

SEPTEMBER 7 Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos; Holy
Martyr Sozón

TROPARION of the Forefeast - Tone 4

From the root of Jesse and from the loins of David /
Mariam, the child of God, is born to us today /
And the whole creation is made new and godlike, /
Rejoice together, O heaven and earth, /
Praise her, O ye kindreds of the nations /
Joachim is glad and Anna rejoices as she cries: ///
The barren woman bears the Theotokos, who sustains our Life.

TROPARION (Martyr Sozón) - in Same Tone:

Thy holy martyr Sozon, O Lord, /
Through his sufferings received his incorruptible crown
from Thee, our God; /
For having Thy strength he laid low his enemies /
And shattered the powerless boldness of demons ///
Through his intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

KONTAKION (Martyr Sozón) - Tone 2: To the melody, "The steadfast..."

Let us assemble today /
And with a loud voice let us praise Sozón the martyr, /
Who wisely and faithfully suffered for piety, /
And is an initiate of the mysteries of grace, /
Who generously bestows healing to all ///
And earnestly prays Christ God on behalf of us all.

KONTAKION of the Forefeast - Tone 3: To the melody, "Today the Virgin..."

Today the Virgin Theotokos /
Mary, the chamber of the heavenly Groom /
Is born by the will of God of a barren woman, /
She is prepared as a chariot for God the Word. /
For to this she had been fore-chosen /
Since she is the divine gate ///
And truly the Mother of Life.