

Hymns and Readings for Sunday 4th December 2022

25th Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Great Martyr Barbara & the Holy Martyr Juliana, at Heliopolis in Syria
Saint John of Damascus

THE HOURS

TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT BOTH HOURS

Troparia: Resurrection; Glory ... Great Martyr Barbara; Both now ... From the Horologion

Kontakion: Resurrection

THE DIVINE LITURGY

TYPICAL PSALMS AND BEATITUDES

ENTRANCE HYMN

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

TROPARIA & KONTAKIA

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 8

[Music on website / Green Book page16]

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 Saint Chad in Tone 2

[Music in Folder]

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 Great Martyr Barbara in Tone 8

[Music on website / Sheet]

Let us honour the holy Barbara;
For the most honoured one broke the snares of the enemy,//
and was delivered from them like a bird with the help and aid of the Cross.

Troparion of Saint John of Damascus in Tone 8

[Music on website / Sheet]

O instructor of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and purity,
beacon for the whole world, John most wise:
by thy doctrines thou hast illumined all.//
O harp of the Spirit, entreat Christ God, that our souls be saved.

Kontakion of the Resurrection in Tone 8

[Music on website / Green Book page16]

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,//
and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One

Kontakion of Saint Chad in Tone 2

[Folder]

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 Great Martyr Barbara in Tone 4 [\[Music on website / Sheet\]](#)

Singing the praises of the Trinity,
thou didst follow God by enduring suffering;
thou didst renounce the multitude of idols,
O holy martyr Barbara.
In thy struggles, thou wast not frightened by the threats of thy torturers,
but cried out in a loud voice://
"I worship the Trinity in one Godhead."

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

Kontakion of Saint John of Damascus in Tone 4 [\[Music on website / Sheet\]](#)

Let us sing praises to John, worthy of great honour,
the composer of hymns, the star and teacher of the Church,
the defender of her doctrines:
through the might of the Lord's Cross he overcame heretical error,//
and as a fervent intercessor before God he entreats that forgiveness of sins may be granted to all!

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Steadfast Protectress of Christians in Tone 6 [\[Music on website / Folder\]](#)

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.

THE TRISAGION

PROKEIMENA

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Eighth Tone.

Reader: Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

Choir: Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

Reader: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Choir: Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

Reader: And in the Fourth Tone.

Reader: God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

Choir: God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

EPISTLE

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

Ye Brethren: I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. [Ephesians 4:1-6]

Ye Brethren: Before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. [Galatians 3:23-4:5]

ALLELUIA

Priest: Peace be to thee that readest, and to all the people.

Reader: And to thy spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Saviour!

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: I waited long upon the Lord, and He attended unto me, and He heard my prayer.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: As Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well." [Luke 17:12-19]

The Lord said to his disciples: "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men; for they will deliver you up to councils, and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear testimony before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you up, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved." [Matthew 10:16-22]

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 ye righteous; praise befits the upright. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

AFTER COMMUNION

"We have seen the True Light ..." etc., as usual.