

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22  
32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

TONE 7

"Lord I Call..." Tone 7

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 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 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 Kovrovsk)*  
*(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 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!”

**Readings**

**Acts 4:6-32**

**2 Timothy 4:1-8**

**Hebrews 11:33-40**

**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 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 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    *(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 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 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 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 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 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 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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