

MARCH 29, 2025

Fourth Saturday of Great Lent - Memorial Saturday/ Hieromartyr Mark, Bishop of Arethusa
Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (sung on Friday, March 28, 2025)

"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!

Reader reads the rest of Psalm 140 and Psalm 141 in the pew book, then STICHERA:

v. (10) *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your Name! Tone 7*

My soul's nobility has been enslaved to passions. / Like a beast, I cannot lift up my eyes to You, O Most High. / But bowing down, O Christ, I pray like the Publican and cry:// "Have mercy on me, O God, and save me!"

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

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v. (8) *Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Tone 6*

Walking in the steps of Christ's sufferings, / the whole company of martyrs resolutely approached their many struggles, / and proclaimed Him as God before the ungodly torturers and lawless kings;/ and they endured many torments / in the hope of obtaining the glories of heaven. / Seeing them now, they rejoice, / and with all the choirs of the bodiless hosts, // they stand in the presence of the Lord.

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

Your martyrs, O Lord, / did not deny You, / nor did they forsake Your commandments. // By their intercessions, have mercy on us!

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

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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. Your victorious Martyrs, when they contended on this earth, / endured great torments; / but now they dwell in heaven and have received a perfect crown, // that they may offer intercession for our souls.*

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

Tone 8 O Mark, venerable and holy martyred hierarch,
you were radiant with the sacred light of the priesthood;
you shone also with the unfading brightness of martyrdom.
Now you have passed over to the never-fading Light
in which the choir of martyrs rejoice;
where the ranks of angels join in song!
With them, O blessed and God-pleasing one, //
keep us ever in remembrance!

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

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

O Cyril, athlete and martyr,
you were revealed to be a servant of God.
You ministered to Christ, O divinely-blessed one,
and were yourself sacrificed
as a whole burnt offering on the altar of God.
You have received the treasured inheritance,
ever dwelling with the splendors of the saints, //
in holiness of calling and deed.

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

O all-praised martyrs of Christ,
you received the prize of victory.
With the dew of divine grace, you passed without harm through the furnace of torments.
It was given you to dwell by still waters.
Therefore, O holy ones, we rejoice today, //
glorifying Christ as we celebrate your memory in faith.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; Tone 6

Your creating command was my origin and my foundation. / For You willed to fashion me as a
living creature / from natures visible and invisible: / You made my body from the earth / and gave
me a soul by Your divine and life-creating breath. / Therefore, O Savior, grant rest to Your servants
in the land of the living, // in the mansions of the righteous!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Tone 6

Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin? / Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing? / The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father, / but from you He was ineffably incarnate. / God by nature, yet Man for our sake, / not two persons, but one known in two natures. / Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady, // to have mercy on our souls!

Then Page 22:

Deacon: Wisdom! Upright!

Choir: O Gladsome Light...

1st Reading—Genesis 12:1-7

Deacon: Let us attend!

Priest: Peace to all!

Choir: And to your spirit!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The prokeimenon in the fourth tone: You who shepherd Israel be attentive, who guide Joseph like a sheep. (*Ps 79:1*)

Chanter: You who shepherd Israel be attentive, who guide Joseph like a sheep.

Reader: You who sit upon the cherubim appear. (*Ps 79:2*)

Chanter: You who shepherd Israel be attentive, who guide Joseph like a sheep.

Reader: You who shepherd Israel be attentive,

Chanter: who guide Joseph like a sheep.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading is from Genesis (12:1-7)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, and you will be blessed. I will bless those who bless you, and those who curse you I will curse; and in you all the tribes of the earth will be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord God had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Charan. And Abram took Sara his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions which they had gathered, and every person that they had gathered in Charan; and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. And Abram journeyed through the length of the land to the place at Shechem, to the high oak. At that time the Canaanites inhabited the land. And the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'To your descendants I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The prokeimenon in the fourth tone: Rejoice to God our helper! *(Ps. 80:1a)*

Chanter: Rejoice to God our helper!

Reader: Take a psalm and give a timbrel. *(Ps 80:2)*

Chanter: Rejoice to God our helper!

Reader: Rejoice to God

Chanter: our helper!

EVERYONE KNEELS.

Deacon: Command!

Priest: Wisdom! Upright! The Light of Christ illumines all!

Reader: The reading is from Proverbs. **(2nd Reading – Proverbs 14:15-26)**

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: The simple believes every word, but the prudent goes to repentance. The wise fears and has turned away from evil, but the fool trusting in himself mixes with the ungodly. A person of quick temper acts thoughtlessly, but a prudent one bears many things. Fools will have wickedness as their portion, but the prudent will take hold of understanding. The evil will bow before the good, the impious will serve at the gates of the just. Friends will hate poor friends, but the rich has many friends. One who dishonours paupers commits sin, but one who has mercy on the poor is blessed. Those who go astray devise evils, but the good devise mercy and truth. Devisers of evils do not know mercy, but acts of mercy and faithfulness are with the devisers of good. With everyone who cares there is abundance, but the pleasure seeker and the callous will be in want. The crown of the wise is their wealth, but occupation of fools is wicked. A faithful witness will deliver a soul from evils, but a trickster kindles lies. In the fear of the Lord is hope of strength, while he leaves to his children a support of peace.

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