

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022

TONE 8

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Afterfeast of the Meeting / St. Bucleus, Bishop of Smyrna

**STICHERA**

*V. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your Name! **Tone 8***

We offer to You, O Christ,  
our evening song and reasonable service,  
for You willed to have mercy on us//  
by Your Resurrection.

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

Lord, Lord, do not cast us away from Your face!  
For You willed to have mercy on us//  
by Your Resurrection.

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

Rejoice, O holy Zion:  
Mother of the churches, the abode of God,  
for you were the first to receive remission of sins//  
by the Resurrection.

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

The Word of God the Father,  
begotten before the ages,  
in the latter times willed to be incarnate of the Virgin  
and endured crucifixion unto death.  
He has saved mortal man//  
by His Resurrection.

*V. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You. **Tone 1 (for the Feast) (Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)***

Our Redeemer, the Creator of all,  
is carried to the Temple by His Virgin Mother.  
The Elder received Him, crying out with joy:  
"Now set free Your servant in peace//  
according to Your word, O Good One!"

*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.*

Simeon received in his arms from the Virgin  
our Savior, begotten before all ages.  
He cried: "Behold, the ends of the earth are enlightened by Your glory!  
"Now set free Your servant in peace//  
for I have seen You, O Good One!"

*V. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*  
Holding in his arms the Savior,  
Who was born in these latter times for the salvation of us mortals,  
Simeon rejoiced and cried aloud:  
"I have seen the light of the Gentiles and the glory of Israel.  
Lord, now set free Your servant in peace, //  
as You have commanded!"

*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 St. Bucolus) (On the third day)*  
Shining with the light of deifying virtues,  
O most holy Father,  
you were mystically placed as a light in the lampstand of the divine Church, //  
illuminating it with your sacred teachings.

*V. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*  
The Holy Spirit has sanctified you, O most holy Bucolus,  
and through you bestows sanctification, enlightenment, and redemption  
on those who approach you in faith, //  
O God-bearing Father.

*V. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*  
Preaching the supreme goodness of our God, O wise father,  
you generously bestowed grace upon embittered people,  
leading them to the Savior, //  
as a most holy priest.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; **Tone 5***  
Search the Scriptures, just as Christ our God said in the Gospels!  
For in them we find Him being brought forth and wrapped in swaddling clothes,  
laid in a manger, and nourished with milk,  
receiving circumcision and held by Simeon,  
neither in fancy nor in fantasy  
but in truth appearing to the world.  
Let us cry aloud to Him: //  
"O pre-eternal God, glory to You!"

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Tone 8** (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*  
The King of heaven, because of His love for man,  
appeared on earth and dwelt with men.  
He took flesh from the pure Virgin  
and after assuming it, He came forth from her.  
The Son is one: in two natures, yet one Person.  
Proclaiming Him as perfect God and perfect Man,  
we confess Christ our God! //  
Entreat Him, O unwedded Mother, to have mercy on our souls.

## APOSTICHA

**Tone 8** Descending from heaven to ascend the Cross,  
the eternal Life has come for death  
to raise those who are fallen;  
to enlighten those in darkness.//  
O Jesus, our Savior and illuminator, glory to You!

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

We glorify Christ, who rose from the dead.  
He accepted the human body and soul,  
and freed both from suffering.  
His most pure soul descended to hell, which He spoiled.  
His holy body did not see corruption in the tomb.//  
He is the Redeemer of our souls.

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

In psalms and songs we glorify Your Resurrection from the dead, O Christ.  
By it, You have freed us from the tortures of hell//  
and as God have granted eternal life and great mercy.

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

O Master of all, incomprehensible Creator of heaven and earth,  
by Your suffering on the Cross You have gained passionlessness for me.  
Accepting burial and arising in glory,  
You resurrected Adam with Yourself by Your almighty hand.  
Glory to Your rising on the third day!  
By it You have granted us eternal life and cleansing of sins//  
as the only compassionate One.

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

**Tone 5** The Ancient of Days, as a Child in the flesh,  
is brought by His Mother the Virgin into the Holy Temple,  
fulfilling the promise announced by His own Law.

Receiving Him, Simeon said:

“Now set free Your servant in peace, according to Your word,//  
for my eyes have seen Your salvation, O Lord!”

## TROPARIA

**Tone 8** You descended from on high, O Merciful One!  
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//  
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Tone 4 Troparion (St. Bucolus)*

You shone with the rays of virtue  
received from him who leaned on the Master's breast.  
Resplendent, God-inspired hierarch,  
you led your flock to the pastures of truth.//  
Entreat Christ our God for those who honor you, Father Bucolus!

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Tone 1*

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!  
From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God,  
enlightening those who sat in darkness.  
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,  
you accepted in your arms the ^Redeemer of our souls,//  
Who grants us the Resurrection!