

VESPERS ON SATURDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2020

✕ “LORD I CALL...”

Tone 7

[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 7

[Music on website]

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord,
Who destroyed the dominion of death!
Let us sing to Him with the bodiless hosts,
for He enlightened the race of man!//
O our Maker and Saviour, glory to Thee!

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

Thou didst endure the Cross and burial for our sake.
By Thy death, Thou didst destroy death as God.
We fall down before Thy Resurrection on the third day,//
O Saviour, glory to Thee!

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

When the Apostles beheld the Resurrection of the Maker,
they were amazed and sang the angelic praise.
This is the glory of the Church.
This is the richness of the Kingdom.//
O Lord, crucified for our sake, glory to Thee!

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

Thou wast held by lawless men, O Christ,
but to me, Thou art God, and I am not ashamed.
Thou wast smitten on the cheek, but I do not deny Thee.
Thou wast nailed to the Cross and I do not conceal it,
for I glory in Thy Resurrection: Thy death is my life.//
O almighty Lord and Lover of man, glory to Thee!

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

Fulfilling the prophecy of David,
Christ manifested His greatness in Zion to the disciples.
He is praised and always glorified,
together with the Father and the Holy Spirit.
At first as the Word, He was bodiless,
but then He took flesh and was slain for our sake.//
He rose in power as 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.

Thou didst descend into hell as thou didst will, O Christ,
overthrowing death as God and rising on the third day as Master!
With Thyself Thou didst raise Adam
from the bonds of hell and from corruption!//
Glory to Thy Resurrection, O only Lover of man!

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

Thou wast placed in the tomb, O Lord, as one asleep!
On the third day Thou didst rise in power,
raising Adam with Thyself from the corruption of death//
as the Almighty One.

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

Tone 8 (*For the Holy Martyr Callistratus*)

O suffering martyr Callistratus,
with thy mind illumined by the light of piety,
thou didst unwaveringly tread the path to heavenly blessedness,
conquering all the snares of the Enemy.
Therefore we praise thee, honouring thy sacred memory, //
O most blessed one.

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

O divinely-wise martyr Callistratus, [\[Music on website\]](#)
enriched by the Word of Life, thou didst guide to life
those who once were dead in the curse through ignorance.
They died with zeal, O glorious one, for the Resurrection of us all.
Truly we believe they dwell with Christ. //
Together with them, remember us to the Lord, transcendent in
goodness!

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

O sacred martyr Gymnasius, [\[Music on website\]](#)
thou wast beheaded by the sword
and indeed drowned the pharaoh of falsehood in the torrent of thy blood.
Now thou pourest forth healings on all who come to thy temple with faith, //
praising thy struggles and celebrating thy honoured memory,
O blessed one.

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

Tone 4 (*For the Holy Martyr Callistratus*) [\[Music on website\]](#)
Before the time of Thy precious Cross,
death was fearful to men,
but after Thy glorious Passion,
man is feared by death.
Thus the athlete was able to abolish all the power of the Enemy. //
By his prayers, O Christ, save our souls!

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

Tone 7 (*Theotokion – Dogmatikon*)

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

No tongue can speak of thy wonderful childbearing,
for the order of nature was overruled by God.
Thou wast revealed to be a Mother above nature,
for thou didst remain a Virgin beyond reason and understanding.
Thy conception was most glorious, O Theotokos!
The manner of thy giving birth was ineffable, O Virgin!
Knowing thee to be the Mother of God,
devoutly we pray to thee: //
“Beseech Him to save our souls!”

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

✠ **APOSTICHA**

Tone 7

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

As the Saviour of the world Thou didst arise from the tomb.
As God Thou didst resurrect the race of man with Thy flesh. //
O Lord, glory to Thee!

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

Come, let us worship the One Who rose from the dead,
and enlightened all creation!
By His death, He saved us from the torments of hell. //
By His Resurrection He has granted us eternal life and great mercy.

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

Thou didst descend into hell, capturing death, O Christ.
In three days Thou didst arise again,
resurrecting us who glorify Thy Resurrection, //
O Lord and Lover of man.

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

When Thou wast placed in the tomb as one asleep,
the sight was great and awesome.
But when Thou didst rise on the third day as almighty God,
Thou didst resurrect Adam with Thyself. //
Glory to Thy Resurrection, only Lover of man!

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

Tone 7 (*Aposticha Theotokion*)

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

All the earth-born run to thy protection, O Lady!
Thou art our hope, O Theotokos!
Deliver us from our countless sins//
and pray that our souls may be saved.

✠ **TROPARIA**

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 7

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

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,
and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that Thou art risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

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

Troparion of the Martyr Callistratus in Tone 3

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

Thou wast strengthened in contest by the Holy Spirit, Martyr Callistratus,
and wast glorious in casting down the Enemy.
Thou didst offer a noble army of athletes
as sweet-smelling incense to Christ.//
With them pray for us who praise thee with hymns!

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

Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion in Tone 3

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

We praise thee O Virgin Theotokos;
the mediatrix of our salvation.
For thy Son and our God received flesh of thee,
and accepted suffering through the Cross.//
He hath delivered us from corruption for He is the Lover of mankind.