

Vespers sung on Saturday 9th January 2021

✠ “LORD I CALL...”

Tone 6

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.

[Music on website]

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 6

Possessing victory over hell, O Christ,
since Thou art free among the dead,
Thou didst ascend the Cross
raising with Thyself those who sat in the shades of death.//
Drawing life from Thy light, O almighty Saviour, have mercy on us!

[Music on website]

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

Today Christ tramples on death,
for He is risen as He said!
Let us all sing this song,
for He has granted joy to the world:
O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life!//
O Saviour Almighty, have mercy on us!

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

Where shall we sinners flee from Thee, Who art in all creation?
In heaven Thou dwellest!
In hell Thou didst trample on death!
In the depths of the sea?
Even there is Thy hand, O Master!
To Thee we flee, and falling before Thee, we pray://
O Thou who didst rise from the dead, have mercy on us!

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

In Thy Cross we glory, O Christ!
We sing and glorify Thy Resurrection!
For Thou art our God//
and we know no other than Thee.

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

Tone 2 (For the Afterfeast of Theophany)

[Music on website]

Our Light that enlightens all
comes to be baptized.
The Forerunner sees Him and rejoices in His soul.
His hand trembles as he shows Him to the people:
“Behold, the Redeemer of Israel,
the One Who frees us from corruption.”//
O sinless One, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

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.

A servant baptized our Redeemer
and the coming of the Spirit bore witness to Him.
The hosts of Angels saw this and shook with fear.
And the voice of the Father was heard from heaven:
“The One on Whom the Forerunner lays his hand,
He is My beloved Son; I am well pleased in Him.”//
O Christ our God, glory to Thee!

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

The streams of the Jordan received Thee, their Source,
and the Comforter descended in the form of a dove.
He Who bowed the heavens now bows His head.
The Clay cries aloud to the Potter:
“Why dost Thou command me to do what is beyond me;
for I rather should be baptized by Thee?” //
O sinless One, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

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

Tone 5 (For Saint Gregory)

O righteous father, holy Gregory:
flute played by the breath of the Comforter,
filled with the clear melody of godliness,
candlestick enlightening many with divine light,
herald of truth, foundation of theology,
fountain of heavenly doctrine,
torrent of teaching sweet as honey,
lyre, playing songs written by God,
gladdening the hearts of the faithful!
Wise one, pray without ceasing to Christ,
Who was baptized in the streams of Jordan for the renewal of the world, //
that He may save our souls!

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

O righteous Father, all-praised Gregory,
battle axe hewing down the assaults of heresy,
two-edged sword of the Comforter,
dagger piercing the heart of false doctrine,
fire consuming the brushwood of error,
winnowing fan able to separate the chaff of vanities from the kernel of
doctrine,
ruler measuring the way to salvation with precision,
pray without ceasing to Christ,
Who was baptized in the streams of Jordan for the renewal of the world, //
that He may save our souls!

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

O righteous Father, all-blessed Gregory,
mouth that pours out blessed words,
drawing them from the inexhaustible and divine wells of salvation,
expounding all words of prayer;
rule that directs to virtue;
thou didst become radiant by contemplation of things divine,
illuminated by the brightness of the uncreated Trinity,
Whose invincible champion thou didst become.
O venerable Father, pray without ceasing to Christ,
Who refashioned the world in the streams of the Jordan, //
that He may save our souls!

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

Tone 4 (For Saint Gregory)

O Gregory of Nyssa,
thou wast adorned with wise words and valiant deeds.
Thou didst gladden the faithful with thy God-proclaiming voice;
and didst enlighten us with knowledge
explaining the unity of the Trinity.
Thou didst defeat alien teachings with true doctrine;
establishing the faith with strength.
And now thou dost stand before Christ with His bodiless servants: //
pray that He may grant peace and great mercy to our souls!

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

Tone 6 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

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

Who will not bless thee, O most holy Virgin?
Who will not sing of thy most pure childbearing?
The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,
but from thee He was ineffably incarnate.
God by nature, yet Man for our sake,
not two persons, but one known in two natures.
Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady, //
to have mercy on our souls!

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

✠ APOSTICHA

Tone 6

Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Saviour,
the Angels in heaven sing!
Enable us on earth//
to glorify Thee in purity of heart!

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

Destroying the gates of hell,
breaking the chains of death,
Thou didst resurrect the fallen human race as almighty God!//
O Lord Who didst rise from the dead, glory to thee!

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

Desiring to return us to Paradise,
Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb.
The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, crying,
“Woe to us, O Saviour!
How dost Thou deign to descend to death?
What place can hold Thy life bearing body?
Come to us as Thou didst promise!
Take away our wailing and tears!”
Then the Angel appeared to them:
“Stop your lamentations!
Go, proclaim to the Apostles:
“The Lord is risen,//
granting us purification and great mercy!”

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

Having been crucified as Thou didst will,
by Thy burial Thou didst capture death, O Christ,
rising on the third day as God in glory,//
granting the world unending life and great mercy!

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

[Music on website]

Tone 4 (For Saint Gregory)

O God-revealing Gregory,
thou didst pass thy life in godliness.
Thou didst make thine actions radiant through contemplation;
desiring divine wisdom for thy love;
thou wast enriched with graces flowing from the Spirit.
Thy words drip with sweetness, like honey from the comb;
and thou dost gladden the Church of God with thy divine thoughts.
Now, as thou dost gaze upon the Lord in heaven, //
never cease to pray for us who honour thy memory!

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

Tone 4 (For the Afterfeast of Theophany)

[Music on website]

By fire and the Spirit,
Thou didst wash away the sin of the world.
When the Baptizer saw Thee coming, he was afraid.
He trembled and cried out, saying:
“I dare not hold Thy spotless head.//
Sanctify me with Thine Epiphany, O Master Who lovest mankind!”

✠ TROPARIA

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 6

[Music on website]

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave,
seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell
not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.//
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

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

Troparion of Saint Gregory in Tone 4

[Music on website]

In truth thou wast revealed to thy flock as a rule of faith,
an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence;
thy humility exalted thee;
thy poverty enriched thee.

[Hierarch Father Gregory]

Hierarch Father Gregory,
entreat Christ our God//
that our souls may be saved!

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

Troparion of the Theophany in Tone 1

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan,
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest.
For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee,
and called Thee His beloved Son;
and the Spirit in the form of a dove
confirmed the truthfulness of His word.
O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself//
and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

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