

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
34th Sunday after Pentecost
Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

STONE 1

"Lord I Call..." Tone 1

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 1 *(for the Resurrection)*

Accept our evening prayers, O holy Lord!
Grant us remission of sins,//
for You alone have manifested the Resurrection to the world.

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

Encircle Zion
and surround her, O people!
Give glory in her to the One Who rose from the dead!
For He is our God,//
Who has delivered us from our transgressions!

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

Come, O people,
let us hymn and fall down before Christ,
glorifying His Resurrection from the dead!
For He is our God,//
Who has delivered the world from the Enemy's deceit!

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

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

Be glad, O heavens!
Sound trumpets, O foundations of the earth!
Sing in gladness, O mountains!
Behold Emmanuel has nailed our sins to the Cross!
Granting life, He has slain death.//
He has resurrected Adam as the Lover of man.

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.

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 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 1 *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

Let us praise the Virgin Mary!
The gate of heaven, the glory of the world!
The song of the angels, the beauty of the faithful!
She was born of man, yet gave birth to God!
She was revealed as the heaven, as the temple of the Godhead!
She destroyed the wall of enmity!
She commenced the peace; she opened the Kingdom!
Since she is our foundation of faith,
our defender is the Lord Whom she bore!
Courage! Courage! O People of God!
For Christ will destroy our enemies//
since He is all powerful.

Readings

Acts 4:6-32

2 Timothy 4:1-8

Hebrews 11:33-40

Aposticha

Tone 1 *(for the Resurrection)*

We have been freed from sufferings
by Your suffering, O Christ.
We have been delivered from corruption
by Your Resurrection.//
O Lord, glory to You!

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

Let creation rejoice!
Let the heavens be glad!
Let the nations clap their hands with gladness,
for Christ our Savior has nailed our sins to the Cross.
Slaying death, He has given life.//
He has resurrected fallen Adam as the Lover of man.

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

As King of heaven and earth,
You were voluntarily crucified in Your love for man.
Hell was angered when it met You below.
Adam rose seeing You, the Creator, under the earth.
O wonder! How has the Life of all tasted death?
You enlightened the world which cries://
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You!

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

The myrrhbearing women came with haste to Your tomb,
bearing myrrh and lamenting.
Not finding Your most pure body,
they learned from the angel of the new and glorious wonder.
They told the Apostles://
“The Lord is risen, granting the world 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 1 **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,
You rose on the third day, O Savior,
granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:
"Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Your Kingdom!//
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!"

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 1 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory,
raising the world with Yourself.
Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished.
Adam exults, O Master!
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You://
“You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

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 1 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on You! *(Ps. 32:22)*

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

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 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

V. God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps. 17:48)

V. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps. 17:51)

Tone 4

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

Gospel

(92) Matthew 22:35-46

(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!