

VESPERS ON SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER 2020

✕ “LORD I CALL...”

Tone 1

[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 1

[Music on website]

Accept our evening prayers, O holy Lord!
Grant us remission of sins,//
for Thou alone hast manifested the Resurrection to the world.

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

Encircle Zion

[Music on website]

and surround her, O people!
Give glory in her to the One Who rose from the dead!
For He is our God,//
Who has delivered us from our transgressions!

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

Come, O people,

[Music on website]

let us hymn and fall down before Christ,
glorifying His Resurrection from the dead!
For He is our God,//
Who has delivered the world from the Enemy's deceit!

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

Be glad, O heavens!

[Music on website]

Sound trumpets, O foundations of the earth!
Sing in gladness, O mountains!
Behold Emmanuel has nailed our sins to the Cross!
Granting life, He has slain death.//
He has resurrected Adam as the Lover of man.

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

Tone 6 (For the Fathers)

[Music on website]

The seven honourable councils of the Fathers, held at various times,
were brought together under one canon in good order
by Patriarch Germanus the New.
He established and recorded their teachings;
he also presented these Fathers to the Lord
as watchful intercessors for our salvation,//
and as fellow-shepherds of the fold.

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.

Repeat: “The seven honourable councils ...”

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

The book of the Law instructed the sons of Israel

[Music on website]

that the seventh day was to be honoured,
and they devoted themselves to a shadow and revered it.
But, O Fathers, who came together in the Seventh Council,
at the behest of God,
Who fashioned the universe in six days and blessed the seventh day,//
you have made the seventh more honourable by laying down a
definition of the Faith.

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

You have enabled all men, O thrice-blessed Fathers, [\[Music on website\]](#)
to come to the knowledge of the Trinity
as the Cause of the world's generation;
for by your mystical reasoning
you established three and four Councils,
and you appeared as champions of Orthodoxy,
for you showed that, while there are four elements, //
it is the Trinity Who created them and made the world.

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

It would have been enough for Elisha the Prophet [\[Music on website\]](#)
to have bent down only once to give life to the dead son of the woman;
but he knelt and bent seven times.
And in his foresight he prophesied your gathering,
by which you breathed life into the slaying of God the Word, //
by putting to death Arius and his profane companions.

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

In your wisdom, O venerable Fathers, [\[Music on website\]](#)
you mended the garment of Christ, rent by howling dogs;
for you could not bear to look upon the nakedness of His Body,
but as Shem and Japheth of old who hid their father's nakedness,
you put to shame that slayer of his father, the wretched Arius, //
and those who foolishly follow his teachings.

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

Tone 6 (For the Fathers) [\[Music on website\]](#)
Today let us praise the mystical trumpets of the Spirit,
the God-bearing Fathers who stand in the midst of the Church, singing
true theology,
praising the changeless Trinity!
They laid low the errors of Arius and upheld the Orthodox Faith. //
They always entreat the Lord to have mercy on our souls.

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

Tone 1 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon) [\[Music on website\]](#)
Let us praise the Virgin Mary!
The gate of heaven, the glory of the world!
The song of the angels, the beauty of the faithful!
She was born of man, yet gave birth to God!
She was revealed as the heaven, as the temple of the Godhead!
She destroyed the wall of enmity!
She commenced the peace; she opened the Kingdom!
Since she is our foundation of faith,
our defender is the Lord Whom she bore!
Courage! Courage! O People of God!
For Christ will destroy our enemies //
since He is all powerful.

✠ READINGS

A Reading from the Book of Genesis [14:14-20]
When Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his
trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen,
and pursued them unto Dan. And he divided himself against them, he
and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto
Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus. And he brought back all
the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the
women also, and the people. And the king of Sodom went out to meet
him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the
kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's
dale. And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and
he was the priest of the Most High God. And he blessed him, and said,
Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:
And blessed be the Most High God, which hath delivered thine enemies
into thy hand.

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy [1:8-11, 15-17]
In those days, Moses said unto the sons of Israel: Behold, I have set the
land before you, go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto
your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their
seed after them. And I spake unto you at that time, saying, I am not able

to bear you myself alone: The Lord your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude. (The Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as He hath promised you!) So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes. And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the causes between your brethren, and judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him. Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's.

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy [10:14-21]
In those days, Moses said unto the sons of Israel: Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is. Only the Lord had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and He chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff-necked. For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward: He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God; Him shalt thou serve, and to Him shalt thou cleave, and swear by His name. He is thy praise, and He is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.

✠ **APOSTICHA**

Tone 1

[[Music on website](#)]

We have been freed from sufferings
by Thy suffering, O Christ.
We have been delivered from corruption
by Thy Resurrection.//
O Lord, glory to Thee!

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

Let creation rejoice! [[Music on website](#)]
Let the heavens be glad!
Let the nations clap their hands with gladness,
for Christ our Saviour has nailed our sins to the Cross.
Slaying death, He has given life.//
He has resurrected fallen Adam as the Lover of man.

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

As King of heaven and earth, [[Music on website](#)]
Thou wast voluntarily crucified in Thy love for man.
Hell was angered when it met Thee below.
Adam rose seeing Thee, the Creator, under the earth.
O wonder!
How has the Life of all tasted death?
Thou didst enlighten the world which cries://
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee!

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

The myrrhbearing women came with haste to Thy tomb, [[Music on website](#)]
bearing myrrh and lamentations.
Not finding Thy most pure body,
they learned from the angel of the new and glorious wonder.
They told the Apostles://
“The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy.”

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

Tone 4 (For the Fathers)

Come, all Orthodox Churches, [[Music on website](#)]
let us celebrate today in faith and true worship
the yearly commemoration of the divinely-arrayed Fathers
who gathered at Nicaea from throughout the world!
There they refuted the godless teaching of Arius,
banishing him from the Catholic Church by a decree of the Council.
They taught all to confess openly the Son of God,
consubstantial and co-eternal with the Father,
proclaiming this with precision and true worship in the Symbol of Faith.
Therefore, as we faithfully follow their divine doctrines,
Let us worship the Father, the Son, and the most-Holy Spirit,//
the consubstantial Trinity in one Godhead!

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

Tone 4 (*Aposticha Theotokion*)

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

Look on the entreaties of thy servants, O Blameless One!
Stop all the terrible attacks against us,
freeing us from every affliction,
for we have only thee as our sure and firm anchor!
Do not let us be put to shame, O Lady,
for we call on thee for our intercession!
Hasten to pray for those who call in faith:
Rejoice, O Lady, Help of all://
the Joy and Shelter and Salvation of our souls!

✠ TROPARIA

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 1

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

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour,
granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Thy Kingdom!//
Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind!”

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

Troparion of the Holy Fathers in Tone 8

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

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God,
Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

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

Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion - Tone 8

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

For our sakes Thou wast born of a virgin,
and didst endure crucifixion, O good one,
and didst destroy Death by death,
and being God didst reveal the Resurrection.

Despise not the works of Thy hands
but show Thy love for man, O merciful one.
Accept the prayers of the one who gave birth to Thee//
and save Thy despairing people, O our Saviour.