

## Vespers texts for Saturday 13th February 2021

✠ “LORD I CALL...”

**Tone 3**

[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 3**

[Music on website]

By Thy Cross, O Christ our Saviour,  
death's dominion has been shattered;  
the devil's delusion destroyed.  
The race of man, being saved by faith,//  
always offers Thee a song.

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

All has been enlightened by Thy Resurrection, O Lord.  
Paradise has been opened again.//  
All creation, praising Thee, always offers Thee a song.

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

I glorify the power of the Father and the Son.  
I praise the authority of the Holy Spirit:  
the undivided, uncreated Godhead,//  
the consubstantial Trinity which reigns forever.

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

We bow down in worship before Thy precious Cross, O Christ,  
and we glorify and praise Thy Resurrection,//  
for by Thy wounds we have all been healed.

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

We praise the Saviour incarnate of the Virgin,  
for He was crucified for our sake and resurrected on the third day,//  
granting us great mercy.

*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.*

Christ descended to hell proclaiming the glad tidings:  
“Behold! Now I have triumphed!  
I am the Resurrection, I will lead you out,//  
for I have shattered the gates of death!”

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

Standing unworthily in Thy most pure house, O Christ God,  
we offer our evening song, crying from the depths:  
Thou Who didst enlighten the world,  
by Thy Resurrection on the third day,//  
O Lover of man, deliver Thy people from the hand of Thine enemies!

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

**Tone 4 (For Venerable Auxentius)**

[Music on website]

Thou didst put forth great effort in the ascetic life,  
receiving from God an outpouring of spiritual gifts  
to heal infirmities and drive out demons,  
O most blessed Auxentius.  
Thou wast faithful to the calling of Christ,  
filled with divine grace and the power of the Spirit.//  
Openly guided by Him, thou hast reached a calm haven.

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

Thou didst cleanse thyself in mind  
and wast enriched with the grace of healings and miracles.  
Thou didst shake off the weakness of the passions,  
together with the darkness and threefold attacks of the flesh.  
Thou didst fashion splendid spiritual armour,  
shining forth from the ranks of monastics.//  
Entreat the Lover of man for those who praise thee!

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

Thou didst increase the talent given to thee, O all-wise one.  
Thou didst thoroughly work the soil of thy soul.  
Thou didst sow it with tears, O Father, reaping with joy.  
Thou didst truly harvest abundant joy and consolation.  
Therefore, O God-bearing Auxentius,  
since thou hast boldness before the Master,//  
entreat Him for those who praise thee!

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

**Tone 8** (*For Venerable Auxentius*) [Music on website]

Most blessed and venerable Father Auxentius,  
the pure wisdom of the Holy Spirit lived within thy heart,  
showing thee to be an enemy of the spirits of wickedness.  
Thou wast an awesome healer of hidden illnesses.  
Therefore, since thou hast boldness before God, the Lover of mankind,//  
by thine unceasing prayers, free us from passions of soul and body!

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

**Tone 3** (*Theotokion – Dogmatikon*) [Music on website]

How can we not wonder  
at thy mystical childbearing, O exalted Mother?  
For without receiving the touch of man,  
thou gavest birth to a Son in the flesh, O immaculate Virgin.  
The Son born of the Father before eternity  
was born of thee at the fullness of time, O honoured Lady.  
He underwent no mingling, no change, no division,  
but preserved the fullness of each nature.

Entreat Him to save the souls, O Lady and Virgin and Mother,  
of those who confess thee in the Orthodox manner//  
to be the Theotokos.

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

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✠ **APOSTICHA**

**Tone 3**

[Music on website]

The sun was darkened by Thy Passion, O Christ,  
but all creation was enlightened by the light of Thy Resurrection.//  
Accept our evening song, O Lover of man!

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

Thy life-bearing Resurrection, O Lord,  
enlightened the whole universe, recalling Thy creation.  
Delivered from Adam's curse, we sing://  
O Almighty Lord, glory to Thee!

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

Thou art the changeless God,  
Who, suffering in the flesh, wast changed.  
Creation could not endure seeing Thee on the Cross.  
It was filled with fear while praising Thy patience.  
By descending to hell and rising on the third day,//  
Thou hast granted to the world life and great mercy.

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

Thou didst endure death, O Christ,  
to deliver race of men from death.  
Thou didst rise from the dead on the third day,  
raising with thyself those who knew Thee as God//  
and enlightening the world. Glory to Thee!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 3 (*Aposticha Theotokion*)**[\[Music on website\]](#)

By the will of the Father,  
without seed, of the Holy Spirit thou didst conceive the Son of God.  
He was born of the Father before eternity without a mother,  
but now for our sake He came from thee without a father!//  
Do not cease entreating Him to deliver our souls from death!

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**✕ TROPARIA****Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 3**[\[Music on website\]](#)

Let the heavens rejoice!  
Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.  
He has trampled down death by death.  
He has become the first born of the dead.  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,  
and has granted to the world//  
great mercy.

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

**Troparion of Venerable Auxentius in Tone 1**[\[Music on website\]](#)

Dweller of the desert and angel in the body,  
thou wast shown to be a wonderworker, our God-bearing Father Auxentius.  
Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer,  
healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith.  
Glory to Him Who gave thee strength!  
Glory to Him Who granted thee a crown!//  
Glory to Him Who through thee grants healing to all!

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

**Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion - Tone 1**[\[Music on website\]](#)

When Gabriel announced to thee, O Virgin, "Rejoice!"  
the Master of all became incarnate within thee, O holy Ark.  
When thou didst bear thy Creator  
as the righteous David said,  
thy womb became more spacious than the heavens,  
Glory to Him Who took abode in thee!  
Glory to Him Who came forth from thee!//  
Glory to Him Who freed us by being born of thee.