

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

TONE 5

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (7<sup>th</sup> of Luke) / Martyrs Onesiphorus and Porphyrius of Ephesus/  
Venerable Matrona, Abbess of Constantinople

"Lord I Call..." Tone 5

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 & 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 5*

By Your precious Cross, O Christ,  
You have put the devil to shame.  
By Your Resurrection, You have blunted the sting of sin  
and saved us from the gates of death.//  
We glorify You, O only begotten One.

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

Christ was led as a sheep to the slaughter  
in order to grant Resurrection to the human race.  
The princes of hell were frightened by this,  
for the gates of sorrow were lifted.  
Christ the King of glory had entered,  
saying to those in chains: "Go forth!"//  
And to those in darkness: "Come to the light!"

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

O great wonder!  
The Creator of the invisible suffered in the flesh in His love for man  
and rose again immortal.  
Come, O sons of nations,  
let us worship Him,  
for delivered from error by His compassion,//  
we have learned to sing of one God in three Persons!

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

We offer You our evening worship,  
O never setting Light,  
Who came in these last days to the world in the flesh;  
Who even descended to hell to dispel its darkness.  
Who has revealed the light of Resurrection to the nations.//  
Glory to You, O Lord and Giver of light!

*v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You. **Tone 8 (for the Martyrs)** (Oh, most glorious wonder)*

O martyred athlete, blessed Onesiphorus,  
confessing Christ God, you suffered greatly.  
Before the evil tribunal you endured the wounds of blows,  
and the immolation of your whole body.  
Therefore you have been crowned with the wreath of victory, O all-praised one, //  
by the hand of the Creator of life.

*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.*

O martyred athlete Porphyrius,  
by the grace and power of the Spirit,  
you dyed a purple robe for yourself in the bath of your blood.  
Arrayed with this, you were revealed to be most splendid, O glorious one,  
reigning with our one God Who reigns forever. //  
Beseech Him now that we all may be saved!

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

You were truly victorious martyrs,  
slain in a sacred manner for the Life of All.  
Rejoicing, you were stretched out on a flaming grid,  
and tied to horses and dragged about.  
Thus you received a blessed end and are blessed and glorified. //  
O ever-blessed ones, pray for us without ceasing!

*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 4 (for Ven. Matrona)** (As one valiant among the martyrs)*

Nobly did you subject the uprising of the flesh to the soul  
through ascetic feats of fasting,  
and you followed Christ, O Matrona,  
living devoutly with those who fast,  
quenching the burning of pleasure with divine showers of tears, //  
kindling a fervent desire for the Creator.

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

You have built hallowed tabernacles in many souls for God's use.  
You yourself were a temple of the Spirit, O all-wise one,  
guiding souls by your spiritual purity  
to the healing struggles of fasting.  
You brought saved souls to the Master as a dowry, O Matrona. //  
Together with them we honor you in faith.

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

The maidens loved the Bridegroom and Lord,  
submitting to His teaching.  
In the spirit, they disdained the weakness of the flesh,  
struggling with diligence to restrain the passions.  
They have been led with you, O Matrona, ever rejoicing,//  
into the heavenly bridal chamber of God.

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

**Tone 5** In the Red Sea of old,  
a type of the Virgin Bride was prefigured.  
There Moses divided the waters;  
here Gabriel assisted in the miracle.  
There Israel crossed the sea without getting wet,  
here the Virgin gave birth to Christ without seed.  
After Israel's passage, the sea remained impassable;  
after Emmanuel's birth, the Virgin remained a Virgin.  
O ever-existing God Who appeared as Man,//  
O Lord, have mercy on us!

## APOSTICHA

**Tone 5** We magnify You in songs of praise,  
O incarnate Christ and Savior.  
By accepting the Cross and death for our sake,  
as the Lord and Lover of man,  
You overthrew the gates of hell,//  
and arose on the third day, saving our souls.

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

By being pierced in the side, O Lover of man,  
You have poured out drops of life and salvation for all.  
By accepting death in the flesh, You have granted us immortality.  
You have freed us by being placed in the tomb,  
and have resurrected us with Yourself in glory, as God.//  
Glory to You, O Lord and Lover of man!

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

Your crucifixion and descent into hell are awesome, O Lover of man.  
You have captured it, releasing the ancient prisoners.  
You have opened Paradise and given it to us.  
Grant us purification of sins,  
who glorify Your Resurrection on the third day!  
Make us worthy of Paradise// and save us, O Lover of man!

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

For our sake, You accepted death in the flesh,  
to rise from the dead on the third day.  
Heal us from our earthly passions,  
and restore us from our evil transgressions; //  
and save us, O Lover of man!

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

**Tone 5** O most precious Virgin,  
you are the gate, the temple,  
the palace, the throne of the King.  
From you, my Redeemer, Christ the Lord,  
appeared to those asleep in darkness.  
He is the Sun of Righteousness,  
Who desired to enlighten His image, whom He had created.  
Since you possess motherly boldness before Him, O all praised Lady, //  
pray unceasingly that our souls may be saved!

#### **TROPARIA**

**Tone 5** Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,  
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,  
born for our salvation from the Virgin;  
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,  
to endure death,  
and to raise the dead //  
by His glorious Resurrection.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, **Tone 4 Troparion (Martyrs)***  
Your holy martyrs Onesiphorus and Porphyrius, O Lord,  
through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God.  
For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,  
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. //  
Through their intercession, save our souls!

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Tone 4 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion***  
The mystery hidden from all eternity,  
unknown even by Angels,  
through you, O 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.