

**Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts sung on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**  
**Third Saturday of Great Lent**  
**Memorial Saturday**  
**Repose of Saint Nikolai (Velimirović) Bishop of Zhiča**

**“LORD, I CALL ...”**

**Tone 7**

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!

*V. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy Name.*

**Tone 7**

Like the Prodigal, I have turned away from Thy grace.  
I have spent the riches of Thy goodness, O Lord.  
I now run to Thee, crying, O tender-hearted One://  
“I have sinned, O God, have mercy on me!”

*V. (9) The righteous will surround me, for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.*

*Repeat:* “Like the Prodigal ...”

*V. (8) Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

**Tone 6** *(For the Martyrs, in the Tone of the week)*

Walking in the steps of Christ’s sufferings,  
the whole company of martyrs resolutely approached their many struggles,  
and proclaimed Him as God before the ungodly torturers and lawless kings;  
and they endured many torments  
in the hope of obtaining the glories of heaven.  
Seeing them now, they rejoice,  
and with all the choirs of the bodiless hosts,//  
they stand in the presence of the Lord.

*V. (7) Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

Thy martyrs, O Lord,  
did not deny Thee,  
nor did they forsake Thy commandments.//  
By their intercessions, have mercy on us!

*V. (6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.*

*Repeat:* “Thy martyrs, O Lord ...”

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

## **Tone 6** (*Theotokion – Dogmatikon*)

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!

### **ENTRANCE WITH THE CENSER**

### **O GLADSOME LIGHT**

#### **PROKEIMENA AND READINGS**

**Priest:** The Evening Prokeimenon.

**Reader:** The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone

**Reader:** O grant us Thy help against the enemy, for vain is the help of men!

**Choir:** O grant us Thy help against the enemy, for vain is the help of men!

**Reader:** O God, Thou hast rejected us, and hast broken our defences.

**Choir:** O grant us Thy help against the enemy, for vain is the help of men!

**Reader:** O grant us Thy help against the enemy,

**Choir:** for vain is the help of men!

**Priest:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The Reading from the Book of Genesis.

**Priest:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** Then the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen. So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, Noah opened the window of the ark he had made. Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters dried up from the earth. He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground. But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned to him in the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and brought her to himself in the ark. Then he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark. The dove returned to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew the waters had receded from the earth. So he waited yet another seven days and again sent out the dove; however, she did not return to him any more. And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year of Noah's life, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed, the surface of the ground was dry. Now in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried. Then the Lord God spoke to Noah, saying, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and their wives with you. Also, bring out with you every living thing of all flesh: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that moves upon the earth, so they may abound on the earth, and increase and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out, along with his wife and his sons and their wives. Every animal, every bird, and every creeping thing that moves upon the earth, according to their kind, went out of the ark. Then Noah built an altar to God, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered whole burnt offerings on the altar. So the Lord God smelled the pleasing fragrance. (Genesis 8:4-21a)

**Priest:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** The Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone.

**Reader:** Hear my cry, O Lord, listen to my prayer!

**Choir:** Hear my cry, O Lord, listen to my prayer!

**Reader:** From the ends of the earth, I call to Thee.

**Choir:** Hear my cry, O Lord, listen to my prayer!

**Reader:** Hear my cry, O Lord,

**Choir:** listen to my prayer!

## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**Priest:** Wisdom! Let us attend!

*All prostrate as the Priest blesses with the candle.*

**Priest:** The Light of Christ illumineth all.

**Priest:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The Reading from the Proverbs of Solomon.

**Priest:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** The mouth of a righteous man distils wisdom, but the tongue of an unrighteous man utterly destroys. The lips of righteous men distil grace, but the mouth of the ungodly is perverse.

Deceitful scales are an abomination before the Lord, but a righteous weight is acceptable to Him. Wherever arrogance enters, there also is dishonour, but the mouth of the humble meditates on wisdom. When a righteous man dies, he leaves regret, but the destruction of the ungodly is immediate and brings joy.

Righteousness cuts straight and blameless paths, but ungodliness embraces wrongdoing. The righteousness of upright men delivers them, but lawless men are taken to their destruction. When a righteous man dies, his hope does not perish, but the boast of the ungodly perishes. A righteous man escapes from a snare, but the ungodly man is handed over in his place. There is a snare for citizens in the mouth of the ungodly, but the perception of the righteous is prosperous. A city stays upright in the good things of the righteous, but it is razed to the ground by the mouths of the ungodly. A man in need of discernment treats citizens with contempt, but a man of discernment keeps quiet. **(Proverbs 10:31-11:12)**

## LET MY PRAYER ARISE

**Tone 5**

*And the rest of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.*