

# Hymns & Readings for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Rest of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian

#### TROPARIA & KONTAKIA

##### **Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 5**

[[Music on website](#)]

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,  
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,  
born for our salvation from the Virgin;  
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,  
to endure death,  
and to raise the dead//  
by His glorious Resurrection.

##### **Troparion of Saint John the Theologian in Tone 2**

[[Music on website](#)]

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God,  
hasten to deliver a defenceless people!  
He Who allowed thee to recline on His breast,  
receives thee as thou bowest before Him.  
Implore Him, John the Theologian,  
to disperse the persistent threat from the heathens,//  
entreating for us peace and great mercy!

##### **Kontakion of the Resurrection in Tone 5**

[[Music on website](#)]

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Saviour,  
shattering its gates as Almighty,  
resurrecting the dead as Creator,  
and destroying the sting of death.  
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//  
and we all cry to Thee: "O Lord, save us!"

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

##### **Kontakion of Saint John the Theologian in Tone 2**

[[Music on website](#)]

Who shall declare thy greatness,  
O virgin disciple,  
for thou pourest forth wonders and art a source of healings,//  
and prayest for our souls as Theologian and friend of Christ.

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 Fifth Tone.

**Reader:** Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

**Choir:** Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

**Reader:** Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

**Choir:** Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

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

**Reader:** Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe.

**Choir:** Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe.

## EPISTLE

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

Ye Brethren: It is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me – it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you. [2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4]

Beloved: No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because he first loved us. [1 John 4:12-19]

## ALLELUIA

**Reader:** I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

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

**Reader:** For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

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

**Reader:** The heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints.

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

## GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But

when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him. [Luke 5:1-11]

At that time, standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. [John 19:25-27; 21:24-25]

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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!