

# Hymns & Readings for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## The Holy Prophet Zachariah & the Righteous Elizabeth, parents of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John

### TROPARIA & KONTAKIA

#### **Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 2:**

[music on website]

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,  
Thou didst slay hell with the splendour of Thy Godhead.  
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,  
all the powers of heaven cried out://  
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, 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 Prophet Zachariah in Tone 4:**

[music on website]

Robed in the vestments of the priesthood,  
according to the Law of God thou didst offer whole-burnt offerings in a sacred manner, wise  
Zachariah.  
Thou didst become a luminary and a seer of the mysteries,  
bearing within thyself the signs of grace, all-wise one.  
Slain by the sword in the temple of God, O prophet of Christ,  
intercede together with the Forerunner//  
that our souls may be saved.

#### **Troparion of Zachariah and Elizabeth in Tone 2:**

[music on website]

Celebrating the memory of Thy righteous ones,  
Zacharias and Elizabeth,  
O Lord, through them do we entreat Thee:  
Save Thou our souls.

#### **Kontakion of the Resurrection in Tone 2:**

[music on website]

Hell became afraid, O almighty Saviour,  
seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!  
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee,//  
and the world, O my Saviour, praises Thee forever.

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

[music on website]

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.

#### **Kontakion of the Prophet Zachariah in Tone 3:**

[music on website]

Today the prophet Zachariah, priest of the Most High  
and parent of the Forerunner,  
has prepared a banquet to his memory to nourish the faithful,  
mixing the drink of righteousness.//  
Therefore we praise him as a divine initiate of the grace of God.

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

**Kontakion of the Righteous Elizabeth in Tone 4:**

[music on website]

As the full moon brightly reflects the light of the sun,  
You reflected the glory of the Messiah, the Light of wisdom.  
With Zachariah you walked in all of the Lord's commandments,  
Elizabeth, beloved by God.  
So as we bless you with fitting songs,  
We praise the Lord, the bountiful Light, Who enlightens all.

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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**PROKIEMENON**

**Reader:** The Prokeimenon in the Second Tone:

**Reader:** The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

**Choir:** The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

**Reader:** The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

**Choir:** The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

**Reader:** The Lord is my strength and my song.

**Choir:** He has become my salvation.

**EPISTLE:**

The reading from the epistle of the holy apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

<sup>2</sup> Ye brethren: If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

<sup>3</sup> This is my defence to those who would examine me. <sup>4</sup> Do we not have the right to our food and drink? <sup>5</sup> Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? <sup>6</sup> Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? <sup>7</sup> Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?

<sup>8</sup> Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? <sup>9</sup> For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? <sup>10</sup> Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the ploughman should plough in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. <sup>11</sup> If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? <sup>12</sup> If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more?

Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ. [1 Corinthians 9:2-12]

**ALLELUIA**

**Reader:** And with thy spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Reader:** May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect thee!

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Reader:** O Lord, save the king, and hear us on the day when we call upon Thee!

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL**

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; <sup>25</sup> and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup> He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; <sup>33</sup> and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup> And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup> So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

[Matthew 18:23-35]

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## **ZADOSTOYNIK**

Meet it is in truth to bless thee, O Theotokos

[[music on website](#)]

Who art ever blessed and all blameless and the Mother of our God.

More honourable than the cherubim,

And more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim,

For without defilement, thou gavest birth to God the Word.

True Theotokos, we magnify thee.

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!