

VESPERS SUNG ON SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER 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.

We praise the Saviour incarnate of the Virgin,
for He was crucified for our sake and resurrected on the third day,//
granting us great mercy.

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.

Christ descended to hell proclaiming the glad tidings:
“Behold! Now I have triumphed!
I am the Resurrection, I will lead you out,//
for I have shattered the gates of death!”

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

Standing unworthily in Thy most pure house, O Christ God,
we offer our evening song, crying from the depths:
Thou Who didst enlighten the world,
by Thy Resurrection on the third day,//
O Lover of man, deliver Thy people from the hand of thine enemies!

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 Saints Marcian and Martyrius*)

[[Music on website](#)]

Having completed the course and kept the Faith,
O Marcian and Martyrius,
you have been wreathed with a crown of martyrdom.
You are unshakable pillars of the Church,
breasts flowing with the milk of truth,
beacons and shining pearls,//
who have enlightened creation with the splendour of piety.

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

You were godly twins, [\[Music on website\]](#)
sharing a single heart and mind.
You destroyed the division of Arius,
by teaching all to worship the Son as consubstantial with the Father,
and equally unoriginate with the Spirit:
the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity, //
one Essence in three undivided Persons.

For His mercy is confirmed on us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.
[\[Music on website\]](#)

You showed yourselves to be followers of the holy preacher Paul,
You were like him in zeal and one with him in mind and heart:
you drowned the adversaries with the blood you poured out,
drying up the torrent of wicked heresies.
O Marcian and Martyrius, revealed as rivers of piety //
watering the Church of Christ.

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

Tone 1 (*For Saints Marcian and Martyrius*) [\[Music on website\]](#)
You were disciples and followers
of the one who preached and confessed the consubstantial Trinity.
Persecuted with him, O blessed ones,
you preferred death by the sword to blasphemous heresy.
Therefore, God has adorned you with crowns of martyrdom,
and you have received boldness before Him,
pray that those who honour your memory //
may be delivered from misfortunes!

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.

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

✘ **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 3 (*For Saints Marcian and Martyrius*) [\[Music on website\]](#)

Marcian and Martyrius
conquered heresies with the shield of Faith
and enlightened the world with the light of Orthodoxy.
They are champions of the Trinity and spiritual beacons of the Church.
Obedient to Paul, the equal of the Apostles,
they cast down the teachings of Arius and Nestorius,
refuting also the confusions of Sabellius and Severus.
They theologized about the Unity in Trinity,
the God Who was incarnate of the Virgin.
The most blessed ones preached to all one Christ in two natures.
Now that they have received crowns of victory from heaven, //
these heralds of God intercede on our behalf for great mercy.

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

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

By the will of the Father,
without seed, of the Holy Spirit thou didst conceive the Son of God.
He was born of the Father before eternity without a mother,
but now for our sake He didst come from thee without a father! //
Do not cease entreating Him to deliver our souls from death!

✠ **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 the Martyrs in Tone 3 [\[Music on website\]](#)

In holy zeal you dispelled the error of Arius
and proclaimed the Trinity, one in essence.

Holy martyrs Marcian and Martyrius,
unshaken bulwarks of Orthodoxy, //
entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy!

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.