

# Hymns and Readings for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

## 32nd Sunday after Pentecost

### The Meeting of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the Temple

#### THE HOURS

##### TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT THE THIRD HOUR

**Troparia:** Resurrection; Glory ... Meeting of Our Lord; Both now ... From the Horologion

**Kontakion:** Meeting of Our Lord

##### TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT THE SIXTH HOUR

**Troparia:** Resurrection; Glory ... Meeting of Our Lord; Both now ... From the Horologion

**Kontakion:** Resurrection

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#### 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 7**

[Music on website / Green Book page 14]

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.

To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.

For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,

and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,

to proclaim that Thou art risen, //

granting the world great mercy.

##### **Troparion of the Meeting of Our Lord in Tone 1**

[Music on website / Sheet]

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!

From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,

enlightening those who sat in darkness.

Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,

thou didst accept in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, //

Who grants us the Resurrection!

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

##### **Kontakion of the Resurrection in Tone 7**

[Music on website / Green Book page 14]

The dominion of death

can no longer hold men captive,

for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.

Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:

“The Saviour has come to those in faith; //

enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

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

##### **Kontakion of the Meeting of Our Lord in Tone 1**

[Music on website / White Book page 97]

By Thy Nativity, Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb!

And didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God.

Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. //

Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

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## THE TRISAGION

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### PROKEIMENON

**Reader:** The Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone.

**Reader:** The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

**Choir:** The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

**Reader:** Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

**Choir:** The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

**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 Hebrews.

Ye Brethren: It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." [Hebrews 7:7-17]

### ALLELUIA

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

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

**Reader:** It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.

**Choir:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Reader:** To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.

**Choir:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Reader:** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation!

**Choir:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: The parents brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And in the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against

(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him. [Luke 2:22-40]

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### **THE ZADOSTOYNIK**

[Music on website / White Book page 101]

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians!

Protect, preserve, and save those who hope in thee!

We faithful saw the figure in the shadow of the Law and the scriptures:

every male child that opened the womb was holy to God.

Therefore we also magnify the first begotten Son of the unoriginate Father, //

the firstborn Son of the unwedded Mother!

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### **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!

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### **AFTER COMMUNION**

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

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