

VESPERS SUNG ON SATURDAY 27th JUNE 2020

✕ “LORD I CALL...”

Tone 2

[Music on website]

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me.
Hear me, O Lord.
Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me.
Receive the voice of my prayer,
when I call upon Thee.//
Hear me, O Lord.

Let my prayer arise
in Thy sight as incense,
and let the lifting up of my hands
be an evening sacrifice.//
Hear me, O Lord.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy name!

Tone 2

[Music on website]

Come, let us worship the Word of God
begotten of the Father before all ages,
and incarnate of the Virgin Mary!
Having endured the Cross,
He was buried as He Himself desired.//
And having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.

The righteous await me; for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

Christ our Saviour
nailed to the Cross the bond against us,
He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death.//
We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.

Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

With the Archangels
let us praise the Resurrection of Christ!
He is our Saviour, our Redeemer.
He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power//
to judge the world which He made.

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

The Angel proclaimed Thee,
the crucified and buried Master.
He told the women: “Come, see the place where He lay!
He is risen as He said,
for He is almighty.”
We worship Thee, O only immortal One.//
Have mercy on us, O Christ, the Giver of life!

If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquity, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy the curse of the tree.
By Thy burial, Thou didst slay the dominion of death.
By Thy rising, Thou didst enlighten the race of man.//
O Benefactor, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

For Thy Name’s sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy Word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

The gates of death opened to Thee from fear, O Lord.
When the guards of hell saw Thee they were afraid,
for Thou didst demolish the gates of brass and smash the iron chains.//
Thou hast led us from the darkness and shadows of death, and hast
broken our bonds.

From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

Tone 4

Let us all honour in hymns the two martyrs,
Cyrus and with him the magnificent John;
they possess the radiance of the Trinity,
they are the foundation of the Faith;
they are flowers emitting the true fragrance of the understanding of
Christ;//
and they ever pray to the Lord for us.

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

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Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

Thou didst shine forth with fasting and a radiant life,
and later thou didst adorn thy soul with suffering, O glorious Cyrus.
In wisdom, O John, didst thou forsake an earthly army
and didst attain the army of heaven.
As ye entreat the Saviour, O blessed ones,//
pray for those who bless your memory!

*For His mercy is confirmed on us; and the truth of the Lord endureth
forever.*

O blessed ones, ye are revealed as physicians of the sick
and never-fading lamps of the divine Father.
Ye uttered your confession together and shared in the lot of martyrs.
Having truly received crowns from Christ, O glorious Cyrus and wise John,//
ever pray to the Saviour for those who hymn you with faith!

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

Tone 8

Two martyrs are revealed to us today,
healing the pain of our souls:
Cyrus and John, the two wonder-workers.
The one, embracing the angelic life and persevering to the end,
united himself to Christ by the blood of martyrdom,
while the other, brilliant in the ranks of the army,
is now enrolled in the armies of heaven.
Therefore, they grant healing to those who celebrate their memory in faith,//
ever praying for our souls.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 2 (*Theotokion – Dogmatikon*)

[\[Music on website\]](#)

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came;
as the Bush burned, yet was not consumed,
so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin.
The Righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame.//
Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

✘ **READINGS** – No Bible readings are appointed for today.

✘ **APOSTICHA**

Tone 2

[\[Music on website\]](#)

Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Saviour,
has enlightened the whole universe,
recalling Thy creation.//
Glory to Thee, O almighty Lord!

v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

By the Tree Thou didst destroy the curse of the Tree, O Saviour.
By Thy burial Thou didst mortify the majesty of death.
Thou hast enlightened our race by Thy Resurrection.//
O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

v. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.

When Thou wast seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ,
Thou didst restore the beauty of Thy creatures.
The soldiers showed their inhumanity when they pierced Thy side with
a spear.

The Hebrews, not knowing Thy power,
asked that Thy tomb might be sealed,
but through the mercy of Thy compassion,
Thou didst accept the tomb
and didst rise on the third day!//
O Lord, glory to Thee!

v. Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

O Christ, the Giver of life,
for the sake of the dead Thou didst voluntarily endure death,
descending into hell as the Mighty One
to save those who awaited Thy coming,
granting them the life of paradise instead of hell.
Grant also to us who glorify Thy Resurrection on the third day//
cleansing of our sins and great mercy!

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

Tone 2

Come, O assembly of the faithful,
today let us crown Cyrus and John with hymns,
the soldiers of grace and generous givers to those who ask.
In many ways they were revealed to all as most radiant physicians,//
and they now intercede for our souls.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 2 (Aposticha Theotokion)

[\[Music on website\]](#)

A new miracle surpasses all ancient miracles!
Who knows of a Mother who gave birth without a man,
who carried in her arms her Creator?
This birth is the will of God!
Since thou didst carry Him as an infant in thine arms, O most pure one,
and since thou dost possess motherly boldness before Him,
do not cease praying for us who honour thee,//
that He may be bountiful and save our souls!

✠ TROPARIA

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 2

[\[Music on website\]](#)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendour of Thy Godhead.
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

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

Troparion of Saints Cyrus and John in Tone 5

[\[Music on website\]](#)

O Christ God,
Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy martyrs, Cyrus and John,
as an invincible rampart;
through their prayers, frustrate the plans of the heathens,
and strengthen the faith of the Orthodox Christians,//
for Thou alone art good and lovest mankind.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion in Tone 5

[\[Music on website\]](#)

Rejoice, O impassable gate of the Lord!
Rejoice, O wall and protection of them that run to thee!
Rejoice, O unshakeable refuge:
O thou that knewest not wedlock,
thou didst give birth in the flesh to thy creator and God!
Cease not thine entreaties for them that praise thee
venerating thy birth giving.