

**GREAT VESPERS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 09, 2024:
TONE 7**

SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT (MEAT FARE)

MARTYR KODRATOS OF CORINTH AND HIS FIVE COMPANIONS;
ANASTASIA THE PATRICIAN OF ALEXANDRIA

AT “O LORD, I HAVE CRIED”

For the Resurrection

Tone 7

Verse 10. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Thy Name.

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord Who crushed the might of death and lighted mankind, crying to Him with the incorporeals, O Creator and our Savior, glory to Thee.

Verse 9. The righteous shall wait for me until Thou recompense me.

For our sakes, O Savior, Thou didst suffer crucifixion and burial. But Thou didst cause death to die, for Thou art God. Wherefore, do we worship Thy third-day Resurrection, O Lord; glory to Thee.

Verse 8. Out of the depths have I cried to Thee, O Lord, Lord hear my voice.

Verily, when the Apostles beheld the Resurrection of the Creator, they were surprised, shouting in angelic praise. This is the honor of the Church; this is the richness of the kingdom. Wherefore, O Thou Who didst suffer for our sakes, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Verse 7. Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

Though Thou wast arrested, O Christ, by the transgressors of the law, Thou still remainest my God, and therefore I am not ashamed. And though Thou wast lashed on Thy back I shall not deny Thee; or nailed upon the Cross, I shall not hide it; for in Thy Resurrection do I glory; for Thy death is my life, O Almighty One and Lover of mankind. O Lord, glory to Thee.

Verse 6. If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee there is forgiveness.

Verily, Christ did fulfill the Davidic prophecy; for He did manifest His wonders to His disciples in Zion, when He revealed of Himself, that He is praised and glorified always with the Father and the Holy Spirit. As for the beginning without body, for He is the Word, and for these last days He did appear in the body and died for our sakes as man, rising by His self-same power, for He is the Lover of mankind.

Verse 5. Because of Thy Name have I waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited upon Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Thou didst descend to Hades, as Thou didst will, O Christ, and didst lead death captive, since Thou art God and Lord, and didst rise on the third day, raising Adam with Thee from the bonds of Hades and its corruption, who cried saying, Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Thou only Lover of mankind.

For Sunday of the Last Judgment in Tone 6

(**Having laid up all their hope**)

Verse 4. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel trust in the Lord.

When Thou art about to come * to execute righteous judgment, * O most righteous Judge and King, * seated on Thy glorious * throne of sovereignty, * and that river of fire * at Thy dread tribunal * draweth all men and astoundeth all, * while the celestial hosts * stand there in Thy presence, O Master Christ, * and all mankind in fear is judged, * each one in accordance with what he did, * then, O Savior, spare us, * and grant us who beseech Thee now in faith * to find a portion with all the saved * since Thou art compassionate.

Verse 3. For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is abundant redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

When the books are opened up, * the deeds of men shall be laid bare * at the dreadful judgment seat; * all the vale of weeping then * terribly shall sound * with the gnashing of teeth, * as it seeth all them * that have sinned as they are now sent forth * to age-long punishments * by Thy righteous judgment, O King of all, * and weeping sore to no avail. * But, O Good One, Lord most compassionate, * we implore and beg of Thee * to spare us who now sing Thy praise in hymns, * since Thou alone art long-suffering, * only greatly merciful.

Verse 2. Praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye people.

Mighty trumpets shall resound * and all the graves shall be emptied; * all the nature of mankind * shall rise up and stand again, * trembling sore with fear. * They who did good in life * shall rejoice in gladness, * while awaiting to receive reward; * they who committed sin * terribly shall tremble and howl in grief, * sent off to painful punishment, * set apart and severed from the elect. * O Thou Lord of Glory, * take pity on us all, since Thou art good, * and deem us worthy to share the lot * of all them that loved Thee well.

Verse 1. For His mercy is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

Mourning, I lament and weep, * when I perceive and consider * that dread everlasting fire * with the gnashing of the teeth * and the frightful worm; * unrelieved Tartarus, * and the outer darkness, * and the coming anguish without end, * which shall befall all them * which have sinned, transgressing immeasurably, * who with a wicked mind and will * angered Thee, O Thou Who art more than good, * of whom, I, the wretched, * am one, and am the chief among them all. * Yet in Thy mercy, O righteous Judge, * save me as compassionate.

