

## VESPERS SUNG ON SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020

✠ “LORD I CALL...”

**Tone 3**

[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 3**

[Music on website]

By Thy Cross, O Christ our Saviour,  
death's dominion has been shattered;  
the devil's delusion destroyed.  
The race of man, being saved by faith,//  
always offers Thee a song.

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

All has been enlightened by Thy Resurrection, O Lord.  
Paradise has been opened again.  
All creation, praising Thee,//  
always offers Thee a song.

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

I glorify the power of the Father and the Son.  
I praise the authority of the Holy Spirit:  
the undivided, uncreated Godhead,//  
the consubstantial Trinity which reigns forever.

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

We bow down in worship before Thy precious Cross, O Christ,  
and we glorify and praise Thy Resurrection,//  
for by Thy wounds we have all been healed.

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

**Tone 4 (For the Forerunner)**

[Music on website]

Thou art the divine mediator between the Old and New Testaments,  
O Prophet and Forerunner,  
an Angel in the flesh, the denouncer of lawlessness,  
offspring of a barren womb, a mouth breathing fire.  
Thou didst rebuke Herod who committed iniquity.  
Not accepting thy rebuke, he commanded that thy head be cut off.  
And thou, the godlike delicacy of self-mastery,  
wast brought in like meat on a platter,  
holding up to scorn the adulterous one.

*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.*

Incited by her lawless mother,  
the depraved daughter asked for thine all-glorious head, honoured by  
the Angels,  
for she was unable to endure thy denunciation.  
Therefore, bearing it on a platter and dancing as she carried it,  
she turned the joy of those at the banquet into grief.  
But even more thou dost expose the abomination of debauchery, O  
blessed one,//  
As thou dost intercede with Christ that our souls may be saved.

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

Made foolish by drunkenness,  
Herod was tricked by the words of a woman who seduced him by dancing.  
In fulfilment of his unrighteous oath,  
he caused thy murder, O righteous and glorious Prophet.  
But thy death clearly revealed immortality to those who had died before,  
for thou didst become a preacher and herald for those in hell,  
proclaiming the saving coming of Christ our God!//  
Entreat Him that He may save and enlighten our souls!

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

**Tone 1** (*For Saints Alexander, John, and Paul*) [\[Music on website\]](#)

O most blessed Alexander,  
thou wast a shepherd of the Church;  
a champion of Orthodoxy who wisely cast down the Arian heresy.  
Thou didst pray with supplications, O all-wise and glorious one,  
that his wickedness be cast out of the Church.//  
Therefore, together we honour thee.

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

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

O honourable John, thou didst disdain the corruption of the flesh,  
and in thine abstinence and faith, vigilance and confession,  
thou wast found to be an earthly Angel and heavenly man.//  
Entreat Christ that He may grant our souls great mercy!

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

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

Thou didst truly submit to the divine teachings of thy namesake!  
Thou didst hasten to the heights of the virtues,  
as to the third heaven, glorious one!  
Thou didst hear the ineffable and divine words of the Spirit!  
As an unshakable foundation of the Orthodox,//  
by thy prayers, may the Saviour be merciful to us!

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

**Tone 6** (*For the Forerunner*) [\[Music on website\]](#)

Again Herodias raves with raging lust.  
Oh, dance of deceit and feast of murder!  
The Baptist is beheaded, and Herod is troubled.//  
Through the prayers of Thy Forerunner, O Lord, grant peace to our souls!

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

**Tone 3** (*Theotokion – Dogmatikon*) [\[Music on website\]](#)

How can we not wonder  
at thy mystical childbearing, O exalted Mother?  
For without receiving the touch of man,  
thou gavest birth to a Son in the flesh, O immaculate Virgin.  
The Son born of the Father before eternity  
was born of thee at the fullness of time, O honoured Lady.  
He underwent no mingling, no change, no division,  
but preserved the fullness of each nature.  
Entreat Him to save the souls, O Lady and Virgin and Mother,  
of those who confess thee in the Orthodox manner//  
to be the Theotokos.

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

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✘ **APOSTICHA**

**Tone 3** [\[Music on website\]](#)

The sun was darkened by Thy Passion, O Christ,  
but all creation was enlightened by the light of Thy Resurrection.//  
Accept our evening song, O Lover of man!

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

Thy life-bearing Resurrection, O Lord,  
enlightened the whole universe, recalling Thy creation.  
Delivered from Adam's curse, we sing://  
O Almighty Lord, glory to Thee!

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

Thou art the changeless God,  
Who, suffering in the flesh, wast changed.  
Creation could not endure seeing Thee on the Cross.  
It was filled with fear while praising Thy patience.  
By descending to hell and rising on the third day,//  
Thou hast granted to the world life and great mercy.

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

Thou didst endure death, O Christ,  
to deliver race of men from death.  
Thou didst rise from the dead on the third day,  
raising with thyself those who knew Thee as God//  
and enlightening the world. Glory to Thee!

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

**Tone 4** (*For the Forerunner*) [\[Music on website\]](#)

Herod's birthday celebration was a lawless and shameful feast,  
for, spellbound by feminine licentiousness and stricken with madness by  
a woman's wantonness,  
he cut off the head of the Forerunner;  
but he did not cut out the Prophet's tongue, which had denounced his  
foolishness.

Spilling innocent blood, he wished to conceal a lawless sin;  
but he could not stop the voice of one who called all to repentance.  
He joined in taking delight in murder,  
but let us join in celebrating with love the blessed slaying of John the  
Baptist;

for he was in Hades in anticipation  
to proclaim to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death  
the Life, the Dayspring from on high, //  
Christ our God, Who alone is rich in mercy.

*Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 4** (*Aposticha Theotokion*) [\[Music on website\]](#)

Look on the entreaties of thy servants, O Blameless One!  
Stop all the terrible attacks against us,  
freeing us from every affliction,  
for we have only thee as our sure and firm anchor!  
Do not let us be put to shame, O Lady,  
for we call on thee for our intercession!  
Hasten to pray for those who call in faith:  
"Rejoice, O Lady, Help of all://  
the Joy and Shelter and Salvation of our souls!"

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✠ **TROPARIA**

**Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 3** [\[Music on website\]](#)

Let the heavens rejoice!  
Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.  
He has trampled down death by death.  
He has become the first born of the dead.  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,  
and has granted to the world//  
great mercy.

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

**Troparion of Saint John the Baptist in Tone 2** [\[Music on website\]](#)

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise,  
but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner;  
for thou hast proved to be truly even more venerable than the prophets,  
since thou wast granted to baptize in the running waters Him Whom  
they proclaimed.

Wherefore, having contested for the truth,  
thou didst rejoice to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades:  
that God hath appeared in the flesh, //  
taking away the sin of the world and granting us great mercy.

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

**Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion in Tone 2** [\[Music on website\]](#)

All of thy mysteries, O Theotokos,  
Are beyond thought and glorification.  
Thou wast sealed in purity and preserved in virginity;  
thou wast revealed to be the true Mother who gavest birth to the true God.  
Entreat Him that our souls may be saved.