**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 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. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!*

**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. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.*

(Repeat: “Like the Prodigal …”)

*v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, 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,

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

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

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

O glorious martyrs.

*v. (7) Let Your 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 You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

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 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.*

The company of the martyrs

resisted tyrants, saying:

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

Even if you 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 your lips, O holy Father John.

With deep wisdom you searched the Scriptures,

which teach us to deny ourselves.

You became 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!*

You washed your soul in a fountain of tears, O most glorious Father John.

You kept vigil for God and gained His mercy.

Upborne on the wings of prayer, you flew to divine love and beauty.

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

you dwell 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 you raised your mind to God, O holy Father John.

Hating the world’s confusion and vanity,

you took up your cross and followed Him Who sees all things.

You submitted your 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**

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, 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)**

***(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,

you 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 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.

*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 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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