

Hymns & Readings for Sunday 3rd October 2021

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop of Athens

TROPARIA & KONTAKIA

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 6

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The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave,
seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell
not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.//
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

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 Saint Dionysius in Tone 4

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Having learned goodness
and maintaining continence in all things,
thou wast divinely arrayed with a good conscience.
From the chosen vessel thou didst draw ineffable things;
keeping the Faith, thou didst finish a course equal to his.
Bishop and Martyr Dionysius,//
Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Kontakion of the Resurrection in Tone 6

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When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//
He is the Saviour of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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 Dionysius in Tone 8

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Having, through the Spirit, passed the portals of heaven,
as a disciple of the apostle who reached the third heaven, O Dionysius,
thou wast enriched with all understanding of ineffable things
and hast enlightened those who sit in the darkness of unbelief.//
Wherefore we cry out: "Rejoice, O universal Father!"

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

Steadfast Protectress of Christians in Tone 6

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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.

PROKEIMENON

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone.

Reader: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Choir: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Reader: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.

Choir: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Reader: O Lord, save Thy people

Choir: and bless Thine inheritance.

EPISTLE

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

Ye Brethren: It is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. [2 Corinthians 4:6-15]

ALLELUIA

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: He who dwelleth in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the God of heaven.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: He will say to the Lord: My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Him will I trust.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful." [Luke 6:31-36]

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!