

Hymns and Readings for Sunday 12th December 2021

25th Sunday after Pentecost ♦ Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

TROPARIA & KONTAKIA

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 8

[Music on website]

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!
Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Troparion of the Holy Forefathers in Tone 2

[Music on website]

By faith didst Thou justify the Forefathers,
when through them Thou didst betroth Thyself aforetime
to the Church that was from among the nations.
The saints boast in glory that from their seed there is a glorious fruit,
even she that bore Thee seedlessly.//
By their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion of the Holy Forefathers in Tone 6

[Music on website]

A hand-wrought image ye would not worship O thrice-blessèd ones;
but armed with the Indescribable Essence, ye were glorified in your ordeal by fire.
Standing in the midst of the flame, ye called upon God:
"Speed Thou, O compassionate One,
and hasten, as Thou art merciful, to come unto our aid,//
for Thou art able if Thou will it!"

PROKEIMENON

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone.

Reader: Blessed are Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

Choir: Blessed are Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

Reader: For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

Choir: Blessed are Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

Reader: Blessed are Thou, O Lord God of our fathers

Choir: and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians.

Ye Brethren: When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all. [Colossians 3:4-11]

ALLELUIA

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

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: They called to the Lord and He answered them.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'" [Luke 14:16-24; Matthew 22:14]

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 HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous;
praise befits the upright. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!