**MARCH 10**

**Third Saturday of Great Lent/Memorial Saturday**

**[Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste]/Martyr Quadratus and those with him**

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

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 6**

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

Your Martyrs, O Lord, did not deny You,

nor did they turn from Your commandments.//

By their intercessions have mercy on us!

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

Your victorious Martyrs, when they contended on this earth,

endured great torments;

but now they dwell in heaven and have received a perfect crown,//

that they may offer intercession for our souls.

*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** *(from the Menaion, for Quadratus) (Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)*

Let us in faith raise a magnificent song as is fitting

to the all-praised Quadratus and the great Cyprian,

with the two named Dionysius, and Anectus,

together with Crescens and the glorious Paul!

They are divinely crowned sufferers of the Lord//

and our most fervent intercessors.

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

Today another choir of holy martyrs appears,

victorious and triumphant,

a brilliant assembly of divine passion-bearers,

a steadfast regiment, a chosen army.

Quadratus is its captain.//

He is revealed as an all-glorious conqueror.

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

O all-praised Quadratus,

with your cutting words

you slashed through the twisted webs of the philosophers' wisdom

like fog.

You taught in faith and suffered in patience for Christ.

Well-adorned in both teaching and suffering,//

you have been crowned with the passion bearers.

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

**Tone 6** *(for the Departed, by St John of Damascus)*

Your creating command was my origin and foundation,

for You willed to fashion me as a living creature

from natures visible and invisible.

You made my body from the earth

and gave me a soul by Your divine and life-creating breath.

Therefore, O Savior, grant rest to Your departed servants in the land of the

living,//

in the mansions of the righteous!

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

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

Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin?

Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing?

The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,

but from you He was ineffably incarnate.

God by nature, He became Man for our sake,

not divided into two persons but manifest as One in two natures.

Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//

to have mercy on our souls!

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

Oh, grant us Your help against the enemy, for vain is the help of men!

*(Ps 59/60:13)*

*v: O God, You have rejected us, and have broken our defenses. (Ps 59/60:1)*

**Reading from Genesis (8:4-21)**

**Tone 6 Prokeimenon**

Hear my cry, O Lord, listen to my prayer! (Ps 60/61:1)

*v: From the end of the earth I call to You. (Ps 60/61:2)*

**Reading from Proverbs (10:31-11:12)**

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**Aposticha**

**Tone 7 Idiomelon** *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Like the Prodigal, I have turned away from Your grace.

I have spent the riches of Your goodness, O Lord.

I now run to You, crying, O tender-hearted One://

“I have sinned, O God, have mercy on me!”

*v: To You, I lift up mine eyes, O You who are 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: “Like the Prodigal …”)

*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 7** *(to the Martyrs)*

Despising all earthly things, O holy martyrs,

and bravely proclaiming Christ in the arena,

you received from Him the just reward

for all your sufferings;

and now, since you have boldness to approach Him,

we beseech you to entreat Him as Almighty God//

to preserve the souls of us who take refuge in you.

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

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

**Tone 7** *(Theotokion) (from the Octoechos)*

You, who alone received Him Who cannot be contained,

and gave birth to God the Word incarnate,//

pray that our souls may be saved!

***(at Vespers)***

**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**

Heb. 10:32-38

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.*

**Gospel**

Mark 2:14-17

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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