

SUNDAY, JULY 5

TONE 3

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Sergius of Radonezh

"Lord I Call..." Tone 3

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!

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

v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Tone 3 *(for the Resurrection)*

By Your Cross, O Christ our Savior,

death's dominion has been shattered;

the devil's delusion destroyed.

The race of man, being saved by faith,//

always offers You a song.

v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

All has been enlightened by Your Resurrection, O Lord.

Paradise has been opened again.

All creation, praising You,//

always offers You a song.

v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

I glorify the power of the Father and the Son.
I praise the authority of the Holy Spirit:
the undivided, uncreated Godhead, //
the consubstantial Trinity which reigns forever.

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.

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

We bow down in worship before Your precious Cross, O Christ,
and we glorify and praise Your Resurrection, //
for by Your wounds we have all been healed.

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

Tone 4 *(for Ven. Sergius)* *(Called from on high)*

When your mother came to the Church of God even before your birth,
you cried out in her womb three times, giving glory to the Trinity.
O godly-wise Father Sergius,
you knew God before you knew the world.
You were known by God, O blessed man.
The light of His grace shone from you to those who sought it.
The radiance of your face showed your spiritual and bodily purity.
You were a chosen vessel of Christ our God. //
Entreat Him to save and enlighten 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.

When the love of God descended on you,
O divinely-wise and most blessed Father Sergius,
you despised the world and loved only Christ in your soul.
Following His life-bearing steps, you reached the wilderness,
and cultivated it with the seeds of your labors,
irrigating it with streams of tears,
multiplying the fruits of good works.
Having nourished your children with these, you brought them to Christ God. //
Entreat Him to save and enlighten our souls!

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

O divinely wise Father Sergius,
when you heard a divine voice that said to you:
“Behold, the coming of the Most Pure One!”
you began to make yourself worthy of this visitation,
with many spiritual labors and fervent prayer.
Light brighter than the sun illuminated you,
showing your spiritual and bodily eyes the Mother of God.
You heard her words to you:
“I shall not abandon this place, and your monastery shall not be in want.” //
Entreat her to save and enlighten our souls!

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

When the time came for your departure to God,
as a brightly shining star you entered the heavenly mansions,
where you stand with the choir of saints before the throne of the consubstantial
Trinity.

After your body lay hidden in the earth for many years,
it was revealed, manifesting wonders for those who venerate your relics,
O Sergius.

Grant victories to Orthodox Christians over their adversaries;
pray to Christ our God to grant the faithful remission of sins, //
and entreat Him to save and enlighten our souls!

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

Tone 8 *(for Ven. Sergius)*

Come, O faithful sons and daughters of the Russian Church,
and let us rejoice in this solemn feast!

Come, O priests and monastics, and behold the Church of God
filled and adorned with the sound of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs!
The venerable and glorious monastery of our Father Sergius rejoices,
exulting in the uncovering of his relics.

It calls the world to sing to God with gladness.

O Christ and Master, thou hast granted the people of Russia a mighty warrior;
an invincible weapon against enemies both seen and unseen,
an unfailing treasure of gifts for the people of Christ! //
By his prayers, grant our souls great mercy!

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

Tone 3 *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

How can we not wonder
at your mystical childbearing, O exalted Mother?
For without receiving the touch of man,
you gave birth to a Son in the flesh, O immaculate Virgin.
The Son born of the Father before eternity
was born of you at the fullness of time, O honored Lady.
He underwent no mingling, no change, no division,
but preserved the fullness of each nature.
Entreat Him, O Lady and Virgin, and Mother,
to save the souls of those who, in the Orthodox manner, confess you//
to be the Theotokos.

Old Testament Readings

Composite 2 *(Proverbs- selections from Chapters 10, 3, 8) (Ven. Sergius)*

Proverbs 10:31-11:12 *(Ven. Sergius)*

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 *(Ven. Sergius)*

Aposticha

Tone 3 *(for the Resurrection)*

The sun was darkened by Your Passion, O Christ,
but all creation was enlightened by the light of Your Resurrection.//
Accept our evening song, O Lover of mankind!

v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

Your life-bearing Resurrection, O Lord,
enlightened the whole universe, recalling Your creation.
Delivered from Adam's curse, we sing://
O Almighty Lord, glory to You!

v. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.

You are the changeless God,
Who, suffering in the flesh, were changed.
Creation could not endure seeing You on the Cross.
It was filled with fear while praising Your patience.
By descending to hell and rising on the third day,//
You have granted to the world life and great mercy.

v. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!

You endured death, O Christ,
to deliver the race of men from death.
You rose from the dead on the third day,
raising with yourself those who knew You as God//
and enlightening the world. Glory to You!

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

Tone 8 *(for Ven. Sergius)*

We honor you, O Sergius our father,
as the instructor of a multitude of monks.
We have indeed learned to walk rightly in your footsteps.
Blessed are you, for having labored for Christ,
you denounced the power of the enemy.
You were a converser with the Angels and a companion of
the venerable and righteous.//
Together with them, entreat the Lord that He grant mercy to our souls!

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

Tone 8 *(Theotokion)*

O unwedded Virgin,
who ineffably conceived God in the flesh,
O Mother of God most high,
accept the cries of your servants, O blameless One!
Grant cleansing of transgressions to all!//
Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 3

Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice!
Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.
He has trampled down death by death.
He has become the first born of the dead.
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world//
great mercy.

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

Tone 8 Troparion (*Ven. Sergius*)

From your youth you received Christ into your soul, O ven'rable one,
and above all desired to leave behind the turmoil of the world.
You courageously settled in the wilderness, where you raised children
in obedience, the fruits of humility.
Thus, as an abode of the Trinity, you enlightened all who approached
in faith and granted healing to all.//
Our Father Sergius, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved!
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 8 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

For our sake You were born of the Virgin
and endured crucifixion, O Good One, destroying death by death.
Revealing the Resurrection as God, do not despise the work of Your hand!
Reveal Your love for man, O Merciful One, and accept the Theotokos praying
for us,//
and save the despairing people, O our Savior!

(at the Divine Liturgy)

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Tone 3 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One,
leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;
with the Prophets and Patriarchs / /
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

Tone 8 Kontakion (*Ven. Sergius*)

Having risen from the earth today and shining like the sun,
your precious and incorrupt relics are as fragrant flowers, scented with miracles,
granting healing to all the faithful, and making glad your flock
which you wisely gathered and tended.
Now as you stand before the throne of the Trinity, entreat God's
help and grace for them and for all Orthodox Christians,
so that we may sing: "Rejoice, O divinely-wise Sergius!"

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (*Resurrection*)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
(Ps 46/47:6)

v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps 46/47:1)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (*Ven. Sergius*)

Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. (Ps 115/116:15)

Epistle

Romans 6:18-23

Galatians 5:22-6:2 (*Ven. Sergius*)

Tone 3

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps 30/31:1)

v: Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (Ps 30/31:2)

Tone 6

v. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. (Ps 111/112:1)

Gospel

Matthew 8:5-13

Luke 6:17-23 (*Ven. Sergius*)