

VESPERS ON SATURDAY 23rd JANUARY 2021

✧ “LORD I CALL...”

Tone 8

[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 8

[Music on website]

We offer to Thee, O Christ,

our evening song and reasonable service,

for Thou didst will to have mercy on us//

by Thy Resurrection.

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

Lord, Lord, do not cast us away from Thy face!

For Thou didst will to have mercy on us//

by Thy Resurrection.

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

Rejoice, O holy Zion:

Mother of the churches, the abode of God,

for thou wast the first to receive remission of sins//

by the Resurrection.

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

The Word of God the Father,

begotten before the ages,

in the latter times willed to be incarnate of the Virgin

and endured crucifixion unto death.

He has saved mortal man//

by His Resurrection.

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

Tone 4 (For Saint Xenia)

[Music on website]

As a pilgrim upon the earth and a stranger to worldly things,

thou, O blessed Xenia, wast daily crucified in homeless wanderings,

in poverty, in mocking, in heat and cold, having nothing on the earth

but the love of the Son of God Who abased Himself

with a poverty thou hast nobly followed,//

and Whose glory thou now sharest in everlasting magnificence.

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: As a pilgrim upon the earth ...

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

When the blow of thy husband's death

[Music on website]

blew the vain mist of worldly joys from thy prudent soul,

thou didst die to earthly life;

and taking on thee the burden of thy yoke-mate's unshriven soul,

thou didst learn that boundless love of the new Bridegroom thou

hadst found,

and thou didst become a divine intercessor for the suffering,

an advocate for sinners,//

a help to all that invoke thy care.

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

Repeat: When the blow of thy husband's death ...

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

To the people of Petersburg, [Music on website]
thou didst make known what bitterness lurketh in the sweetness of all
the world's delights,
when thou didst show them the corpse hidden in honey of greatest price;
for thy seeming foolishness hid within it the heavenly wisdom of the Lord,
Who through sorrows perfected thee and made of thee a spring of
endless wonders,//
O noble Xenia, our champion.

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

Repeat: To the people of Petersburg ...

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

Tone 3 (*For Saint Xenia*) [Music on website]

Behold, now Xenia the Blessed, calling us together for her festival,
crieth out with the voice of David:
"O children and friends, why do ye love vanity, and seek after falsehood?
Why are ye troubled in vain?
Behold me, who counted all things as rubbish,
and gained freedom from every loss.
Follow me, therefore, even as I followed Christ,
and set not your hearts on riches that quickly pass away;
that when the time cometh, ye may dwell with me//
in the bridal chambers of unending joy."

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

Tone 8 (*Theotokion – Dogmatikon*) [Music on website]

The King of heaven, because of His love for man,
appeared on earth and dwelt with men.
He took flesh from the pure Virgin;
and after assuming it, He came forth from her.
The Son is one: in two natures, yet one Person.
Proclaiming Him as perfect God and perfect Man,
we confess Christ our God!//
Entreat him, O unwedded Mother, to have mercy on our souls.

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

✘ **APOSTICHA**

Tone 8

[Music on website]

Descending from heaven to ascend the Cross,
the eternal Life has come for death
to raise those who are fallen;
to enlighten those in darkness.//
O Jesus, our Saviour and illuminator, glory to Thee!

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

We glorify Christ, who rose from the dead.
He accepted the human body and soul,
and freed both from suffering.
His most pure soul descended to hell, which He spoiled.
His holy body did not see corruption in the tomb.//
He is the Redeemer of our souls.

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

In psalms and songs we glorify Thy Resurrection from the dead, O Christ.
By it, Thou hast freed us from the tortures of hell//
and as God hast granted eternal life and great mercy.

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

O Master of all, incomprehensible Creator of heaven and earth,
by Thy suffering on the Cross Thou hast gained passionlessness for me.
Accepting burial and arising in glory,
Thou didst resurrect Adam with Thyself by Thine almighty hand.
Glory to Thy rising on the third day!
By it Thou hast granted us eternal life and cleansing of sins//
as the only compassionate One.

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

Tone 4 (For Saint Xenia) [\[Music on website\]](#)

He Who accepted tattered swaddling bands for our salvation,
was drawn by the spiritual beauty of her that wore the rags of voluntary
poverty;
for, though Xenia wandered the streets of Saint Petersburg by day,
she was ever abiding in the field keeping watch over her soul by night,
singing doxologies with the angelic armies,
and weeping for the sinful world.
And, crowned on high, she now rewardeth with mercy, comfort, and grace//
them that keep her august memorial with faith

Both 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 8 [\[Music on website\]](#)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!
Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

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

Troparion of Saint Xenia in Tone 4 [\[Music on website\]](#)

Having renounced the vanity of the earthly world
thou didst take up the cross of a homeless life of wandering;
thou didst not fear grief, privation, and the mockery of men,
and didst know the love of Christ.
Now taking sweet delight of this love in heaven,
O Xenia, the blessed and divinely wise,//
pray for the salvation of our souls.

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.