

# 'Lord I Call' - Martyr Callistratus

September 27

**Reader (3):** For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

**Tone 8**

**Obikhod**

O suf - fer - ing martyr Cal - li - stra - tus,  
with thy mind illumined by the light of pi - e - ty,  
thou didst unwaveringly tread the path to heav - en - ly bless - ed - ness,  
conquering all the snares of the En - e - my. Therefore we  
praise thee, honoring thy sacred mem - o - ry, O most bless - ed one.

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Reader (2): Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

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O di - vine - ly wise martyr Cal - li - stra - tus,  
enriched by the word of life, thou didst guide to life  
those who once were dead in the curse through ig - no - rance.  
They died with zeal, O glorious one, for the Res - ur - rec - tion of  
us all. Truly we believe they dwell with Christ. Together  
with them, remember us to the Lord, transcendent in good - ness!

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Reader (1): For His mercy is confirmed on us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

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O sa - cred martyr Gym - na - si - us, thou wast be - head - ed by the sword  
and indeed drowned the pharaoh of false - hood in the tor - rent of thy blood.  
Now thou pourest forth healings on all who come to thy tem - ple with faith,  
praising thy struggles and celebrating thy honored memory, O bless - ed one.

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Reader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 4

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Before the time of Thy pre - cious Cross, death was fear - ful to men,  
but af - ter Thy glorious Pas - sion, man is feared by death.  
Thus the athlete was able to abolish all the pow'r of the En - e - my.  
By his prayers, O Christ, save our souls!

The musical score is written for a reader and an obikhod. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Before the time of Thy pre - cious Cross, death was fear - ful to men, but af - ter Thy glorious Pas - sion, man is feared by death. Thus the athlete was able to abolish all the pow'r of the En - e - my. By his prayers, O Christ, save our souls!' The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.