

# Hymns and Readings for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Savva the Sanctified

#### TROPARIA & KONTAKIA

##### Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 7

[Music on website]

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.  
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.  
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,  
and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,  
to proclaim that Thou art risen, //  
granting the world great mercy.

##### 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 Savva in Tone 8

[Music on website]

With streams of thy tears thou didst irrigate the barren desert,  
and with sighs from the depths of thy soul thou didst make it to bear fruit a hundred-fold.  
Thou wast a beacon to the whole world, radiating miracles. //  
O Savva, our father, entreat Christ God, that our souls be saved!

##### Kontakion of the Resurrection in Tone 7

[Music on website]

The dominion of death  
can no longer hold men captive,  
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.  
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:  
"The Saviour has come to those in faith; //  
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

##### 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 Savva in Tone 8

[Music on website]

In thy virtue thou didst offer thyself from childhood unto God  
as an unblemished sacrifice, O blessed Savva,  
becoming a gardener in the garden of piety.  
Therefore, thou wast an adornment for the venerable  
and a right praiseworthy citizen of the desert. //  
Wherefore, we cry to thee: Rejoice, O Savva most rich!

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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### **PROKEIMENA**

**Reader:** The Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone.

**Reader:** The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

**Choir:** The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

**Reader:** Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

**Choir:** The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

**Reader:** And in the Seventh Tone.

**Reader:** Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

**Choir:** Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

### **EPISTLE**

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

Ye Brethren: Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. [Ephesians 2:14-22]

Ye Brethren: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. [Galatians 5:22-6:2]

### **ALLELUIA**

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

**Reader:** It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.

**Choir:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Reader:** To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.

**Choir:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Reader:** Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments.

**Choir:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### **GOSPEL**

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully

straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him. [Luke 13:10-17]

The Lord said to his disciples: "All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." [Matthew 11:27-30]

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### **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!

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### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!