *When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan ...*

Reader: Let the house of Aaron now say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

Choir: *When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan ...*

Reader: Let those who fear the Lord now say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

Choir: *When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan ...*

ENTRANCE HYMN

The Introit of the Little Entrance shown on page 69 of the White Book is not used. Instead:

Priest: Wisdom! Stand upright!

Reader: (Intones) Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord; God is the Lord and He hath revealed Himself to us.

And the Choir repeats the refrain of the Secon Antiphon:

Choir: **O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

TROPARION & KONTAKION

Troparion of the Theophany in Tone 1

[Music on website / White Book page 70]

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan,
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest.
For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee,
and called Thee His beloved Son;
and the Spirit in the form of a dove
confirmed the truthfulness of His word.
O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself//
and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion of the Theophany in Tone 4

[Music on website / White Book page 74]

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe,
and Thy light, O Lord, has shone on us,
who with understanding praise Thee:
Thou hast come and revealed Thyself,//
O Light Unapproachable!

INSTEAD OF THE TRISAGION

Choir: As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia! (x 3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Have put on Christ. Alleluia!

Priest: Dynamis!

Choir: As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia!

PROKEIMENON

Reader: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and hath revealed Himself to us.

Choir: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and hath revealed Himself to us.

Reader: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Choir: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and hath revealed Himself to us.

Reader: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Choir: God is the Lord and hath revealed Himself to us.

EPISTLE

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

My child Titus: The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all mankind, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life. [Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7]

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: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring young rams to the Lord.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord is upon many waters.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." [Matthew 3:13-17]

ZADOSTOYNIK

[Music on website / Sheet]

Magnify, O my soul,
the most pure Virgin Theotokos, more honourable than the heavenly hosts!
No tongue is capable of praising thee worthily,
the angelic mind is overawed in exalting thee, O Theotokos!
But accept our faith,
since thou art gracious and knowest our divine love.
Thou art the Protectress of Christians,
and we praise thee!

COMMUNION HYMN

The grace of God hath appeared for the salvation of all mankind. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: "O God, save thy people ..."

Choir: *Instead of "We have seen the True Light ...":*

Troparion of the Theophany

[Music on website / White Book page 70]

Priest: "Always, now and ever ..."

Choir: "Let our mouths be filled ..."

AFTER THE PRAYER BEHIND THE AMBON

We follow the order on pages 86-93 of the White Book. The font, filled with water, has been placed in the Narthex. Preceded by the Servers carrying candles, the Priest, carrying the censer, goes out of the Altar through the Royal Doors, to the West side of the font. While the Choir sings the Hymns on pages

*86-88 of the White Book, the Priest, with a server carrying a candle facing him, censes around the font three times, After the Blessing of the Water, the Liturgy concludes from **Blessed be the Name of the Lord ...***
