**MARCH 22**

**Third Saturday of Great Lent – Memorial Saturday**

**Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra**

**Vespers alone (sung on Friday)**

**"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** *(for the Martyrs, in the Tone of the week)*

The passion-bearers 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 wait 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,

but bravely going forth to tortures,

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

but were heirs of the heavenly Kingdom.

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

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 4** *(from the Menaion, for St. Basil) (Called from on high)*

Adorned with the garment of the priesthood,

you served God like an angel, O Basil of great renown,

offering sacrifice to Him, Who appeared in the flesh for our salvation.

Therefore you were sacrificed like a perfect lamb,

becoming a pure offering.

Now you have offered yourself upon the altar of heaven.

Therefore, with our voices we call you blessed,

and in gladness and joy we cry out to you://

“Pray without ceasing that our souls may be saved!”

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

You were flayed by a most unrighteous judge, O glorious one,

enduring bodily pains, and looking forward to a painless end,

and to the honors prepared for those who suffer.

Tempered like steel in the fire,

you became a well-forged sword of heaven,

cutting down the hosts of the enemy, O blessed one.

Therefore, every nation of believers rejoices and honors you today,//

O courageous-minded athlete, truly glorious Basil.

V. (1) *For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

You were bound and adorned with wounds,

going from city to city,

binding the tyrant and rightly guiding the steps of your feet.

When you had just entered the city of Caesarea,

there you received your blessed end.

You were crowned and ascended at once to the city of heaven.

Now you stand before God the King.//

Entreat Him to save and enlighten our souls!

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

**Tone 5** *(for the Departed, by St. 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,

the righteous or the sinner?

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

since You are the Lover of man!”

*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**

O grant us Your help against the enemy, / for vain is the help of men! *(Ps. 59:12)*

V. *O God, You have rejected us, and have broken our defenses. (Ps. 59:1a)*

**Reading from Genesis (8:4-21a, ending with “And the Lord smelled the pleasing fragrance.”)**

**Tone 6 Prokeimenon**

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

 V. *From the ends of the earth I call to You. (Ps. 60:2a)*

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

**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. *I lift up mine 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 122:1-2)*

(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. 122:3-4)*

**Tone 7** *(for 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)*

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.*

**Tone 2 Theotokion**

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. 31:11a)*

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

**Tone 6** **Prokeimenon** *(Departed)*

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

**Epistle**

 (325) Hebrews 10:32-38

 (270) 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. 33:17)*

V. *Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver them out of them all. (Ps. 33:19)*

**Tone 6**

V. *Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken, O Lord.* *Their memory is from generation to generation.* *(Ps. 64:4a; 101:12b)*

 **Gospel**

 (8) Mark 2:14-17

 (16) John 5:24-30 *(Departed)*

**Communion Hymn**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*

Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken, O Lord. Their memory is

from generation to generation. *(Ps. 64:4a; 101:12b)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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