**MARCH 29**

**Fourth Saturday of Great Lent – Memorial Saturday**

**Hieromartyr Mark, Bishop of Arethusa**

**Vespers alone (sung on Friday)**

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

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

**Tone 6** *(for 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 Thy Name’s sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

Thy martyrs, O Lord,

did not deny Thee,

nor did they forsake Thy 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!*

Thy 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 8** *(from the Menaion, for St. Mark) (Oh, most glorious wonder)*

O Mark, venerable and holy martyred hierarch,

thou wast radiant with the sacred light of the priesthood;

thou didst shine also with the unfading brightness of martyrdom.

Now thou hast passed over to the never-fading Light

in which the choir of martyrs rejoice;

where the ranks of angels join in song!

With them, O blessed and God-pleasing one,//

keep us ever in remembrance!

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

O Cyril, athlete and martyr,

thou wast revealed to be a servant of God.

Thou didst minister to Christ, O divinely-blessed one,

and wast thyself sacrificed

as a whole burnt offering on the altar of God.

Thou hast received the treasured inheritance,

ever dwelling with the splendors of the saints,//

in holiness of calling and deed.

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

O all-praised martyrs of Christ,

you received the prize of victory.

With the dew of divine grace, you passed without harm through the

 furnace of torments.

It was given you to dwell by still waters.

Therefore, O holy ones, we rejoice today,//

glorifying Christ as we celebrate your memory in faith.

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

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

Thy creating command was my origin and my foundation.

For Thou didst will to fashion me as a living creature

from natures visible and invisible:

Thou madest my body from the earth

and gavest me a soul by Thy divine and life-creating breath.

Therefore, O Savior, grant rest to Thy 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 thee, O most holy Virgin?

Who will not sing of thy most pure childbearing?

The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,

but from thee He was ineffably incarnate.

God by nature, yet Man for our sake,

not two persons, but one known in two natures.

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

to have mercy on our souls!

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, / Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock! *(Ps. 79:1)*

V. *Thou Who art enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth! (Ps. 79:2a)*

**Reading from Genesis (12:1-7)**

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

Rejoice in God, / our helper! *(Ps. 80:1a)*

 V. *Raise a song, sound the timbrel! (Ps. 80:2a)*

**Reading from Proverbs (14:15-26)**

**Aposticha**

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

My soul’s nobility has been enslaved to passions.

Like a beast, I cannot lift up my eyes to Thee, O Most High.

But bowing down, O Christ, I pray like the Publican and cry://

“Have mercy on me, O God, and save me!”

V. *To Thee I lift up mine eyes, O Thou Who art 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: “My soul’s nobility…”)

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)*

Thou, who alone didst receive Him Who cannot be contained,

and gavest 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 Thy servants, O Lord, since Thou art good,

and forgive the sins they have committed in life!

For none is sinless but Thee,//

Who givest 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 thee 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 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 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**

 (313) Hebrews 6:9-12

 (163) 1 Corinthians 15:47-57 *(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 Thou hast chosen and taken, O Lord.* *Their memory is from generation to generation.* *(Ps. 64:4a; 101:12b)*

 **Gospel**

 (31) Mark 7:31-37

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

**Communion Hymn**

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

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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