Reader’s Typika for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost (Sunday Before Exaltation) –– Prefeast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos –– Martyr Sozon –– September 20th, 2020

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, O Lord, Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Glory to Thee O God, Glory to Thee!

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of life: come and abide in us and cleanse us from every impurity and save our souls, O Good One!

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. ***(Thrice)***

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

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord have mercy. ***(Thrice)***

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

Our Father, Who art in the Heavens, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, O Lord, Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Lord have mercy. ***Twelve Times***

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

O come let us worship God our King.

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and God.

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and God.

## Bless the Lord, o my soul; blessed art Thou, O Lord. \* Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name. \* Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all that He hath done for thee. \* Who is gracious unto all thine iniquities, Who healeth all thine infirmities. \* Who redeemeth thy life from corruption, Who crowneth thee with mercy and compassion. \* Who fulfilleth thy desire with good things; thy youth shall be renewed as the eagle's. \* The Lord performeth deeds of mercy, and executeth judgment for all them that are wronged. \* He hath made His ways known unto Moses, unto the sons of Israel the things that He hath willed. \* Compassionate and merciful is the Lord, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy. \* Not unto the end will He be angered, neither unto eternity will He be wroth. \* Not according to our iniquities hath He dealt with us, neither according to our sins hath He rewarded us. \* For according to the height of heaven from the earth, the Lord hath made His mercy to prevail over them that fear Him. \* As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our iniquities from us. \* Like as a father hath compassion upon his sons, so hath the Lord had compassion upon them that fear Him; \* for He knoweth whereof we are made, He hath remembered that we are dust. \* As for man, his days are as the grass; as a flower of the field, so shall he blossom forth. \* For when the wind is passed over it, then it shall be gone, and no longer will it know the place thereof. \* But the mercy of the Lord is from eternity, even unto eternity, upon them that fear Him. \* And His righteousness is upon sons of sons, upon them that keep His testament and remember His commandments to do them. \* The Lord in heaven hath prepared His throne, and His kingdom ruleth over all. \* Bless the Lord, all ye His angels, mighty in strength, that perform His word, to hear the voice of His words. \* Bless the Lord, all ye His hosts, His ministers that do His will. \*

Bless the Lord, all ye His works, in every place of His dominion.

Glory to the Father, \* and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Spirit. \* Both now and ever, \* and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, \* and all that is within me \* bless His holy name; \* blessed art Thou, O Lord.

Glory to the Father, \* and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Spirit. \* Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord in my life, I will chant unto my God for as long as I have my being. \* Trust ye not in princes, in the sons of men, in whom there is no salvation. \* His spirit shall go forth, and he shall return unto his earth. In that day all his thoughts shall perish. \* Blessed is he of whom the God of Jacob is his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God, \* Who hath made heaven and the earth, the sea and all that is therein. \* Who keepeth truth unto eternity, Who executeth judgment for the wronged, Who giveth food unto the hungry. \* The Lord looseth the fettered; the Lord maketh wise the blind; the Lord setteth aright the fallen; \* the Lord loveth the righteous; the Lord preserveth the proselytes. \* He shall adopt for His own the orphan and widow, and the way of sinners shall He destroy. \* The Lord shall be king unto eternity; thy God, O Zion, unto generation and generation.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen. O only-begotten Son and Word of God, Who art immortal, yet didst deign for our salvation to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and without change didst become man, and was crucified, O Christ God, trampling down death by death. Thou Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord, \* when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, \* for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn, \* for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, \* for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, \* for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, \* for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, \* for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, \* for they shall be called the sons of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, \* for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, \* and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad, \* for great is your reward in the heavens.

Glory to the Father, \* and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Spirit.

Both now and ever, \* and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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

**Resurrection Troparion –– Tone 6**

Angelic Hosts were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou didst despoil Hades and wast not tempted by it. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst rise from the dead, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

Glory….:

**Troparion for the Prefeast Tone 4:**

Today from the stem of Jesse and from the loins of David,/ the handmaid of God Mary is born to us/.

Therefore all creation is renewed and rejoices!/ Rejoice together, O heaven and earth./ Praise her, O peoples and nations:/ For Joachim rejoices and Anna celebrates crying out: // “The barren one shall give birth to the Theotokos, and the nourisher of our life!”

Now and ever…:

**Troparion for the Martyr Tone 4:**

Your holy martyr Sozon, O Lord,/ through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God./ For having Your strength he laid low his enemies,/ and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through his intercessions save our souls.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us! ***Thrice***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen. Holy Immortal have mercy on us!

