

Hymns and Readings for Sunday 23rd February 2025

Sunday of Meatfare ♦ Sunday of the Last Judgement

THE HOURS

TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT THE THIRD AND SIXTH HOURS

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

Kontakion: Last Judgement

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.

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

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.

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

Kontakion of the Last Judgement in Tone 1

[Music on website / Green Book page 22]

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory,
all things shall tremble,
and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgement seat;
the Books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed;
then deliver me from the unquenchable fire,//
and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge!

THE TRISAGION

PROKEIMENON

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Third Tone.

Reader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.

Choir: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.

Reader: O praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

Choir: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.

Reader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

Choir: His understanding is beyond measure.

EPISTLE

The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

Ye brethren: Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. [1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2]

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: Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Saviour!

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms!

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." [Matthew 25:31-46]

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 ye righteous;
praise befits the upright! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

AFTER COMMUNION

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