

VESPERS SUNG ON SATURDAY 16th JANUARY 2021

✠ “LORD I CALL...”

Tone 7

[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 7

[Music on website]

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord,
Who destroyed the dominion of death!
Let us sing to Him with the bodiless hosts,
for He enlightened the race of man!//
O our Maker and Saviour, glory to Thee!

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

Thou didst endure the Cross and burial for our sake.
By Thy death, Thou didst destroy death as God.
We fall down before Thy Resurrection on the third day,//
O Saviour, glory to Thee!

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

When the Apostles beheld the Resurrection of the Maker,
they were amazed and sang the angelic praise.
This is the glory of the Church.
This is the richness of the Kingdom.//
O Lord, crucified for our sake, glory to Thee!

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

Thou wast held by lawless men, O Christ,
but to me, Thou art God, and I am not ashamed.
Thou wast smitten on the cheek, but I do not deny Thee.
Thou wast nailed to the Cross and I do not conceal it,
for I glory in Thy Resurrection: Thy death is my life.//
O almighty Lord and Lover of man, glory to Thee!

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

Tone 4 (For Saint Anthony)

[Music on website]

Burning with divine love and radiant with the Spirit,
thy soul rose to desire truly infinite love.
Thou didst despise flesh and blood and didst live apart from the world,
yet thou wast united to it by great silence and abstinence.
Therefore thou wast fulfilled as thou didst desire,//
and as a star radiant with blessings, O Anthony, thou dost illumine
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.

Repeat: “Burning with divine love... “

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

[Music on website]

Thou wast radiant with divine light by the grace of the Holy Spirit,
O Father Anthony.
Thou didst shatter the flying weapons of the demons.
By thy godly teachings thou didst expose their evil snares.
Thou wast a radiant light for monks:
the first to adorn the desert;
a prayerful and skilled physician of the sick,//
and the first clear example of the ascetic life.

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

Repeat: “Thou wast radiant... “

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

O Anthony, pure in heart and soul,
an earthly angel and a heavenly man,
a teacher of chastity, a clear measure of abstinence;
now thou dost live with thy Master, O blessed saint.
Thou dost offer Him unceasing praise,
as do the Angels, all holy monastics, and martyrs.//
Do thou free from sin and danger those that ever keep thy holy memory!

[Music on website]

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

Repeat: "O Anthony, pure in heart and soul... "

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

Tone 6 (For Saint Anthony) [Music on website]

Thou didst set thy mind as master over the disturbing passions,
keeping the image intact through the ascetic life.
Thus thou didst rise into the perfect likeness,
for, bravely curbing nature,
thou didst hasten to subject what is lower to that which is above:
making the body servant to the spirit.
Therefore thou wast revealed as the chief of those living the monastic life,
a citizen of the desert, a master teaching those who hasten to thee,
a perfect example of virtue.
Now the image has been broken, O Anthony,
and in heaven thou dost behold in purity the Holy Trinity,//
as thou dost pray with boldness for those who honour thee with faith
and love.

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

Tone 7 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon) [Music on website]

No tongue can speak of thy wonderful childbearing,
for the order of nature was overruled by God.
Thou wast revealed to be a Mother above nature,
for thou didst remain a Virgin beyond reason and understanding.
Thy conception was most glorious, O Theotokos!
The manner of thy giving birth was ineffable, O Virgin!
Knowing thee to be the Mother of God,
devoutly we pray to thee://
"Beseech Him to save our souls!" O my Deliverer and my God?"

✠ READINGS

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon [5:15-6:3]

The righteous live for evermore; their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the Most High. Therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom, and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand: for with his right hand shall He cover them, and with His arm shall He protect them. He shall take to Him His jealousy for complete armour, and make the creature His weapon for the revenge of His enemies. He shall put on righteousness as a breastplate, and true judgment for an invincible shield. His severe wrath shall He sharpen for a sword, and the world shall fight with Him against the unwise. Then shall the right-aiming thunderbolts go abroad; and from the clouds, as from a well drawn bow, shall they be cast as out of a stone bow, and the water of the sea shall rage against them, and the floods shall cruelly drown them. Yea, a mighty wind shall stand up against them, and like a storm shall blow them away: thus iniquity shall lay waste the whole earth, and ill-dealing shall overthrow the thrones of the mighty. Hear, therefore, O ye kings, and understand; learn, ye that be judges of the ends of the earth. Give ear, ye that rule the people, and glory in the multitude of nations. For power is given you by the Lord, and sovereignty from the Most High.

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon [3:1-9]

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for Himself. As gold in the furnace hath He tried them and received them as a burnt offering. And in the time of their visitation they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. They shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign for ever. They that put their trust in Him shall understand the truth: and such as be faithful in love shall abide with Him: for grace and mercy is to His saints, and He hath care for His elect.

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

[4:7-15]

Though the righteous be prevented with death, yet shall he be in rest. For honourable age is not that which standeth in length of time, nor that is measured by number of years. But wisdom is the gray hair unto men, and an unspotted life is old age. He pleased God, and was beloved of Him: so that living among sinners he was translated. Yea, speedily was he taken away, lest that wickedness should alter his understanding, or deceit beguile his soul. For the bewitching of naughtiness doth obscure things that are honest; and the wandering of concupiscence doth undermine the simple mind. He, being made perfect in a short time, fulfilled a long time: for his soul pleased the Lord; therefore hastened He to take him away from among the wicked. This the people saw, and understood not, neither laid they up this in their minds: that His grace and mercy is with His saints, and that He hath respect unto His chosen.

✠ APOSTICHA

Tone 7

[Music on website]

As the Saviour of the world Thou didst arise from the tomb.
As God Thou didst resurrect the race of man with Thy flesh.//
O Lord, glory to Thee!

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

Come, let us worship the One Who rose from the dead,
and enlightened all creation!
By His death, He saved us from the torments of hell.//
By His Resurrection He has granted us eternal life and great mercy.

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

Thou didst descend into hell, capturing death, O Christ.
In three days Thou didst arise again,
resurrecting us who glorify Thy Resurrection,//
O Lord and Lover of man.

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

When Thou wast placed in the tomb as one asleep,
the sight was great and awesome.
But when Thou didst rise on the third day as almighty God,
Thou didst resurrect Adam with Thyself.//
Glory to Thy Resurrection, only Lover of man!

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

Tone 8 (For Saint Anthony)

[Music on website]

We honour thee, O Anthony our father,
the instructor of a multitude of monks.
We have indeed learned to walk rightly in thy footsteps.
Thou art blest, for having laboured for Christ,
thou didst denounce the power of the Enemy.
Thou wast a converser with the Angels and a companion of Paul of
Thebes.//
Together with them, entreat the Lord that He grant mercy to our souls!

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

Tone 8 (Aposticha Theotokion)

[Music on website]

O unwedded Virgin,
who ineffably conceived God in the flesh,
O Mother of God most high,
accept the cries of thy servants, O blameless one!
Grant cleansing of transgressions to all!//
Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!

✠ TROPARIA

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 7

[Music on website]

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,
and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that Thou art risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

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

Troparion of Saint Anthony in Tone 4

[Music on website]

Thou didst imitate the ways of zealous Elijah,
and didst follow the straight path of John the Baptist.
Thou didst become a desert-dweller,
And didst strengthen the world by thy prayers.//
Father Anthony, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved.

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.