

MARCH 6

Memorial Saturday - Saturday of Meatfare

"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. (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!

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

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

Tone 5 *(for the Martyrs, from the Octoechos 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 8 *(from the Lenten Triodion)* *(The Paradise in Eden)*

O faithful, let us keep the memory of all those fallen asleep,
who lived in righteousness in every age, each one by name!
Let us fervently pray to the Lord our Savior:
“On the Day of Judgment may they answer well for themselves,
when they stand before our God, Who comes to judge the earth!
May they take their place at His right hand with joy!
May they dwell in glory with the righteous and the saints, //
and be found worthy of the heavenly Kingdom!”

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

O Savior, You ransomed us with Your own blood.
By Your own death You delivered us from bitter death.
By Your own Resurrection we are granted eternal life.
Grant eternal rest, O Lord, to all the righteous departed,
who sleep in the wilderness or in the cities,
on land or in the sea, in every place,
to kings, bishops, priests and monastics,
to lay people of every race and station in life! //
Make them all worthy of Your heavenly Kingdom!

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

O Christ, because of Your Resurrection from the dead,
death has no more power over those who sleep in faith.
May we rest in the heavenly mansions, in the bosom of Abraham,
together with all Your faithful servants:
all who have worshipped You in purity of heart
from the days of Adam to this present time,
our fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters,
all our relatives and our friends,
everyone who has passed through this life in faith.//
Make us all worthy of Your heavenly Kingdom!

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

Tone 8 *(for the Departed, by St. John of Damascus)*

I weep and I lament when I contemplate death,
and see our beauty, fashioned in God's image,
laid in the grave without form or honor or glory.
Oh, great mystery!
What is this fearful end awaiting us?
Why have we been handed over to corruption?
Why have we been wedded to death?
Truly, as it is written, this is ordained by God,//
Who grants rest to the departed!

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!

Instead of the Prokeimenon of the Day, we sing "Alleluia"

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken, O Lord. *(Ps. 64:4a)*

V. Their memory is from generation to generation. *(Ps. 101:12b)*

Aposticha

Tone 5 *(for the Martyrs, from the Octoechos in the Tone of the week)*

Intercede for us, O holy martyrs,
so that we may be delivered from our sins, //
for to you is given grace to pray for us.

V. *Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken, O Lord. (Ps. 64:4a)*

With souls filled with boundless love, O holy martyrs,
you endured terrible sufferings without ever denying Christ,
laying low the arrogance of those who tortured you.
By keeping the faith unshaken and whole,
you have been lifted up to heaven,
and now you have boldness before Him.
Entreat Him to grant peace to the world //
and to our souls great mercy!

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Tone 5 *(for the Departed, by St. John of Damascus)*

I remembered the Prophet who cried out:
"I am earth and ashes."
And again I looked into the graves
and beheld the bones laid bare.
And I said, "Who then is the king or warrior,
rich man or the poor,
righteous or the sinner?" //
Yet give rest with the righteous, O Lord, to Your servants.

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

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

Your creating command was my origin and foundation,
for You willed to fashion me as a living creature
from natures visible and invisible.
You made my body from the earth
and gave me a soul by Your divine and life-creating breath.
Therefore, O Savior, grant rest to Your departed 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)*

By the prayers of her who bore You, O Christ,
and of Your martyrs, apostles and prophets,
of the holy hierarchs, the venerable and righteous ones,
and of all Your saints,//
give rest to Your servants who have fallen asleep.

(at Vespers)

Tone 8 **Troparion** *(Departed)*

Only Creator, with wisdom profound, You mercifully order all things,
and You give that which is useful to all men.
Give rest, O Lord, to the souls of Your servants who have fallen asleep,//
for they have placed their trust in You, our Maker and Fashioner, and our God!

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

(at the Divine Liturgy)

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Tone 8 Kontakion *(Departed)*

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!

Tone 8 Theotokion

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and an intercessor well-pleasing to God, Whom you have borne, //
O Virgin Theotokos, the salvation of the faithful.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon *(Departed)*

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

V. To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust, let me not be put to shame. (Ps. 24:1-2a)

Epistle (146) 1 Corinthians 10:23-28
 (270) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 *(Departed)*

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Gospel (105) Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36
 (16) John 5:24-30 *(Departed)*

Communion Hymn

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