

VESPERS SUNG ON SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2020

✠ “LORD I CALL...”

Tone 5

[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 5

[Music on website]

By Thy precious Cross, O Christ,
Thou hast put the devil to shame.
By Thy Resurrection, Thou hast blunted the sting of sin
and saved us from the gates of death.//
We glorify Thee, O only-begotten One.

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

Christ was led as a sheep to the slaughter
in order to grant Resurrection to the human race.
The princes of hell were frightened by this,
for the gates of sorrow were lifted.
Christ the King of glory had entered,
saying to those in chains: “Go forth!”//
And to those in darkness: “Come to the light!”

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

O great wonder!

The Creator of the invisible suffered in the flesh in His love for man
and rose again immortal.

Come, O sons of nations,
let us worship Him,
for delivered from error by His compassion,//
we have learned to sing of one God in three Persons!

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

We offer Thee our evening worship,
O never-setting Light,
Who didst come in these last days to the world in the flesh;
Who even didst descend to hell to dispel its darkness.
Who hast revealed the light of Resurrection to the nations.//
Glory to Thee, O Lord and Giver of light!

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

Tone 4 (For the Bodiless Powers)

[Music on website]

O Michael, the Chief Captain,
thou hast been revealed as the brightest attendant of the three-sunned
Godhead.

Together with the heavenly powers thou criest out with joy:
“Holy art Thou, O Father,
Holy art Thou, O Word, also without beginning,
Holy art Thou, O Holy Spirit:
one glory, one kingdom, one nature,//
one Godhead and power!”

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.

O Michael, first of Angels,

[Music on website]

fiery is thine appearance and miraculous thy beauty!
Thou dost traverse creation by thine immaterial nature,
fulfilling the commands of the Creator of all.
By thy might thou art known as powerful,//
and thou hast made thy temple, honoured by thy holy name, a source of
healings.

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

[Music on website]

Lord, Thou makest Thine angels spirits, as it is written,
and Thy ministers a flaming fire.
Thou, O Word, hast declared the Chief Captain Michael as first among the ranks of Thine archangels:
he submits to Thy commands, //
and proclaims with fear the thrice-holy hymn to Thy glory.

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

The Eternal Wisdom established thee, O Gabriel, [Music on website]
as a second light reflecting things divine,
illuminating the whole creation,
and revealing to us the divine mystery hidden from before the ages:
the bodiless One made flesh in a virgin womb//
and become Man that He might save mankind.

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

[Music on website]

Standing before the throne of the three-sunned Godhead,
brilliant with the splendours that unceasingly pour forth from It,
from the fog of passions free those of us on earth who praise thee with joy!
Illumine us, O Chief Captain Gabriel, //
thou intercessor for our souls!

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

Destroy the wanton violence of Hagar's sons, [Music on website]
the enemies who unceasingly attack thy flock;
heal the divisions of the Church,
calm the storm of unending temptations;
from danger and calamities deliver us who honour thee in love
and who hasten to thy protection, O Chief Captain Gabriel, //
thou intercessor for our souls!

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

Tone 6 (*For the Bodiless Powers*) [Music on website]

Rejoice with us, O Princes of the angelic Powers,
for your leader and our champion, the great Chief Captain,
gloriously appearing in his honoured temple, doth sanctify it!
Therefore, rightfully singing praises to him, we cry out:
"Save us under the protection of thy wings, //
O Michael, the greatest archangel!"

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

Tone 5 (*Theotokion – Dogmatikon*) [Music on website]

In the Red Sea of old,
a type of the Virgin Bride was prefigured.
There Moses divided the waters;
here Gabriel assisted in the miracle.
There Israel crossed the sea without getting wet,
here the Virgin gave birth to Christ without seed.
After Israel's passage, the sea remained impassable;
after Emmanuel's birth, the Virgin remained a Virgin.
O ever-existing God Who didst appear as Man, //
O Lord, have mercy on us!

✠ READINGS

A Reading from the Book of Joshua [Joshua 5:13-15]

And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? And he said: Nay; but as captain of the host of the Lord am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? And the captain of the Lord's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

A Reading from the Book of Judges [Judges 6:2, 7, 11-24]

And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel: and because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them the dens which are in the mountains, and caves, and strongholds. And it came to pass, when the

children of Israel cried unto the Lord because of the Midianites, there came an angel of the Lord, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him, and said unto him, The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour. And Gideon said unto him, O my Lord, if the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us? And where be all his miracle which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt? But now the Lord hath forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. And the Lord looked upon him, and said: Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee? And he said unto him, O my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? Behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house. And the Lord said unto him: Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man. And he said unto him: If now I have found grace in thy sight, then show me a sign that thou talkest with me. Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set it before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again. And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephod of flour, the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the oak, and presented it. And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. Then the angel of the Lord put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the Lord departed out of his sight. And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the Lord, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord God! For I have seen an angel of the Lord face to face. And the Lord said unto him: Peace be unto thee; fear not; thou shalt not die. Then Gideon built an altar there unto the Lord, and called it Jehovah-shalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

A Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah

[Isaiah 14:7-20]

The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing. Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying: Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us. Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their

thrones all the kings of the nations. All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? Art thou become like unto us? Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying: Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; that made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners? All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house. But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcass trodden under feet. Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

✠ APOSTICHA

Tone 5

[[Music on website](#)]

We magnify Thee in songs of praise,
O incarnate Christ and Saviour.
By accepting the Cross and death for our sake,
as the Lord and Lover of man,
Thou didst overthrow the gates of hell, //
and didst arise on the third day, saving our souls.

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

By being pierced in the side, O Lover of man,
Thou hast poured out drops of life and salvation for all.
By accepting death in the flesh, Thou hast granted us immortality.
Thou hast freed us by being placed in the tomb,
and hast resurrected us with Thyself in glory, as God. //
Glory to Thee, O Lord and Lover of man!

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

Thy crucifixion and descent into hell are awesome, O Lover of man.
Thou hast captured it, releasing the ancient prisoners.
Thou hast opened Paradise and given it to us.
Grant us purification of sins,
who glorify Thy Resurrection on the third day!
Make us worthy of Paradise//
and save us, O Lover of man!

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

For our sake, Thou didst accept death in the flesh,
to rise from the dead on the third day.
Heal us from our earthly passions,
and restore us from our evil transgressions;//
and save us, O 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 8 *(For the Bodiless Powers)* [\[Music on website\]](#)

Since thou, O leader of hosts, art first in rank and champion among the
angels,
deliver from every oppression, sorrow, sickness, and sin
those who praise thee sincerely and openly implore thee!
Since thou art immaterial, thou dost clearly behold Him Who is without
matter.
Thou shinest with the unapproachable light of the glory of the Lord,
Who in His love for man took flesh for our sakes from a Virgin, //
when He willed to save mankind.

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

Troparion of the Bodiless Powers in Tone 4 [\[Music on website\]](#)

Supreme commanders of the heavenly hosts,
we unworthy ones implore you
that by your supplications ye will encircle us with the shelter of the
wings of your immaterial glory,
and guard us who fall down before you and fervently cry://
Deliver us from dangers, since you are the Marshals of the Hosts on high.

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

Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion in Tone 4 [\[Music on website\]](#)

The mystery which was hidden from before the ages
and was unknown even to the angels,
God hath revealed to those on earth
through thee, O Theotokos.
For he who became incarnate in unconfused union
of his own will accepted the Cross for us,
raising again the first-created man//
and saving our souls from death.

✠ TROPARIA

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 5 [\[Music on website\]](#)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.