

Lord I call:

Tone 6:

Verse 4. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel trust in the Lord.

Speaking with the Spirit's words,
the Saviour's blessed disciples,
who by faith became as well the Spirit's true instruments,
sowed and cast abroad to the earth's farthest ends
their most holy preaching in a manner wholly Orthodox.
Therefore there blossomed forth by a divine husbandry and by grace
the Martyrs' hosts and phalanxes,
who by diverse torments and fire and stripes
showed forth and depicted the saving and august Passion of Christ.
And thus with boldness
they intercede with Him in our souls' behalf.

Verse 3. For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is abundant redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Being set aflame with the fire of the love of the Lord God,
they fully disdained the fire;
and thus being kindled like most divine live coals,
through Christ did the august Martyrs wholly burn up the dead wood
of error's insolence;
they bridled mouths of beasts by wise supplications unto the Lord;
and thus, beheaded, they themselves cut off all the hosts of the enemy;
and in that they poured forth their blood in streams
through their endurance and great patience,
they watered all the Church,
which then blossomed forth with faith.

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Verse 2. Praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye people.

The most steadfast Martyrs of Christ our God
struggled with wild beasts,
suffered dislocation and deprivation of their hands,
and were torn by claws.

They were struck with sharp swords,
and in no wise yielding, they were burnt and scorched with flames of
fire.

Lo, they were also pierced,
and their joints were severed most grievously.

They suffered all with steadfastness,
while looking ahead to rewards to come
and to unfading crowns,
and to the glory of the Saviour, Christ our God;
and with great boldness they intercede with Him in our souls' behalf.

Verse 1. For His mercy is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord
endureth forever.

As is meet let us acclaim with sacred songs and laudations
the divine assembly of the Apostles, Martyrs, and godly-minded
priests,
and the women most chaste,
who throughout the whole world have contested in unshaken faith.
For, though they were of earth,
they were all united together with the Bodiless of Heaven's heights,
and by their august passion they received most blessed dispassion
through the grace of Christ our God.

And now like steadfast stars that shine upon us,
they intercede with great boldness for our souls.

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

Ye are the pillars of the Church
and the fulfilment of the Gospel,
O divine ranks of Martyrs.

In deeds ye have fulfilled the sayings of the Saviour;
for through ye the gates of Hades, opened against the Church, have
been closed;

and your shed blood dried up the libations of the idols.

And having nourished the perfection of believers through your
slaughter,

ye dazzled the bodiless hosts,

standing before Christ wearing your crowns.

Wherefore, intercede ye ceaselessly with Him for our souls.

The Readings:

**Reading I: The reading from the holy prophet Isaiah, the son of
Amos. (*Isaiah 43:9-14*)**

⁹ Thus saith the Lord: All the nations are gathered together, and
princes shall be gathered out of them: who shall declare these things?
or who shall declare to you things from the beginning? let them bring
forth their witnesses, and be justified: and let them hear, and declare
the truth. ¹⁰ Be ye My witnesses, and I am a witness, saith the Lord
God, and My servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know, and
believe, and understand that I am: before Me there was none other
God, and after Me shall there be none. ¹¹ I am God; and beside Me
there is no Saviour. ¹² I have declared, and have saved; I have
reproached, and there was no strange god among you: ye are My
witnesses, and I am the Lord God, ¹³ even from the beginning; and
there is none that can deliver out of Mine hands: I will work, and who
shall turn it back?

¹⁴ Thus saith the Lord that redeemeth you, the Holy One of Israel.

Reading II: The reading from the book of the Wisdom of Solomon. (*Wisdom 3:1-9*)

¹The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. ²In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery, ³and their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace. ⁴For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. ⁵And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for Himself. ⁶As gold in the furnace hath He tried them, and received them as an whole burnt offering. ⁷And in the time of their visitation they shall shine, and run to and from like sparks among the stubble. ⁸They shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign for ever. ⁹They that put their trust in Him shall understand the truth: and such as be faithful in love shall abide with Him: for grace and mercy is to His saints, and He hath care for His elect.

Reading III: The reading from the book of the Wisdom of Solomon. (*Wisdom 5:15-6:3*)

¹⁵The righteous live for evermore; their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the most High. ¹⁶Therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom, and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand: for with His right hand shall He cover them, and with His arm shall He protect them. ¹⁷He shall take to him His jealousy for complete armour, and make the creature His weapon for the revenge of his enemies. ¹⁸He shall put on righteousness as a breastplate, and true judgment instead of an helmet. ¹⁹He shall take holiness for an invincible shield. ²⁰His severe wrath shall he sharpen for a sword, and the world shall fight with him against the unwise. ²¹Then shall the right aiming thunderbolts go abroad; and from the clouds, as from a well-drawn bow, shall they fly to the mark. ²²And hailstones full of wrath shall be cast out as a stone bow, and the water of the sea shall rage against them, and the floods shall cruelly drown them. ²³Yea, a

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mighty wind shall stand up against them, and like a storm shall blow them away: thus iniquity shall lay waste the whole earth, and ill dealing shall overthrow the stones of the mighty.

6¹ Hear therefore, O ye kings, and understand; learn, ye that be judges of the ends of the earth. 2Give ear, ye that rule the people, and glory in the multitude of nations. 3For power is given to you of the Lord, and sovereignty from the Highest, Who shall try your works, and search out your counsels.

At the Apostikha:

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

Come, ye believers,

let us today stand in rank and celebrate with true worship;

let us exalt with glorifications the memorial of all-honoured, all-revered saints, shouting,

Rejoice, O glorious Apostles, Prophets, Martyrs and Bishops!

Rejoice, O company of the righteous and just!

Rejoice, O rank of honoured women!

Supplicate ye Christ to grant the king victory over the Barbarians, and our souls the Great Mercy.