

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24
33rd Sunday after Pentecost
Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

TONE 8

"Lord I Call..." Tone 8

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 8 *(for the Resurrection)*

We offer to You, O Christ,
our evening song and reasonable service,
for You willed to have mercy on us//
by Your Resurrection.

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

Lord, Lord, do not cast us away from Your face!
For You willed to have mercy on us//
by Your Resurrection.

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

Rejoice, O holy Zion!
Mother of the churches, the abode of God!
For you were the first to receive remission of sins//
by the Resurrection.

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

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

The Word of God the Father,
begotten before the ages,
in the latter times willed to be incarnate of the Virgin
and endured crucifixion unto death.
He has saved mortal man//
by His Resurrection.

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

Tone 5 *(for the New Martyrs)* *(Rejoice, O Life-giving Cross)*

Rejoice, new martyrs and confessors of Russia,
the adornment of the Orthodox.
lambs of the new slaughter, fellow warriors, and guardians of the faith,
Blameless intercessors for us with God in the latter years,
who in your sufferings appear as emulators of the first martyrs;
O unshakeable pillars of patient endurance//
entreat God that our souls be granted 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.

Rejoice, O glorious passion-bearers!
Following in the steps of the martyrs of old,
you contended firmly for the sake of the faith,
in the cruel and grievous times of your land.
And now you rouse all to the glory and praise of God,
Who strengthened your weaknesses and has enriched you with gifts of
the Spirit//
Ever pray for the salvation of our souls.

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

Tone 5 *(for the New Martyrs, by Bp. Athanasius of Kourovsk)*
(Rejoice, O Life-giving Cross)

O heavenly protectors,
come to us who await the visitation of your prayer,
and deliver us from danger caused by the madness of unbelievers;
for which we are often pursued like prisoners and outcasts,
moving from place to place and wandering in caves and mountains.
Have compassion, O all-praised martyrs and confessors, and grant us relief!
Pacify the storm and extinguish the hostility towards us, //
praying to God Who through you grants to our land 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 6 *(for the New Martyrs)* *(Having placed all their hope)*

O longsuffering archpastor, Father Tikhon,
in a time of terrible godless persecutions,
comforting the true children of the Church of Russia,
with courage you stood up for Christ and the Orthodox faith;
and, dying day by day for the sake of your pastoral service,
you were revealed as a steadfast confessor. //
For this, we lovingly glorify you.

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

O true shepherd, Hieromartyr Vladimir,
when lawless men compelled you to depart
from overseeing the Church of Russia,
you remained faithful in deed and word to Hierarch Tikhon.
Like a holy sacrifice from Kiev, the mother of Russian cities,
you offered yourself to God, praying for those who were slaying you. //
For this, we willingly glorify you.

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

O Hieromartyr Benjamin,
as a true son of Christ's Church,
and having heartfelt zeal for her welfare,
you bravely took your stand against the false shepherds
who were striving to steal your flock,
but not fearing the threats and false testimony of those who questioned you,
you turned the judgment back upon the head of those who tested you;
and then, by your death, you strengthened Orthodoxy.//
For this, we willingly glorify you.

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

Tone 5 *(for the New Martyrs)*

O most high Master, glorified and worshipped in Trinity,
take pity on us by the acceptable prayers of Your new martyrs,
who in the presence of tyrants boldly confessed You, the One God,
and Your ineffable saving incarnation, //
from a Virgin Mother, O Son of God.

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

Tone 8 *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

The King of heaven, because of His love for man,
appeared on earth and dwelt with men.
He took flesh from the pure Virgin
and after assuming it, He came forth from her.
The Son is one: in two natures, yet one Person.
Proclaiming Him as perfect God and perfect Man,
we confess Christ our God!//
Entreat Him, O unwedded Mother, to have mercy on our souls.

Readings

Acts 4:6-32

2 Timothy 4:1-8

Hebrews 11:33-40

Aposticha

Tone 8 *(for the Resurrection)*

Descending from heaven to ascend the Cross,
the Eternal Life has come for death
to raise those who are fallen;
to enlighten those in darkness.//
O Jesus, our Savior and illuminator, glory to You!

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

We glorify Christ, who rose from the dead.
He accepted the human body and soul,
and freed both from suffering.
His most pure soul descended to hell, which He spoiled.
His holy body did not see corruption in the tomb.//
He is the Redeemer of our souls.

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

In psalms and songs we glorify Your Resurrection from the dead, O Christ.
By it, You have freed us from the tortures of hell//
and as God have granted eternal life and great mercy.

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

O Master of all, incomprehensible Creator of heaven and earth,
by Your suffering on the Cross You have gained passionlessness for me.
Accepting burial and arising in glory,
You resurrected Adam with Yourself by Your almighty hand.
Glory to Your rising on the third day!
By it You have granted us eternal life and cleansing of sins//
as the only compassionate One.

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

Tone 2 *(for the New Martyrs) (O House of Ephratha)*

O new house of Ephratha,
splendid and elect region,
O holy Russia,
guard the Orthodox faith,//
in which is your confirmation and support.

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

Tone 8 *(Theotokion; for the New Martyrs)* *(Oh, most glorious wonder)*

O marvelous wonder;
the Queen of heaven and earth,
who has been entreated by the saints of our land,
has until now sheltered the Russian land,
tenderly enriching the choir of its people.
O mighty and sovereign Lady,
cease not to pray for confirmation of the Orthodox faith in Rus' //
and to pour out wonders forever. Amen.

(at Great Vespers) **Tone 8** **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! //
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

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

Tone 4 **Troparion** *(New Martyrs)*

Today the Church of Russia forms a chorus in joy,
praising her new martyrs and confessors;
hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and
princesses,
venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians.
Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of
godless persecution,
they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood. //
By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy
till the end of the age.

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

Tone 4 **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

The mystery of all eternity,
unknown even by Angels,
through you, Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:
God incarnate by union without confusion.
He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,
by which He resurrected the first-created man, //
saving our souls from death.

(at the Divine Liturgy)

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Tone 8 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.
Eve exults in Your Resurrection,//
and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Tone 3 Kontakion *(New Martyrs)* *(Today the Virgin)*

Today the new martyrs of Rus' stand in white robes before the Lamb of God,
and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory:
"Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor,
and power, and strength be to our God//
unto the ages of ages. Amen."

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! *(Ps. 75:10a)*

V. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon *(New Martyrs)*

God is our refuge and strength, / a help in afflictions that severely befall us.
(Ps. 45:1)

Epistle

(257) Colossians 3:4-11

(99) Romans 8:28-39 *(New Martyrs)*

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps. 94:1)

V. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps. 94:2)

Tone 4

V. The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their troubles. (Ps. 33:17)

Gospel

(93) Luke 18:35-43

(105-106) Luke 21:8-19 *(New Martyrs)*

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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