

# Hymns & Readings for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

## Afterfeast of the Dormition ♦ The Holy Martyr Agathonicus and his Companions

### TROPARIA & KONTAKIA

#### **Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 8**

[[Music on website](#)]

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!  
Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//  
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

#### **Troparion of the Dormition in Tone 1**

[[Music on website](#)]

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity.  
In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos.  
Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life,//  
and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

#### **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.

#### **Troparion of the Martyrs in Tone 4**

[[Music on website](#)]

In their sufferings, O Lord,  
Thy martyrs received imperishable crowns from Thee our God;  
For, possessed of Thy might,  
they set at nought the tormentors, and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons.  
Through their supplications, save Thou our souls!

#### **Kontakion of the Resurrection in Tone 8**

[[Music on website](#)]

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.  
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,//  
and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

#### **Kontakion of Saint Chad in Tone 2**

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.

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

#### **Kontakion of Saint Agathonicus in Tone 1**

[[Music on website](#)]

Having acquired a good name, O divinely wise one,  
thou didst convert wicked men to the Faith, not fearing tortures,  
O glorious Agathonicus.  
Wherefore, thou hadst become an heir to good things,  
and with those who suffered with thee//  
hast thou received worthy crowns.

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

## Kontakion of the Dormition in Tone 2

[Music on website]

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,  
who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.  
For being the Mother of Life, //  
she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

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### PROKEIMENA

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

**Reader:** Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

**Choir:** Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

**Reader:** In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel!

**Choir:** Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

**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 Corinthians

Ye Brethren: We are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder, I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw – each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

[1 Corinthians 3:9-17]

### 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!

**Reader:** Arise, O Lord, into Thy resting place: Thou and the Ark of Thy holiness!

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

### GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

[Matthew 14: 22-34]

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**ZADOSTOYNIK**

The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin,  
were struck with wonder,  
seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

The limits of nature are overcome in thee,

O Pure Virgin:

for birthgiving remains virginal,

and life is united to death.

A virgin after childbearing and alive after death!

Thou dost ever save thine inheritance, O Theotokos.

[[Music on website](#)]