

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

TONE 7

32nd Sunday after Pentecost

Synaxis of the Three Great Ecumenical Teachers and Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom

"Lord I Call..." Tone 7

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

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 7 *(for the Resurrection)*

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord,

Who destroyed the dominion of death!

Let us sing to Him with the bodiless hosts,

for He enlightened the race of man!//

O our Maker and Savior, glory to You!

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

You endured the Cross and burial for our sake.

By Your death, You destroyed death as God.

We fall down before Your Resurrection on the third day,//

O Savior, glory to You!

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

When the Apostles beheld the Resurrection of the Maker,

they were amazed and sang the angelic praise.

This is the glory of the Church.

This is the richness of the Kingdom.//

O Lord, crucified for our sake, glory to You!

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

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

You were held by lawless men, O Christ,
but to me, You are God, and I am not ashamed.
You were smitten on the cheek, but I do not deny You.
You were nailed to the Cross and I do not conceal it,
for I glory in Your Resurrection: Your death is my life.//
O Almighty Lord and Lover of man, glory to You!

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

Tone 4 *(for the Three Hierarchs) (As one valiant among martyrs)*

Let us worthily honor the instruments of grace:
John, Basil, and Gregory,
the harps of the Spirit, the resounding trumpets of preaching,
awesome and clear in tone,//
thundering from the heights to declare the glory of God to the ends of the earth!

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.

Let us worthily honor the three champions:
the bulwarks of devotion,
the three apostles added to the twelve,
rivers overflowing with living water from Eden,
flooding the face of the earth with life-bearing and divine streams!//
They have formed the faith, as the elements form creation.

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

It is said: "There is no speech, nor are there words
that are not heard in their voices";
for the proclamation of the godly and wise teachers
has gone out through all the earth and the sea of creation.
Therefore, through their divine precepts, great things are gathered and
assembled//
into one true doctrine for the ends of the earth.

v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Let us who follow their teachings
praise the instruments of the Holy Spirit with hymns;
they are the trumpets of truth, the words of orators!
Let us entreat them, for they are bold before the Lord,
that He may always grant forgiveness to all of us, //
and great peace to the whole world!

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

Tone 2 *(for the Three Hierarchs) (With what crowns)*

With what wreaths of praise
shall we crown the teachers?
In separate bodies, they were united in spirit:
God-bearing intercessors, equal in number to the Trinity,
ministers and lights who illumine the universe,
pillars of the Church, whom Christ, our merciful God, //
crowns with wreaths of victorious glory.

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

With what beautiful hymns
shall we crown the God-bearing and heavenly initiates?
Preachers of the mysteries,
leading theologians of the Orthodox Faith:
Basil, manifest in holiness,
Gregory, godly and divinely inspired,
John of the golden tongue, //
whom the Trinity, the greatly merciful Lord, has fittingly glorified.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 6 *(for the Three Hierarchs)*

Today let us praise the mystical trumpets of the Spirit,
the God-bearing Fathers,
who stand in the midst of the Church, singing true theology,
praising the changeless Trinity!
They laid low the errors of Arius
and upheld the Orthodox Faith. //
They always entreat the Lord to have mercy on our souls.

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

Tone 7 *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

No tongue can speak of your wonderful childbearing,
for the order of nature was overruled by God.
You were revealed to be a Mother above nature,
for you remained a Virgin beyond reason and understanding.
Your conception was most glorious, O Theotokos!
The manner of your giving birth was ineffable, O Virgin!
Knowing you to be the Mother of God,
devoutly we pray to you://
“Beseech Him to save our souls!”

Old Testament Readings *(Three Hierarchs)*

Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17

Deuteronomy 10:14-21

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

Litya

Tone 2 *(for the Three Hierarchs, by Nilus of Xanthopoulos)*

Come, O worshippers of the heavenly Trinity,
let us praise the earthly trinity of the divine hierarchs:
Gregory, the namesake of theology,
Basil, who bears the name of the Kingdom,
and John, truly named after grace!
They are the depths of wisdom,
the ocean currents of the Spirit,
fountains ever gushing forth cascades of living water,
lustrous pearls, luminaries on earth, rudders of the Church,
trees bearing magnificent fruit, stewards of grace,
mouthpiece of my Christ, and champions of the Trinity,
from Whom they are illumined without mediation://
and they ceaselessly intercede for our souls.

Let us, who have been enlightened through them,
faithfully praise the coals kindled from the unbearable Fire!
For, blazing in union with It, they became luminaries for the world,
being a vital strength for the poor,
by preaching and extolling in true piety the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
Let us also say to them://
“Rejoice, O godly-wise trinity of the Trinity!”

Tone 6 *(for the Three Hierarchs)*

Let us faithfully acclaim David's threefold sling,
Solomon's scarlet cord, the Word's three-stranded lash,
The wise hierarchs: Basil the Great, divine Gregory, and John Chrysostom;
for, having laid low the spiritual Goliath with the high Cornerstone,
they led the Faith to oneness,
enclosing it by the crimson blood of Christ.
By their teachings they drove away from the folds of Christ's divine flock
the leaders of heresies,
those peddlers who argued over divine truths.
Even now they still confirm the faith//
and intercede with the Lord that He have mercy on our souls.

