

Hymns and Readings for Sunday 31st October 2021

19th Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Apostles of the Seventy Apellius, Urban, Aristobulus, Amplius, Narcissus and Stachys

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 the Holy Apostles in Tone 3

[Music on website]

O holy apostles,
intercede with the merciful God,//
that He grant unto our souls remission of offences.

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

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 the Holy Apostles in Tone 8

[Music on website]

Let us hymn the wise apostles as is meet:
Apellius, Urban and Aristobulus, Amplius, Narcissus and Stachys,
whom the grace of our God brought together,//
as sacred treasures of the most Holy Spirit and effulgences of the Sun of glory.

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.

PROKEIMENON

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 Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

Ye brethren: The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. [2 Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9]

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 Luke.

The Lord said: "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and

licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'" [Luke 16:19-31]

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!

COMMUNION HYMN

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