

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23
31st Sunday after Pentecost
Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

TONE 6

"Lord I Call..." Tone 6

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 6 *(for the Resurrection)*

Possessing victory over hell, O Christ,
since You are free among the dead,
You ascended the Cross
raising with Yourself those who sat in the shades of death.//
Drawing life from Your light, O almighty Savior, have mercy on us!

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

Today Christ tramples on death,
for He is risen as He said!
Let us all sing this song,
for He has granted joy to the world:
O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life!//
O Savior almighty, have mercy on us!

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

Where shall we sinners flee from You, Who are in all creation?
In heaven You dwell!
In hell You trampled on death!
In the depths of the sea?
Even there is Your hand, O Master!
To You we flee, and falling before You, we pray://
O You Who rose from the dead, have mercy on us!

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

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

In Your Cross, we glory, O Christ.
We sing and glorify Your Resurrection.
For You are our God, //
and we know no other than You.

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

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 Thy Name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy 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 otcasts,
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 6 *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin?
Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing?
The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,
but from you 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!

Readings

Acts 4:6-32

2 Timothy 4:1-8

Hebrews 11:33-40

Aposticha

Tone 6 *(for the Resurrection)*

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,
the Angels in heaven sing!
Enable us on earth//
to glorify You in purity of heart!

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

Destroying the gates of hell,
breaking the chains of death,
You resurrected the fallen human race as almighty God!//
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You!

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

Desiring to return us to Paradise,
Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb.
The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, crying,
“Woe to us, O Savior!
How do You deign to descend to death?
What place can hold Your life bearing body?
Come to us as You promised!
Take away our wailing and tears!”
Then the Angel appeared to them:
“Stop your lamentations!
Go, proclaim to the Apostles:
‘The Lord is risen,//
granting us purification and great mercy!’”

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

Having been crucified as You willed,
by Your burial You captured death, O Christ,
rising on the third day as God in glory,//
granting the world unending life and great mercy!

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 6 **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You captured hell, not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, //
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 6 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race. //
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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 6 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

V. To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon *(New Martyrs)*

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

Epistle

(280-ctr) 1 Timothy 1:15-17

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

Tone 6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps. 90:1)

V. He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust." (Ps. 90:2)

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!
