

# FIRST & THIRD HOUR PROPERS FOR AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### <sup>1</sup>Postfestive day of the Dormition

**The holy prophet Samuel.** Fifteenth and last of the Judges of Israel, he lived approximately eleven hundred years before Christ. Born in the tribe of Levi, son of Elkanah and Hannah, he was promised to the Lord by his till-then barren mother. At the age of twelve, Samuel had his first revelation from the Lord God. Samuel preached repentance to the children of Israel, and led the people to victory over the Philistines. Asked by the people to give them a king, he warned them that God was the only true king of Israel, but they insisted. It was Samuel who anointed Saul son of Kish as the first King of Israel, and David son of Jesse as its second and greatest ruler. He died in Ramah and was buried there.

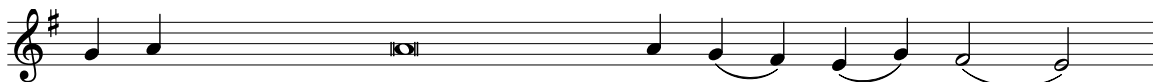
**The holy king Stephen of Hungary,** who, regenerated by his baptism, received his crown of kingship from Pope Silvester II, provided for the propagation of the faith of Christ among the Hungarians, established the Church in his kingdom, and endowed monasteries with his riches. He was just and peaceful in ruling his subjects, until at Alba Regalis [modern Székesfehérvár] in Hungary on the day of the Assumption his soul traveled to heaven. (1038)

## FIRST HOUR

### Troparion of the Resurrection - *Tone 3*

Let the heav - ens re - joice, let the earth be glad; for the Lord  
has shown the might of his arm. By his death the Lord has tram-pled Death;  
he has be - come the first - born of the dead; he has de - liv - ered  
us from the depths of Ha - des and has grant-ed great mer - cy to the world.





A Mother holding in her holy arms the Son who is the God of all?



In - ter - cede with Him for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

*First Hour continues with "Guide my footsteps according to your promise..." on p. 7*

**Kontakion of the Dormition - Tone 2:**



The grave and death did not de-tain the The-o - to - kos. She in - ter-cedes



with-out rest and is our un-fail-ing hope of pro-tec - tion; for he who dwelt in the



womb of the Ev - er - Vir - gin trans-ferred to life the Moth-er of Life.

*First Hour continues with "Lord, have mercy..." (40 times) on p. 8*

### THIRD HOUR

**Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 3**



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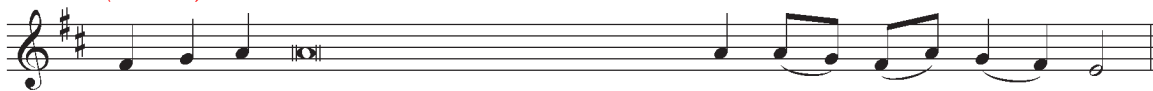


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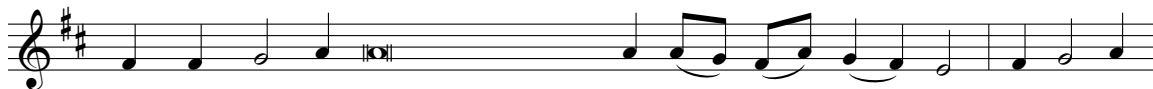
us from the depths of Ha - des and has grant-ed great mer - cy to the world.

**Cantor (Tone 2):**



Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

**Protopharon of the Prophet Samuel - Tone 2**



You were sent like a valuable treasure to a bar - ren wom - an. and lat - er



you were consecrated as an aromatic sac - ri - fice, well - pleas - ing to God. You served



him with rev - er - ence and jus - tice, and we hon - or you as a proph - et, O



Sam - u - el. You are an in - ter - ces - sor for our souls.

**Cantor (Tone 2):**



Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

**Theotokion of Third Hour - Tone 2:**



O The - o - tokos, you are the true vine la - den with the Fruit of Life;



where - fore, we im - plore you, O La - dy, to in - ter - cede



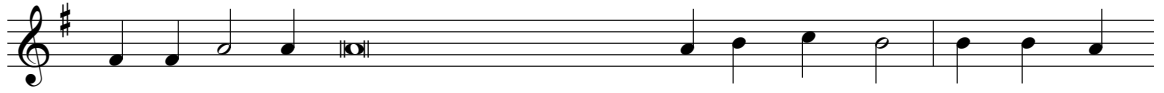
to - gether with the a - pos - tles and all the saints that we may ob - tain



mer - cy for our souls.

*Third Hour continues with "May the Lord God be blessed..." on p. 16*

**Kontakion of Samuel - Tone 8**



Like a pre-cious gift you were given to God be-fore your birth and you served



him like an angel from the time of your youth. You were made wor-thy to look into the



fu-ture, O bless-ed one, and so we sing to you: Re-joyce, O Sam - u - el,



proph - et and serv - ant of God.

*Third Hour continues with "Lord, have mercy..." (40 times) on p. 16*

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<sup>1</sup>Format 16: Sunday within a Postfestive Period and an Ordinary Saint