Doxasticon for the Sunday of the Last Judgment

Tone 8

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

When the thrones are placed, and the books are opened, and God sitteth for judgment, O what a fearful sight, as the angels stand in fright, and the river

of fire floweth by! What then shall we do, we who have come under condemnation by reason of the multitude of our sins? And as we hear Him call the blessed of His Father to His kingdom, and send the sinners to punishment, who will bear that terrible verdict? Wherefore, O Savior and Lover of mankind, alone King of ages, hasten to us before the end with repentance, and have mercy upon us.

Theotokion for the Resurrection

Tone 7

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

O pure Theotokos, thou wast known as a Mother in a supernatural way, and thou didst remain virgin in an indescribable and incomprehensible manner. Thus came about the wonder of thy birth-giving, ineffable for tongue, in that thy Conception appeared dazzling to the mind, and thy birth-giving incomprehensible; for where God willeth He overcometh the order of nature. Therefore, since we know thee as Theotokos, we beseech thee ceaselessly. Intercede then for the salvation of our souls.

O GLADSOME LIGHT

O gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal, heavenly, holy blessed Father: O Jesus Christ. Now that we have come to the setting of the sun, and behold the light of evening, we praise God: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For meet it is at all times to worship thee with voices of praise, O Son of God and Giver of life; therefore, all the world doth glorify Thee.

EVENING PROKEIMENON

Saturday Prokeimenon

Tone 6

Choir: The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty. (ONCE)

Verse 1. The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength. (Refrain)

Verse 2. For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved. (Refrain)

AT THE APOSTICHA

Aposticha for the Resurrection

Tone 7

Thou hast risen from the tomb, O Savior of the world, and hast raised mankind with Thy body, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Verse 1. The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty. The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength.

Come, let us worship Him Who rose from the dead and lighted all; for He hath liberated us from the oppression of Hades by His third-day Resurrection, granting us life and the Great Mercy.

Verse 2. For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved. When Thou didst descend to Hades, O Christ, Thou didst lead death captive, and when Thou didst rise on the third day, Thou didst raise us with Thee, glorifying Thine almighty Resurrection, O Lord and Lover of mankind.

Verse 3. Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore.

Thou didst appear awe-inspiring, O Lord, whereas Thou wast placed in a grave like one that slumbereth, and didst rise in three days as a mighty one, and didst raise with Thee Adam, crying, Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Thou alone the Lover of mankind.

Doxasticon for Sunday of the Last Judgment

Tone 8

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

Woe to thee, O darkened soul! For how long wilt thou not cease from evil-doing? How long wilt thou lie down in idleness? Why thinkest thou not on the fearful hour of death? And why tremblest thou not at all at the terrible Altar of the Savior? What, perchance, shalt thou reply or what reason give, when thy deeds shall rise to reproach thee, and thy works to condemn and confute thee? Wherefore, O my soul, the time is at hand, hasten in faith before it is too late, and cry, I have sinned against Thee, O Lord, I have sinned; but I know Thy compassion, O Good Shepherd, Lover of mankind. Forbid me not, therefore, to stand at Thy right hand, for the multitude of Thy mercies.

Theotokion of the Resurrection

Tone 8

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

O Virgin without groom, blameless one, Mother of the high God; O thou who didst conceive in the flesh in an inexplicable way, receive the petitions of thy servants, O thou who bestowest on all the purification of sins; and in receiving our petitions beseech thou Him for the salvation of us all.

THE HYMN OF ST. SIMEON THE GOD-RECEIVER

Lord, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

DISMISSAL HYMNS

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Tone 7

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Resurrectional Theotokion

Tone 7

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

In that thou art the treasury of our resurrection, O all-praised one, lead thou forth from the pit and bottom of transgression those who set their hope in thee. For thou hast saved those who were guilty of sin, in that thou didst give birth to our Salvation. O thou who before giving birth wast virgin, and at giving birth and after giving birth was virgin still.