**MARCH 3**

**Second Saturday of Great Lent/Memorial Saturday**

 **Martyrs Eutropius, Cleonicus, and Basiliscus**

***(at Vespers served alone, i.e., not together with the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts)***

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 5**

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!//

Hear me, O Lord!

*v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

**Tone 5** *(3 stichera to the Martyrs in the tone of the week)*

The passionbearers quenched the fire of terrible wickedness

with the streams of their blood,

having kindled the brightness of true piety in all the world;

but the martyrs utterly burned up the falsely named gods

and their odors and temples,

and shone the most pure light to those on earth.

Enlightened by them, we flee from the darkness of godlessness

and shun the deception of idolatry,//

worshipping Christ, Who grants the world great mercy.

*v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

Putting on the shield of faith

and strengthening themselves with the sign of the Cross,

Your saints, O Lord, bravely went of their own accord to torture,

laying low the pride and error of the devil.

By their supplications, O all-powerful God,//

send the world peace, and our souls great mercy!

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope on the Lord!*

Not rejoicing in earthly things,

going forth to tortures bravely,

you, all-laudable martyrs, did not fail in your blessed hopes,

but were heirs of the heavenly Kingdom.

Since now you have boldness before God, the Lover of mankind,//

entreat peace for the world, and for our souls, great mercy!

*v. (3) 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 St Eutropius and his companions) (O all-praised martyrs)*

O martyrs, three in number,

you contended mightily against those who cruelly condemned you.

You endured many cruel pains with faith

and received the Kingdom on high.//

Therefore, pray that God will grant our souls peace and great mercy!

*v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

Let us praise Eutropius with spiritual songs,

together with the steadfast Cleónicus and Basiliscus!

By the grace of piety,

they utterly consumed the tinder of ungodliness with fire.

Now they illumine the ends of the earth

like brilliant beacons with divine and fiery radiance,//

casting all delusion into darkness.

*v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.*

When your heads were cut off, O courageous athletes,

you crushed the head of the Enemy beneath your beautiful feet.

You are unwavering stars and living sacrifices,

treasures of the temple of heaven.

O glorious Eutropius, Basiliscus and Cleonicus,//

entreat for peace for us all!

**Tone 5**  *(for the departed by John of Damascus)*

I called to mind the Prophet who cried:

“I am earth and ashes”;

and again, I looked into the tombs and saw the naked bones.

And I said: “Who then is the King or the soldier,

the rich man or the poor man,

the righteous or the sinner?

But give rest, O Lord, to Your servants with the righteous,//

since You are the Lover of mankind!”

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

**Tone 5**  *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

In the Red Sea of old,

a type of the Virgin Bride was prefigured.

There Moses divided the waters;

here Gabriel assisted in the miracle.

There Israel crossed the sea without getting wet,

here the Virgin gave birth to Christ without seed.

After Israel's passage, the sea remained impassable;

after Emmanuel's birth, the Virgin remained a Virgin.

O ever-existing God, Who appeared as Man,//

O Lord, have mercy on us!

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

Let Your mercy and Your truth preserve me forever! *(Ps 39:40:11)*

*v: I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry.*

 *(Ps 39/40:1)*

**Reading from Genesis (5:32-6:8)**

**Tone 6 Prokeimenon**

I said: “Lord, have mercy on me. Heal my soul!” (Ps 40/41:4)

 *v: Blessed is he who considers the poor. (Ps 40/41:1)*

**Reading from Proverbs (6:20-7:1)**

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**Aposticha**

**Tone 4 Idiomelon** *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Now is the acceptable time,

now is the day of salvation!

In the abundance of Your mercy visit my soul,

and take away the burden of my sins,//

O only Lover of mankind!

*v: I lift up my eyes to You, enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of*

*servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He have mercy upon us. (Ps. 122/123:1-2)*

(Repeat: “Now is the acceptable time …”)

*v: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Too long our soul has been sated with the scorn of those who are at ease, the contempt of the proud. (Ps. 122/123:3-4)*

**Tone 4** *(to the Martyrs)*

You accepted the patient endurance of the holy martyrs;

accept also our hymns of praise, O Lover of mankind,//

and, by their supplications, grant us Your great mercy!

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

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

 **Tone 4** *(Theotokion) (from the Octoechos in the tone of the week)*

O inextinguishable candle,

O righteous throne, O most pure Lady,//

pray for the salvation of our souls!

**Tone 2 Troparion**

O Apostles, Martyrs, and Prophets,

Hierarchs, Holy Monks, and Righteous Ones,

who completed well the fight and kept the faith,

you have boldness before the Savior.

We pray: “Intercede for us with Him, as He is good,//

that He may save our souls!”

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

**Tone 2 Troparion**

Remember your servants, O Lord, since You are good,

and forgive the sins they have committed in life!

For none is sinless but You,//

Who give rest to the departed.

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

O holy Mother of the ineffable Light,//

we honor and magnify you with angelic hymns.

***(at the Divine Liturgy on Saturday morning)***

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**Tone 8** **Kontakion**

With the saints give rest, O Christ,

to the souls of Your servants,

where there is neither sickness nor sorrow, and no more sighing,//

but life everlasting!

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

**Tone 8 Theotokion**

We have you as a wall and a haven

and an intercessor well-pleasing to God, Whom you have borne,//

O Virgin Theotokos, the salvation of the faithful.

 **Tone 8** **Prokeimenon**

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O you righteous! *(Ps 31/32:11)*

*v: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. (Ps 31/32:1)*

**Tone 6** **Prokeimenon**

Their souls shall dwell with the blessed. *(Ps 24/25:13)*

**Epistle**

 Hebrews 3:12-16

 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 *(Departed)*

 **Tone 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of all their troubles. (Ps 33/34:18)*

*v: Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver them out of them all. (Ps 33/34:20)*

**Tone 6**

*v: Blessed are those whom You have chosen and taken, O Lord. Their memory is from generation to generation. (Ps 64/65:4; 101/102:12)*

**Gospel**

 Mark 1:35-44

 John 5:24-30 *(Departed)*

 **Communion Hymns**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just!

Blessed are those whom You have chosen and taken, O Lord!

Their memory is from generation to generation.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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