**MARCH 30**

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

**Venerable John Climacus**

***(at the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, sung on Friday)***

**"Lord, I Call..." Tone 7**

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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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 Idiomelon** *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

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 2** *(stichera to the Martyrs, in the Tone of the week)*

Yielding up the flesh to wounding, O martyrs worthy of all praise,

and enduring the cruelest tortures and a violent death,

ye also put to shame the tormentors and destroyed reverence for idols,

Ye confessed Christ, the only God and Master,//

before Whom, with the angelic choirs, ye now stand wearing crowns,

O glorious martyrs.

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

Not desiring earthly pleasures,

the victorious martyrs were granted heavenly blessings.

They have become fellow-citizens with the Angels.//

Through their prayers, O Lord, have mercy on us and save us!

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

Because the holy martyrs intercede for us

and sing the praises of Christ,

all error has come to an end,//

and mankind is saved by faith.

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

The company of the martyrs

resisted tyrants, saying:

“We are soldiers of the King of the heavenly hosts.

Even if ye give us up to torment and fire,//

we will not deny the power of the Trinity.”

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

**Tone 8** *(St John Climacus) (O most glorious wonder)*

The Lord’s praises were always on thy lips, O holy Father John.

With deep wisdom thou didst search the Scriptures,

which teach us to deny ourselves.

Thou didst become rich in the blessings of grace,//

overthrowing the craftiness of the devil.

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

(Repeat: “The Lord’s praises …”)

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

Thou didst wash thy soul in a fountain of tears, O most glorious Father John,

keeping vigil for God and gaining His mercy.

Upborne on the wings of prayer, thou didst fly to divine love and beauty.

Now, together with thy fellow soldiers, O holy one,//

thou dwellest in His spiritual light and unending joy.

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

On the wings of faith thou didst raise thy mind to God, O holy Father John.

Hating the world’s confusion and vanity,

thou didst take up thy cross and follow Him Who sees all things.

Thou didst submit thy rebellious flesh to His guidance,

through the discipline of self-denial,//

by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

**Tone 2**  *(for the departed, by John of Damascus)*

Woe is me! How great a struggle the soul endures at its parting

from the body!

Woe is me! How many tears it sheds then!

But there is none to show it compassion.

It turns to the Angels, but prays in vain;

stretching out its hands to people, it finds no one to help.

Therefore, my beloved brethren,

reflecting on the shortness of our life,//

let us beseech Christ to give rest to the departed, and grant great

mercy to our souls!

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

**Tone 2**  *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

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.

Instead of a pillar of flame, the Righteous Sun has risen.//

Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

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

*(Ps 59/60:13)*

*v: O God, Thou hast rejected us, and hast 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 Thee. (Ps 60/61:2)*

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

***(and the rest of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, in order.)***

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**Third Saturday of Great Lent: Memorial Saturday**

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

**Tone 2 Troparion**

O Apostles, Martyrs, and Prophets,

Hierarchs, Holy Monks, and Righteous Ones,

who completed well the fight and kept the faith,

ye have boldness before the Savior.

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

that He may save our souls!”

**Tone 2 Troparion**

Remember Thy servants, O Lord, since Thou art good,

and forgive the sins they have committed in life!

For none is sinless but Thee,//

Who giveth rest to the departed.

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

**Tone 8** **Kontakion**

With the saints give rest, O Christ,

to the souls of Thy 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 thee as a wall and a haven

and an intercessor well-pleasing to God, Whom thou hast borne,//

O Virgin Theotokos, the salvation of the faithful.

**Tone 8** **Prokeimenon**

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O ye 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 Thou hast 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 ye righteous; praise befits the just.

Blessed are those whom Thou hast chosen and taken, O Lord.

Their memory is from generation to generation.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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