**20. SEPTEMBER. 2020. 15-th. SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. TONE – 6.**

**SUNDAY BEFORE ELEVATION OF CROSS. FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS.**

**MARTYR SOZON OF CILICIA.**

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**TROPAR OF SUNDAY IN TONE-6.**

The angelic powers were at Your tomb. The guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave seeking Your Most Pure Body. You captured hades, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord Who arose from the dead. Glory to You.

**TROPAR OF FOREFEAST OF NATIVITY IN TONE - 4.** From the root of Jesse and the loins of David, is born Mary the divine Maiden unto us today, and all things rejoice and are renewed through joy. Rejoice, together, O heaven and earth. Praise her, ye lands of all nations: Joachim is glad, and Anna celebrates, crying aloud: A barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Lives.

**TROPAR OF THE TEMPLE (ST. ELIA) IN TONE-4.**  
 An angel incarnate, the foundation of prophets and second forerunner of the coming of Christ, glorious Elias sent grace from on high to Elisha to cast out sickness and cleanse lepers. Therefore he pours forth healing for all who honour him.

**TROPAR OF MARTYR IN TONE-4.**

Your Martyr, O Lord Sozon, did obtain through his sufferings, incorruptible crown from You, our God; for, rejoicing in Your strength, he laid low his tormentors and did also beat off impotent affronts of the demons; at his intercessions save our souls.

**KONDAK OF SUNDAY IN TONE-6.** When Christ God, the Giver of life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of darkness with His life-giving hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior, the resurrection, the life and the God of all.

**KONDAK OF TEMPLE (ST. ELIA) IN TONE-2.** O greatly renowned Prophet Elias, who foresaw the great deeds of our God; you stopped the rains of heaven by your command. Intercede for us with the only Lover of mankind.

**GLORY** to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**KONDAK OF MARTYR IN TONE-2.**

Assembling today, with a loud voice let us praise Sozon, the true and divinely wise martyr, the skilled athlete of piety, the initiate of the mysteries of grace, the most generous bestower of healings: for he prays to Christ God in behalf of us all.

**NOW AND FOREVER** and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**KONDAK OF FEAST IN TONE - 3.**

Today Mary, the Virgin and Theotokos, the boundless chamber of the Heavenly Bridegroom is born from a barren woman, by the counsel of God, the chariot of the Word is rightly adorned; for she was foretold as the divine portal and Mother of life.

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**COMMUNION VERSE:**

“ Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia.”

“ The righteous man shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil

tidings. Alleluia.”

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**MATINS:** Luke. 4. Reading 112. Lk. 24 : 1 - 12.

**EPISTLE:** 2 Corinthians. Reading 176. 2 Cor. 4 : 6 - 15.

Ephesians. Reading 233. Eph. 6 : 10 - 17.

Galatians. Reading 215. Gal. 6 : 11 - 18.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew. Reading 92. Mt. 22 : 35 - 46.

John. Reading 9. Jn. 3 : 13 - 17.

John. Reading 52. Jn. 15 : 17 - 16 : 2.

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**PRIEST** : “ Wisdom.”

**READER : “ PROKIMEN IN TONE – 6.** O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your

inheritance.”

**CHOIR :** “ O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance.”

**READER :** “ O Lord, to You will I call. O my God, be not silent unto me.”

**CHOIR :** “ O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance.”

**READER : “ ANOTHER PROKIMEN IN TONE-7.** The righteous man shall rejoice in the

Lord and hope in Him.”

**CHOIR :** “ The righteous man shall rejoice in the Lord and hope in Him.”

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**THE EPISTLE**

**READER** : “ And to your spirit.”

**PRIEST** : “ Wisdom.”

**READER : “ ALLELUIA IN TONE - 1.** I have raised up one chosen out of My people.

Alleluia.”

**CHOIR :** “ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

**READER :** “ For My Hand shall defend him and My Arm will strengthen him.

Alleluia.”

**CHOIR :** “ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

**READER : “ ALLELUIA IN TONE - 4.** The righteous man shall flourish like a palm tree.

Like a cedar in Lebanon shall he be multiplied.”

**CHOIR :** “ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

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