

VESPERS ON SATURDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2021

✠ “LORD I CALL...”

Tone 2

[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 2 (For the Resurrection)

[Music on website]

Come, let us worship the Word of God
begotten of the Father before all ages,
and incarnate of the Virgin Mary!
Having endured the Cross,
He was buried as He Himself desired.//
And having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.

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

Christ our Saviour
nailed to the Cross the bond against us,
He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death.//
We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.

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

With the Archangels
let us praise the Resurrection of Christ!
He is our Saviour, our Redeemer.
He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power//
to judge the world which He made.

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

The Angel proclaimed Thee,
the crucified and buried Master.
He told the women: “Come, see the place where He lay!
He is risen as He said,
for He is almighty.”
We worship Thee, O only immortal One.//
Have mercy on us, O Christ, the Giver of life!

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

Tone 1 (For the Meeting of Our Lord)

[Music on website]

Simeon, tell us, Whom dost thou bear in thine arms,
that thou dost rejoice so greatly in the Temple?
To Whom dost thou shout and cry aloud:
“Now am I set free, for I have seen my Saviour?”
This is He Who was born of a Virgin;
this is God the Word, Who came forth from God,
Who for our sakes has taken flesh and has saved man.//
Let us worship Him!

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.

Simeon, receive Him Whom Moses once beheld in darkness,
granting the Law on Sinai,
now that He has become a Babe subject to the Law!
This is He Who spoke through the Law.
This is He, of Whom the Prophets spoke,
Who for our sakes has taken flesh and has saved man.//
Let us worship Him!

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

Come, let us also go to meet Christ with divine songs!
Let us receive Him Whose salvation Simeon saw!
This is He Whom David announced;
this is He Who spoke in the Prophets,
Who, for our sakes, has taken flesh and Who speaks through the Law.//
Let us worship Him!

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

Tone 1 *(For Saint Parthenius)*

The great Parthenius, the namesake of virginity, [\[Music on website\]](#)
the beacon of Lampsacus,
the radiant morning star of miracles,
calls us all together by his memorial,
that we who sing hymns to Christ the Savior//
may keep the spiritual feast.

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

Thou didst bear God within thyself from childhood [\[Music on website\]](#)
by the fire of thy prayers, O all-blessed and wise one.
Thou didst burn up legions of demons
and didst guide the flock of Lampsacus.
Casting down the temples of idols,//
thou didst renew thyself for God.

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

A fish cast from the sea proclaimed thy wonders; [\[Music on website\]](#)
a lifeless workman was brought back to life;
barren fields and grapevines were made to bear their fruit
when abundant and quenching rains came at thy promise.
Wondrous are thy deeds, O minister of the sacred mysteries.//
Pray now that our souls may be saved.

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

Tone 6 *(For the Afterfeast)*

O Christ our God, [\[Music on website\]](#)
Who wast pleased to rest this day in the arms of Simeon
as if upon the chariot of the Cherubim,
deliver us from the tyranny of our passions, who sing Thy praises,//
and save our souls, for Thou art the Lover of mankind.

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

Tone 2 *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

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

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came;
as the Bush burned, yet was not consumed,
so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin.
The Righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame.//
Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

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

✘ **APOSTICHA**

Tone 2 *(For the Resurrection)*

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

Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Saviour,
has enlightened the whole universe,
recalling Thy creation.//
Glory to Thee, O almighty Lord!

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

By the Tree Thou didst destroy the curse of the Tree, O Saviour.
By Thy burial Thou didst mortify the majesty of death.
Thou hast enlightened our race by Thy Resurrection.//
O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

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

When Thou wast seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ,
Thou didst restore the beauty of Thy creatures.
The soldiers showed their inhumanity when they pierced Thy side with
a spear.
The Hebrews, not knowing Thy power,
asked that Thy tomb might be sealed,
but through the mercy of Thy compassions,
Thou didst accept the tomb
and didst rise on the third day!//
O Lord, glory to Thee!

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

O Christ, the Giver of life,
for the sake of the dead Thou didst voluntarily endure death,
descending into hell as the Mighty One
to save those who awaited Thy coming,
granting them the life of paradise instead of hell.
Grant also to us who glorify Thy Resurrection on the third day//
cleansing of our sins and great mercy!

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

Tone 5 *(For the Afterfeast)*

The Ancient of Days, as a Child in the flesh,
is brought by His Mother, the Virgin, into the Holy Temple,
fulfilling the promise announced by His own law.
Receiving Him, Simeon said,
"Now lettest Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word;//
for my eyes have seen Thy salvation, O Lord!"

✠ **TROPARIA**

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 2 [\[Music on website\]](#)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendour of Thy Godhead.
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
"O Giver of life, Christ our God, 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.*

Troparion of the Meeting of Our Lord in Tone 1 [\[Music on website\]](#)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!
From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,
enlightening those who sat in darkness.
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,
thou didst accept in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls,//
Who grants us the Resurrection!