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us!

The Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone: Save O Lord, Thy people, \* and bless Thine inheritance. Verse: Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry; O my God, be not silent unto me.

In the 7th Tone: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord and shall hope in Him!

**Galatians 6:11-18 *(Epistle, Sunday Before Exaltation)***

11 See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!

12 As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. 13 For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. 14 But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. 16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. 17 From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. 18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

**2 Corinthians 4:6-15 *(Epistle)***

6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. 8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed –  10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. 11 For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’ sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12 So then death is working in us, but life in you. 13 And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak, 14 knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. 15 For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Alleluia in the 1st Tone: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from the beginning.

Verse: God is our King before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth!

In the 4th Tone: Many are the tribulations of the righteous, and the Lord shall deliver

them out of them all.

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee!

**John 3:13-17 *(Gospel, Sunday Before Exaltation)***

13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.  14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

**Matthew 22:35-46:**

35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked *Him a question,* testing Him, and saying, 36 “Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?”

37 Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is *the* first and great commandment. 39 And *the* second *is* like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” 41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “*The Son* of David.”

43 He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying: 44 ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand,

Till I make Your enemies Your footstool”’? 45 If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son?” 46 And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!

In the 6th Tone:

Remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Remember us, O Master, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Remember us, O Holy One, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

The heavenly choir praiseth Thee and saith: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Come unto Him, and be enlightened and your faces shall not be ashamed.

The heavenly choir praiseth Thee and saith: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

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

The choir of Holy angels and archangels, with all the heavenly hosts praiseth Thee and saith: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

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

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, / Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. / And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, / the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages; / Light of Light, true God of true God; / begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made; / Who for us men and for our salvation came down from the heavens, / and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man; / And was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, / and suffered and was buried; / And arose again on the third day according to the Scriptures; / And ascended into the heavens, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; / And shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; / Whose kingdom shall have no end. / And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; Who proceedeth from the Father; / Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets. / In One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. / I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. / I look for the resurrection of the dead, / And the life of the age to come. Amen.

Remit, pardon, forgive, O God, our offenses, both voluntary and involuntary, in deed and word, in knowledge and ignorance, by day and by night, in mind and thought; forgive us all things, for Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

Our Father, Who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us. Amen.

**Resurrection Kontakion –– Tone 6**

Having by His life-bestowing hand raised up all the dead out of the dark abysses, Christ God, the Giver of Life, hath bestowed the Resurrection upon the fallen human race; for He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, and the Life, and the God of all.

Glory…:

**Kontakion (Sozon) – Tone 2**

Let us gather and sing out to together Sozon,/ the holy and true martyr, expert fighter for the faith, /the mystical seer of divine grace,/ the generous provider of healing: // For he is our intercessor before God!

Now and ever…:

**Kontakion (Prefeast) – Tone 3**

Enlivened by the Holy Spirit,/ the universe cries out in joy at your ven’rable birth: // “Rejoice, O Virgin, glory of Christians!”

Lord, have mercy. ***Twelve Times***

O All-Holy Trinity, the consubstantial dominion, the indivisible Kingdom, and cause of every Good: Show Thy good will even unto me a sinner; make steadfast my heart and grant it understanding, and take away mine every defilement; enlighten my mind that I may glorify, hymn, worship, and say:

One is Holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

I will bless the Lord at all times, \* His praise shall continually be in my mouth. \*In the Lord shall my soul be praised; \* let the meek hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, \* and let us exalt His name together. \* I sought the Lord, and He heard me, \* and delivered me from all my tribulations.

Come unto Him, and be enlightened, \* and your faces shall not be ashamed. \* This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, \* and saved him out of all his tribulations.

The angel of the Lord will encamp round about them that fear Him, \* and will deliver them. \* O taste and see that the Lord is good; \* blessed is the man that hopeth in Him.

O fear the Lord, all ye His saints; \* for there is no want to them that fear Him. \* Rich men have turned poor and gone hungry; \* but they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good thing.

It is truly meet to bless Thee, O Theotokos, ever-blessed and most pure and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, without corruption Thou gavest birth to God the Word; true Theotokos Thee do we magnify!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy. ***Thrice.***

O Lord, Bless.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, of the Holy Martyr Sozon, and of all the saints, O Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and save us, for Thou art good and the Lover of mankind. Amen.