

## VESPERS ON SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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.*

**Tone 8 (For Saint Luke)**

What shall we call thee, O Apostle? [Music on website]  
Heaven, for thou hast made an account of the glory of God for us?  
Lightning, for thou dost illumine the world with radiance?  
A cloud, for thou dost rain down in a torrent the knowledge of God?  
A chalice pouring the rich wine of wisdom to gladden our hearts?//  
Pray to the Lord that He may save our souls!

*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.*

How shall we address thee, O chosen of God? [Music on website]  
Golden ark of the covenant that Christ laid down?  
River flowing forth to us from Paradise?  
Beacon made radiant by spiritual light?  
Lamp that enlightens the Church?  
Bread of life, divine table, cup of spiritual drink?//  
Pray to the Lord that He may save our souls!

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

What shall we call thee, O God-inspired speaker? [Music on website]  
A faithful steward of the mysteries of Christ?  
A servant of the divine tent not made with human hands,  
perfected in the fullness of time by the Builder of wisdom?  
He entrusted to thee the new Law of grace,  
inscribed in Zion on tablets hewn from the rock of love.//  
O faithful witness, pray to Him that our souls may be saved!

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

What shall we call thee, O glorious one? [\[Music on website\]](#)  
Treasury of heavenly gifts?  
Steadfast physician of our souls and bodies?  
Fellow-labourer of Paul and his companion in travel and hardship,  
who set down the Acts of the Apostles?  
O Luke, thine exceeding goodness has won thee many names.//  
Pray to the Lord that He may save our souls!

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

How shall I address thee, O divinely-speaking one, [\[Music on website\]](#)  
for thou didst bring us the good tidings of Christ?  
Doctor, for thou dost cure the passions of souls?  
Candlestick shining with a light of the intellect?  
Base and foundation of the Faith,  
for thou didst write down for us the most sacred Gospel?//  
Pray that our souls may be saved!

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

What shall I now call thee, O wondrous one? [\[Music on website\]](#)  
Trustworthy witness of the teachings of wisdom?  
Able recorder of the Apostles' teaching?  
Unshakeable pillar of piety?  
Indestructible rampart of the Church?  
Many are thy strengths, and greater in number are thy spiritual gifts.//  
Pray that our souls may be saved!

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

### **Tone 6 (For Saint Luke)**

O Apostle of Christ, [\[Music on website\]](#)  
compiler of divine dogmas and foundation of the Church,  
thou wast the attendant and imitator of Paul, the chosen vessel.  
By wisdom thou hast rescued us from the turmoil of ignorance,  
for our hearts were in the depths of destruction.  
Therefore we beseech thee:  
"Most admirable Luke, thou pride of Antioch,  
pray to our Saviour and God//  
for those who celebrate thy most honourable memory in faith!"

*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.

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### **✦ READINGS**

#### **A Reading from the General Epistle of John [1 John 1:1-7]**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us) that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that our joy may be full This, then, is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare we unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth; but if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin.

#### **A Reading from the General Epistle of James [James 1:1-12]**

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers trials, knowing this, that the testing of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, Who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways. Let the brother of low

degree rejoice in that he is exalted; but the rich, in that he is made low, because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and its flower falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth; so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to those who love Him.

**A Reading from the General Epistle of Jude** [Jude 1:1-7, 17-25]

Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are sanctified by God, the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: mercy unto you, and peace, and love be multiplied. Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the Faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. I will, therefore, put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels who kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; how they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These are they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy Faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference; and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

✠ **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 compassions,  
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 6 (For Saint Luke)**

All-wise Apostle, [\[Music on website\]](#)  
faithful labourer of the Saviour,  
witness of the triumph of His Passion,  
thou hast completed the race, thou hast kept the faith,  
harvesting the peoples from the darkness of error,  
offering us as a sweet-smelling oblation to the heavenly King.  
Now thou dost stand before the Judge of all,  
pray that He may rescue us from our sins  
and deliver us from eternal death, //  
when He comes in glory on the Day of Judgment!

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

**Tone 6 (Aposticha Theotokion)**

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord, [\[Music on website\]](#)  
was born of thee, O most pure Virgin.  
By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his ancient curse.  
Unceasingly we magnify thee as the Mother of God!  
Rejoice, O celestial Joy!  
Rejoice, O Lady: //  
the protection, intercession and salvation of our souls!

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**✠ TROPARIA****Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 2**

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, [\[Music on website\]](#)  
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 Saint Luke in Tone 5**

Let us praise with sacred songs the holy Apostle Luke, [\[Music on website\]](#)  
the recorder of the joyous Gospel of Christ  
and the scribe of the Acts of the Apostles;  
for his writings are a testimony of the Church of Christ.  
He is the physician of human weaknesses and infirmities.  
He heals the wounds of our souls, //  
and constantly intercedes for our salvation.

*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.