

VESPERS ON SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2020

✠ “LORD I CALL ...”

Tone 6

[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 6

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Possessing victory over hell, O Christ,
since Thou art free among the dead,
Thou didst ascend the Cross
raising with Thyself those who sat in the shades of death.//
Drawing life from Thy light, O almighty Saviour, have mercy on us!

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

Today Christ tramples on death,
for He is risen as He said!
Let us all sing this song,
for He has granted joy to the world:
O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life!//
O Saviour Almighty, have mercy on us!

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

Where shall we sinners flee from Thee, Who art in all creation?
In heaven Thou dwellest!
In hell Thou didst trample on death!

In the depths of the sea?
Even there is Thy hand, O Master!
To Thee we flee, and falling before Thee, we pray://
O Thou who didst rise from the dead, have mercy on us!

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

In Thy Cross we glory, O Christ!
We sing and glorify Thy Resurrection!
For Thou art our God//
and we know no other than Thee.

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

Tone 4 (For the Exaltation)

Today Thy precious Cross, O Saviour Christ,
shone forth radiantly like the sun,
set up and exalted on the all-glorious Place of the Skull,
on Thine all-holy mountain:
openly revealing that by it, O all-powerful Lord,
Thou hast raised our nature to the heavens,//
for Thou art the Lover of man.

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.

Today, O unapproachable One,
the heavens declare Thy glory to mankind.
The image of the Cross, shining forth in radiance,
with unapproachable light,
has denounced the evil nature of God's enemies.
Therefore, we glorify Thy loving dispensation,//
O almighty Jesus, Thou Saviour of our souls.

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

Stretching forth his hands,
Moses vanquished Amalek,
prefiguring the image of the Cross.

[Now we, bowing down

Now we, bowing down before the Tree of the Cross,
trample the cunning plots of the enemy underfoot,
since we have Christ as our champion,
Who was lifted up on it in the flesh, //
slaying the serpent and saving mankind.

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

Tone 4 (*For the Greatmartyr Eustathius*)

Thy calling was from on high, and not from men, O Eustathius,
for Christ Himself, the Lover of man, appeared to thee
and captured thee in the nets of faith, O blessed one,
He washed away thy sins with thy baptism and the trials of life.
As Master, He extends patience to thee, //
showing thee to be a renowned conqueror.

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

Joyfully, in thy youth, O Eustathius,
thou didst receive instruction in the virtues.
Bereft of thy children and spouse,
thou didst valiantly endure captivity,
suffering humiliating slavery.
But thy courage in battle made thee loving and radiant, //
O ever-memorable saint.

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

Thou didst offer thyself to God as divine incense,
rendered most fragrant in the fire:
A beautiful burnt offering, an acceptable sacrifice,
a living and perfect oblation,
bearing fruit with all thy household.
Therefore the mansions of heaven and the armies of the saints
have now received both thee and thine, //
O truly wondrous Eustathius.

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

Tone 2 (*For the Greatmartyr Eustathius*)

Eustathius sets himself before us
as a second Job in his life,
in his sufferings and his struggles.
He is a model of the virtues and tower of patience,
truly surpassing Job in that virtue,
together with his spouse and his children,
faithful in life and unshaken in trials,
a victor in the midst of sufferings.
We set him forth in supplication before Christ, //
that He may grant enlightenment to our souls and cleansing for our sins.

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

Tone 6 (*Theotokion – Dogmatikon*)

[[Music on website](#)]

Who will not bless thee, O most holy Virgin?
Who will not sing of thy most pure childbearing?
The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,
but from thee He was ineffably incarnate.
God by nature, yet Man for our sake,
not two persons, but one known in two natures.
Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady, //
to have mercy on our souls!

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

✠ **APOSTICHA**

Tone 6

[[Music on website](#)]

Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Saviour,
the Angels in heaven sing!
Enable us on earth //
to glorify Thee in purity of heart!

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

Destroying the gates of hell,
breaking the chains of death,
Thou didst resurrect the fallen human race as almighty God! //
O Lord Who didst rise from the dead, glory to thee!

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

Desiring to return us to Paradise,
Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb.
The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, crying,
“Woe to us, O Saviour!
How dost Thou deign to descend to death?
What place can hold Thy life bearing body?
Come to us as Thou didst promise!
Take away our wailing and tears!”
Then the Angel appeared to them:
“Stop your lamentations!
Go, proclaim to the Apostles:
“The Lord is risen, //
granting us purification and great mercy!”

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

Having been crucified as Thou didst will,
by Thy burial Thou didst capture death, O Christ,
rising on the third day as God in glory, //
granting the world unending life and great mercy!

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

Tone 6 (*For the Greatmartyr Eustathius*)

How can we fittingly praise thee,
who wast adamant in thy soul?
Deprived of thy wife, thy children and possessions,
thou didst transcend nature,
uttering the blessed and ever-memorable cry of Job:
“The Lord gave and the Lord took away.
As the Lord willed, so has it been.”
God, Whom thou didst love and didst fervently desire
again gave back thy most cherished ones,
for whom thou hadst taken thought as they suffered with thee.
Reaching the end of manifold torments with them,
receiving them as thy fellow intercessors,
O long-suffering Eustathius, //
pray that we may be delivered from our sins!

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

Tone 6 (*For the Exaltation*)

O Cross of Christ,
thou hope of Christians and guide for the lost,
haven of the storm-tossed and victory in battles,
strength and confirmation of the world,
physician of the sick and Resurrection of the dead; //
have mercy on us!

✠ **TROPARIA**

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 6

[[Music on website](#)]

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave,
seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell
not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. //
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

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

Troparion of the Martyrs in Tone 4

[[Music on website](#)]

In their sufferings, O Lord,
Thy martyrs received imperishable crowns from Thee, our God;
for, possessed of Thy might,
they set at nought the tormentors, and crushed the feeble audacity
of the demons. //
Through their intercessions, save Thou our souls!

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

Troparion of the Cross in Tone 1

[[Music on website](#)]

O Lord, save Thy people,
and bless Thine inheritance!
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians
over their adversaries;
and by the power of Thy Cross, //
preserve Thy habitation.