

Holy Martyr Mamas of Cæsarea in Cappadocia

2 September

On 6: If Thou shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?
For with Thee is propitiation.

Tone 8

Shed-ding thy blood, O bless-ed one,

thou didst present thyself to Christ, the Be-stow-er of life,

Who shed His blood for thy sake,

and Who hath made thee to participate in His glo-ry

and to share in His king-dom,

in that thou didst pre-vail o-ver the de-cei-ver

and didst utterly reduce his cruel snares to ash-es.

On 5: For Thy name's sake have I waited patiently for Thee, O Lord;
my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word; my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Thou wast a pillar of pi-ety set firmly upon the rock of faith,

unshaken by temptations or misfortunes, O bles-sed one,

for the great tempest and tumult and the waves which buf-fet-ed thee

did not cast down thine un-break-a-ble strength;

for thou didst desire to be adorned with the crown of mar-tyr-dom.

On 4: From the morning watch until night; from the morning watch, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Fol-lowing the life-bearing steps of our in-car-nate God

Who, by His suffering on the Cross, cast down the ty-rant,

O athlete, rejoicing, thou didst enter the a-re-na of mar-tyr-dom

and, la-cer-at-ed with wounds,

with thy flesh, O mar-tyr,

thou didst wound him who boasted that he would de-stroy the sea,

and thou didst cast him to the ground.

Venerable Father John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople

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On 3: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption; and He shall deliver Israel out of all his iniquities.

Tone 8 (same tone)

O most hon-oured Fa-ther John,

withdrawing from the tumultuous con- fu- sion of the world,

thou didst has- ten to the ser- en- i- ty of Christ,

O most ven'- ra- ble one;

and thou wast manifestly en- riched in truth

with the most rich effulgence of vision and divine activity,

and, made splendid by thy godly life,

didst impart them to the faithful.

On 2: O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye peoples.

O most honoured Father John,

honourably adorned with vestments like another Aaron,

thou now beholdest the Holy of ho- lies be- yond the se- cond veil.

O, the ineffa- fa- ble bril- liance of thy mind,

which passeth un- der- stan - ding;

O, divine a- dorn- ment of hier- er- archs,

whom thou hast now joined in fel- low- ship!

On 1: For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,
and the truth of the Lord remaineth forever.

O most wise Fa- ther John,

becoming godly in the simplicity of thy char- ac- ter,

thou stan- dest now be- fore God,

united with Him through a high- er u- ni- ty,

de- i- fied at His con- tin- u- al be- hest,

filled with His light,

O divine and most sacred adornment of hierarchs.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

At the table of God

Tone 2

thou wast set like a newly planted olive tree,

the child of those who walk the path of the Lord.

For the sake of thy mar- tyr- dom the Lord hath blessed thee,

and thou lookest upon the good things of the hea-ven- ly Si- on,

ever delighting with thy parents in di- vine joy.

O right lauda ble Ma- mas,

by thine entreaties make us par- ta- kers there- of.