

Hymns and Readings for Sunday 8th September 2024

11th Sunday after Pentecost

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross

THE HOURS

TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT THE THIRD HOUR

Troparia: The Resurrection; Glory ... The Nativity; Both now ... From the Horologion

Kontakion: The Nativity

TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT THE SIXTH HOUR

Troparia: The Resurrection; Glory ... The Nativity; Both now ... From the Horologion

Kontakion: The Resurrection

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

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 AND 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 the Nativity of the Theotokos in Tone 4

[Music on website / Sheet]

Thy nativity, O Virgin,
has proclaimed joy to the whole universe!
The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God,
has shone from thee, O Theotokos.
By annulling the curse,
He bestowed a blessing://
By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

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

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.

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

Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos in Tone 4

[Music on website / Sheet]

By thy nativity, most pure Virgin,
Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness,
Adam and Eve — from the corruption of death.
And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to thee: //
"The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

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 Third Tone.

Reader: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Choir: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

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] You are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defence to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the ploughman should plough in hope, and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ. [1 Corinthians 9:2-12]

Ye Brethren: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. [Philippians 2:5-11]

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: Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear!

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] “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailors, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.” [Matthew 18:23-35]

At that time: Jesus entered a village; and a woman called Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve you alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" [Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28]

THE ZADOSTOYNIK

[Music on website / Green Book page 105]

Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life,
Who has ascended from earth to heaven!
We magnify the Mother of God,
who beyond reason and understanding
gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! I will take the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

AFTER COMMUNION

“We have seen the True Light ...” etc., as usual.
