

# Hymns & Readings for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## TROPARIA & KONTAKIA

### **Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 3**

[[Music on website](#)]

Let the heavens rejoice!  
Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.  
He has trampled down death by death.  
He has become the first born of the dead.  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,  
and has granted to the world//  
great mercy.

### **Troparion of the Holy Fathers in Tone 8**

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Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God,  
Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.  
Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith.//  
O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

### **Kontakion of the Resurrection in Tone 3**

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On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One,  
leading us from the gates of death.  
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;  
with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise//  
the divine majesty of Thy power.

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

### **Kontakion of the Holy Fathers in Tone 8**

[[Music on website](#)]

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one  
Faith for the Church.  
Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology,//  
It defines and glorifies the great mystery of Orthodoxy.

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

### **Steadfast Protectress of Christians in Tone 6**

[[Music on website](#)]

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.

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## PROKEIMENA

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

**Reader:** Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**Choir:** Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**Reader:** Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**Choir:** Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**Reader:** And in the Fourth Tone.

**Reader:** Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

**Choir:** Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

## **EPISTLE**

Ye Brethren: Having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. [Romans 6:18-23]

Child Titus: The saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen. [Titus 3:8-15]

## **ALLELUIA**

**Reader:** In thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

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

**Reader:** Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!

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

**Reader:** The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

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

## **GOSPEL**

At that time: As Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marvelled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment. [Matthew 8:5-13]

The Lord said to his disciples: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." [Matthew 5:14-19]

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## **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!