Tone 8 *(for the Three Hierarchs)*

The grace of God has appeared to all men,
educating us through the three teachers,
that, adorning our ways and improving our manner of life,
we might be illumined in mind by the brightness of divine knowledge.
Therefore we cry: "O Holy Trinity, O Lord of all,
by the prayers of Your three Pastors,
preserve Your flock in peace, in safety, and free of anguish,//
and save us, for You are the Lover of man!"

Tone 6 *(for the Three Hierarchs)*

O Trinity, holy and worthy of adoration,
glory to Your wise providence!
For, from among men, You have granted men three great luminaries,
who shine with the light of Your perfect knowledge,
spreading the radiance of Your saving and holy will.
Through them, the inhabited earth is enriched with the light of knowledge,
seeing Your glory clearly;
and it eagerly seeks Your blessed Kingdom,
urging us to be obedient to their divine teachings.
Do You Yourself, as the all-merciful God,
heed their prayers on our behalf,//
and save our souls, O Lover of man!

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

Tone 6 *(for the Three Hierarchs)*

Having assembled together, O lovers of the feasts,
let us praise with song the hierarchs of Christ and fame of the Fathers,
the towers of the Faith and teachers and guardians of the faithful!
Let us say: "Rejoice, most wise Basil, luminary and immovable pillar of the
Church!
Rejoice, Gregory the Theologian, heavenly mind and greatest high priest!
Rejoice, John, of golden words, brilliant and distinguished preacher of
repentance!"
Wherefore, O thrice-blessed Fathers,
cease not always to intercede with Christ//
for us who with faith and love celebrate your all-sacred and divine feast.
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 6 *(Theotokion)*

Having assembled together, O lovers of the feasts,
let us praise with song the beauty of virgins
the joy of the heavenly Hosts,
the only Theotokos and unbreakable wall,
defending the Faithful on every side:
and let us say: "Rejoice, O pure Virgin Mother,
gold-gleaming lampstand and heavenly gate!
Rejoice, O undefiled tabernacle of sanctification,
who contained God in your womb!
Rejoice, you who are incomparably higher than all the heavenly hosts!
Therefore, O Lady and Mother who did not know man,
cease not to protect your servants
who ever sing your praises with faith and love,//
and who venerate your birthgiving without seed!"

Aposticha

Tone 7 *(for the Resurrection)*

As the Savior of the world You arose from the tomb.
As God You resurrected the race of man with Your flesh.//
O Lord, glory to You!

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

Come, let us worship the One Who rose from the dead,
and enlightened all creation!
By His death, He saved us from the torments of hell.//
By His Resurrection He has granted us eternal life and great mercy.

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

You descended into hell, capturing death, O Christ.
In three days You arose again,
resurrecting us who glorify Your Resurrection,//
O Lord and Lover of man.

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

When You were placed in the tomb as one asleep,
the sight was great and awesome.
But when You rose on the third day as almighty God,
You resurrected Adam with Yourself.//
Glory to Your Resurrection, only Lover of man!

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

Tone 2 *(for the Three Hierarchs)*

Today, the souls of mortals are raised up from earthly things.
Today, on the saints' memorial, they become heavenly.
The gates of heaven are opened,
and the words of the Master are spoken to us.
Words proclaim the Word, and tongues sing hymns to His wonders.
We cry ot to the Savior:
"Glory to You, O Christ our God, //
for through them peace has been given to the faithful!"

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

Tone 2 *(for the Forefeast of the Meeting of the Lord)*

Today Christ is carried in the sanctuary as an Infant;
today He Who gave the Law to Moses becomes subject to the Law.
The armies of angels wondered,
seeing Him Who holds all things carried in the arms of an elderly man.
Filled with reverence, Simeon cried out, rejoicing:
"O Savior, now let me depart from this fleeting life to a rest that grows not
old,//
for I have seen You, and I rejoice!"

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

By Your Cross You destroyed death.
To the thief You opened Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that You are risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

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

Tone 4 Troparion *(Three Hierarchs)*

As sharers of the Apostles' life and character
and teachers of the universe,
intercede with the Master of all
to grant peace to the world,//
and great mercy to our souls!

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 1 Troparion *(Three Hierarchs)*

Let us who love their words come together with hymns,
and honor the three great torch-bearers of the ^triune Godhead:
Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom!
These men have enlightened the world with the rays of their divine doctrines.
They are sweetly flowing rivers ^of wisdom,
and have filled all creation with springs of heavenly knowledge.
They ceaselessly intercede for us//
before the Holy Trinity.

Tone 4 Troparion *(Three Hierarchs)*

As sharers of the Apostles' life and character
and teachers of the universe,
intercede with the Master of all
to grant peace to the world,//
and great mercy to our souls!

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:
"The Savior has come to those in faith;//
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Three Hierarchs)*

O Lord, You have taken up to eternal rest
and to the enjoyment of Your blessings
the divinely-inspired heralds, the greatest of Your teachers,
for You have accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet-smelling sacrifice,//
for You alone are glorified in Your saints.

Tone 7 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His people with peace. *(Ps. 28:11)*

V. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(Three Hierarchs)*

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe. *(Ps. 18:4)*

Epistle

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

(334) Hebrews 13:7-16 *(Three Hierarchs)*

Tone 7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. (Ps. 91:1)

V. To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. (Ps. 91:2a)

Tone 1

V. The heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints. (Ps. 88:5)

Gospel

(62) Matthew 15:21-28

(11) Matthew 5:14-19 *(Three Hierarchs)*

Communion Hymn

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

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. *(Ps. 18:4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!