

Hymns and Readings for Sunday 28th November 2021

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Monk-Martyr and Confessor Stephen the New

TROPARIA & KONTAKIA

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 6

[[Music on website](#)]

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 Stephen the New in Tone 4

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Struggling in fasting upon the mountain,
thou didst slay the noetic hordes of the enemy with the weapon of the Cross,
O most blessed one,
and didst manfully arm thyself again for martyrdom,
slaying Copronymus with the sword of the Faith.
And for both hast thou been crowned by God,//
O venerable martyr Stephen, who art ever memorable.

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 Stephen the New in Tone 8

[[Music on website](#)]

With all our heart, O ye who love the feasts of the Church,
let us faithfully praise with hymns the godly Stephen, the lover of the Trinity,
as one who venerated the beautiful image of the Master and His Mother;
and together let us now cry out to him, rejoicing with love://
Rejoice, O ever glorious father!

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 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 Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians.

Ye Brethren: God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. [Ephesians 2:4-10]

ALLELUIA

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

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: He who dwells 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 Whom I trust.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: A ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour your father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." [Luke 18:18-27]

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!