

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

TONE 3

Meatfare Sunday – Sunday of the Last Judgment

“Lord I Call...” Tone 3

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.

Reader reads the rest of Psalm 140 and Psalm 141 on pgs 31 & 32 in the pew book, then:
STICHERA

v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your Name! Tone 3

By Your Cross, O Christ our Savior,
death's dominion has been shattered;
the devil's delusion destroyed.
The race of man, being saved by faith,//
always offers You a song.

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

All has been enlightened by Your Resurrection, O Lord.
Paradise has been opened again.
All creation, praising You,//
always offers You a song.

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

I glorify the power of the Father and the Son.
I praise the authority of the Holy Spirit:
the undivided, uncreated Godhead,//
the consubstantial Trinity which reigns forever.

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

We bow down in worship before Your precious Cross, O Christ,
and we glorify and praise Your Resurrection,//
for by Your wounds we have all been healed.

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

We praise the Savior incarnate of the Virgin,
for He was crucified for our sake and resurrected on the third day,//
granting us 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.

Christ descended to hell proclaiming the glad tidings:

“Behold! Now I have triumphed!

I am the Resurrection, I will lead you out, //

for I have shattered the gates of death!”

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

Tone 6 (from the *Lenten Triodion*) (Having placed all their hope)

When You will come, O righteous Judge, / To execute just judgement / Seated on Your throne of glory, / A river of fire / Will draw all men amazed before Your judgement seat; / The powers of heaven will stand beside You, / And in fear mankind will be judged / According to the deeds that each has done. / Then spare us, Christ, in Your compassion, / With faith we entreat You, / And count us worthy // Of Your blessings with those that are saved.

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

The books will be opened / And the acts of men will be revealed / Before the unbearable judgement seat; / And the whole vale of sorrow shall echo / With the fearful sound of lamentation / As all the sinners, weeping in vain, / Are sent by Your just judgement / To everlasting torment. / Therefore we beseech You, / O compassionate and loving Lord: / Spare us who sing Your praise, // For You alone are rich in mercy.

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

The trumpets shall sound / and the tombs shall be emptied, / and all mankind in trembling shall be raised. / Those that have done good shall rejoice in gladness, / Awaiting their reward; / Those that have sinned shall tremble and bitterly lament, / As they are sent to punishment / and parted from the chosen. / O Lord of Glory, / Take pity on us in Your goodness, / And count us worthy // Of a place with them that have loved You.

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

I lament and weep when I think of the eternal fire, / The outer darkness / And the nether world, / The dread worm and the gnashing of teeth, / And the unceasing anguish / That shall befall those / Who have sinned without measure, / By their wickedness arousing You to anger, / O Supreme in love. / Among them in my misery I am first; // But, O Judge compassionate, in Your mercy save me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; Tone 8 (from the Lenten Triodion)

When the thrones are set in place and the books are opened, / then God will take His place on the judgment seat. / Oh, what a fearful sight! / The angels stand in fear, and the river of fire flows by. / What shall we do, who are already condemned by our many sins, / as we hear Christ call the righteous to His Father's Kingdom, / and send the wicked to eternal damnation? / Who among us can bear that terrible verdict? / Hasten to us, O Lover of man and King of the universe; / grant us the grace of repentance before the end, // and have mercy on us!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Tone 3 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

How can we not wonder
at your mystical childbearing, O exalted Mother?
For without receiving the touch of man,
you gave birth to a Son in the flesh, O immaculate Virgin.
The Son born of the Father before eternity
was born of you at the fullness of time, O honored Lady.
He underwent no mingling, no change, no division,
but preserved the fullness of each nature.
Entreat Him, O Lady and Virgin and Mother,
to save the souls of those who, in the Orthodox manner, confess you//
to be the Theotokos.

APOSTICHA

Tone 3 The sun was darkened by Your Passion, O Christ,
but all creation was enlightened by the light of Your Resurrection.//
Accept our evening song, O Lover of man!

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

Your life-bearing Resurrection, O Lord,
enlightened the whole universe, recalling Your creation.
Delivered from Adam's curse, we sing://
O Almighty Lord, glory to You!

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

You are the changeless God,
Who, suffering in the flesh, were changed.
Creation could not endure seeing You on the Cross.
It was filled with fear while praising Your patience.
By descending to hell and rising on the third day,//
You have granted to the world life and great mercy.

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

You endured death, O Christ,
to deliver the race of men from death.
You rose from the dead on the third day,
raising with Yourself those who knew You as God//
and enlightening the world. Glory to You!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; Tone 8 (from the Lenten Triodion)

Woe, to you, O my darkened soul!

Your life is stained by depravity and laziness;
your folly makes you shun all thought of death.

How complacent you remain!

How can you flee the awesome thought of Judgment Day?

When will you change your way of life?

On that day your sins will rise against you.

What will your answer be then?

Your acts will condemn you; your deeds will expose you.

The time is at hand, O my soul.

Turn to the good and loving Savior!

Beg Him to forgive your malice and weakness, as you cry in faith:

“I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned against You,

but I know Your love for all mankind.//

O good Shepherd, call me to enjoy Your lasting presence on Your right hand!”

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Tone 8 (Theotokion)

O unwedded Virgin,

who ineffably conceived God in the flesh,

O Mother of God most high,

accept the cries of your servants, O blameless One!

Grant cleansing of transgressions to all!//

Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!

TROPARIA

Tone 3 Let the heavens rejoice!

Let the earth be glad!

For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.

He has trampled down death by death.

He has become the first born of the dead.

He has delivered us from the depths of hell,

and has granted to the world//

great mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 3 We praise you as the mediatrix of our salvation,

O Virgin Theotokos.

For your Son, our God, Who took flesh from you,

accepted the Passion on the Cross,//

delivering us from corruption as the Lover of Man.