

Hymns & Readings for Sunday 25th July 2021

TROPARIA & KONTAKIA

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 4

[\[Music on website\]](#)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel
the joyous message of Thy Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen, //
granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion of Saint Anna in Tone 4

[\[Music on website\]](#)

Divinely-wise Anna,
thou didst carry in thy womb the pure Mother of God who gave life to our Life.
Therefore, thou art now carried joyfully to the inheritance of heaven,
to the abode of those who rejoice in glory, //
where thou dost seek forgiveness of sins for those who faithfully honour thee, O ever-blessed one.

Troparion of Saint Chad in Tone 2

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.

Kontakion of the Resurrection in Tone 4

[\[Music on website\]](#)

My Saviour and Redeemer as God
rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master, //
He has risen on the third day!

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

Kontakion of Saint Anna in Tone 2

[\[Music on website\]](#)

We celebrate the memory of the progenitors of Christ,
and with faith we ask their help,
that deliverance from every affliction be granted to those who cry out: //
“Be with us, O God, Who in Thy good pleasure glorified them!”

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.

PROKEIMENA

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone.

Reader: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Choir: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

Choir: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Reader: And in the Fourth Tone.

Reader: God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

Choir: God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

EPISTLE

Ye Brethren: My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practises the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved. [Romans 10: 1-10]

Ye Brethren: Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married." [Galatians 4:22-27]

ALLELUIA

Reader: Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: For Thou lovest righteousness and hatest iniquity.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

At that time: When Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighbourhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. [Matthew 8:28-34, 9:1]

The Lord said: "No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a vessel, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is hid that shall not be made manifest, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come to light. Take heed then how you hear; for to him who has will more be given, and from him who has not, even what he thinks that he

has will be taken away." Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him for the crowd. And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you. But he said to them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."
[Luke 8:16-21]

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!