

Palfrey Church

Notes on the services 5th to 26th November 2023

Sunday 5th November 2023

Liturgy

Apolytikia Resurrection Tone 5

**Let us believers praise and let us worship the Word,
Who like the Father and the Spirit is without beginning,
Born from a Virgin for our salvation;
For he was well pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh
And undergo death,
And to raise those who had died,
By his glorious Resurrection.**

Church Tone 4

**Your nativity, O Mother of God,
Has made known joy to the whole inhabited world,
For from you there dawned the Sun of righteousness, Christ our God.
He abolished the curse and gave the blessing;
And by making death of no effect,
He bestowed on us eternal life.**

Kontakion Tone 2

**Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame,
Unfailing mediation with the Maker,
Do not despise the voices of us sinners as we pray;
But in your love be quick to help us
Who cry to you with faith.
Hasten to intercede, make speed to entreat,
O Mother of God,
For you ever protect those who honour you.**

Sunday 12th November 2023

St John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria

Liturgy

Apolytikia Resurrection Tone 6

**Angelic Powers were at your grave,
And those who guarded it became as dead,
And Mary stood by the tomb,
Seeking your most pure body.
You despoiled Hell and emerged unscathed;
You met the Virgin and granted life.
Lord, risen from the dead, glory to you!**

The Saint Tone 8 (in your patience)

**In your patience you won your reward, O righteous Father.
You persevered unceasingly in prayer,
You loved the poor and provided for them in all things.
Therefore intercede with Christ our God,
O blessed John the Merciful,
That our souls be saved.**

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Kontakion Entry of the Theotokos (November 21st) Tone 4 (model melody)

**The most pure Temple of the Saviour,
The precious bridal Chamber and Virgin,
The sacred Treasury of the glory of God,
Is being brought today into the house of the Lord;
And with her she brings the grace of the divine Spirit;
Of her God's angels sing in praise:
She is indeed the heavenly Tabernacle.**

Liturgy

Apolytikia Resurrection Tone 7

**You abolished death by your Cross,
You opened Paradise to the thief,
You transformed the Myrrhbearers' lament,
And ordered your Apostles to proclaim
That you had risen, O Christ God,
Granting the world your great mercy.**

Prophet Tone 2 (as we celebrate)

**As we celebrate the memory of your prophet Obadiah, O Lord,
Through him we beseech you:
Save our souls.**

Church Tone 4

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Sunday 26th November 2023

St Stylianos, protector of children

Liturgy

Apolytikia Resurrection Tone 8

**You the Compassionate one came down from above,
You accepted burial for three days,
That you might free us from the passions.
Our life and resurrection, Lord, glory to you!**

The Saint Tone 3 (your confession)

**You have proved to be a living pillar
And the Church's firm unshaken tower,
Blessed Stylianos, through your abstinence.
From your youth you became a dwelling place
And consecrated abode of the Comforter.
Righteous Father, intercede with Christ our long-suffering God
And pray to him to grant us his great mercy.**

Church Tone 4

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Kontakion Christmas Eve Tone 3

**Today the Virgin
Comes to the cave to give birth ineffably
To the eternal Word.
Hearing this, dance, O inhabited world!
Glorify, with angels and with shepherds,
Him who willed to be made manifest,
A little child, God before the ages.**