

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020    TONE 6    15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross/Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross/Greatmartyr Eustathius (Eustace) Placidus, his wife, Martyr Theopistes, and their children**

**STICHERA**

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

**Tone 6** Possessing victory over hell, O Christ,  
since You are free among the dead,  
You ascended the Cross  
raising with Yourself those who sat in the shades of death.//  
Drawing life from Your light, O almighty Savior, have mercy on us!

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

Today Christ tramples on death,  
for He is risen as He said!  
Let us all sing this song,  
for He has granted joy to the world:  
O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life!//  
O Savior Almighty, have mercy on us!

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

Where shall we sinners flee from You, for You are in all creation?  
In heaven You dwell!  
In hell You trampled on death!  
In the depths of the sea?  
Even there is Your hand, O Master!  
To You we flee, and falling before You, we pray://  
“As You rose from the dead, have mercy on us!”

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

In Your Cross, we glory, O Christ.  
We sing and glorify Your Resurrection.  
For You are our God,//  
and we know no other than You.

*v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You. **Tone 4 (for the Exaltation)**      (You have given a sign)*

Today Your precious Cross, O Savior Christ,  
shone forth radiantly like the sun,  
set up and exalted on the all-glorious Place of the Skull,  
on Your all-holy mountain:  
openly revealing that by it, O all-powerful One,  
You have raised our nature to the heavens,//  
for You are the Lover of man.

*v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

Today, O unapproachable One,  
the heavens declare Your glory to mankind.  
The image of the Cross, shining forth in radiance,  
with unapproachable light,  
has denounced the evil nature of God's enemies.  
Therefore, we glorify Your loving dispensation,//  
O almighty Jesus, the Savior of our souls.

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*  
Stretching forth his hands,  
Moses vanquished Amalek,  
prefiguring the image of the Cross.  
Now we, bowing down before the Tree of the Cross,  
trample the cunning plots of the enemy underfoot,  
since we have Christ as our champion,  
Who was lifted up on it in the flesh,//  
slaying the serpent and saving mankind.

*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 Greatmartyr Eustathius) (You have given a sign)*  
Your calling was from on high, and not from men, O Eustathius,  
for Christ Himself, the Lover of man, appeared to you  
and captured you in the nets of faith, O blessed one,  
He washed away your sins with your baptism and the trials of life.  
As Master, He extends patience to you,//  
showing you to be a renowned conqueror.

*v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*  
Joyfully, in your youth, O Eustathius,  
you received instruction in the virtues.  
Bereft of your children and spouse,  
you valiantly endured captivity,  
suffering humiliating slavery.  
But your courage in battle made you loving and radiant,//  
O ever-memorable saint.

*v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*  
You offered yourself to God as divine incense,  
rendered most fragrant in the fire:  
A beautiful burnt offering, an acceptable sacrifice,  
a living and perfect oblation,  
bearing fruit with all your household.  
Therefore the mansions of heaven and the armies of the saints  
have now received both you and yours,//  
O truly wondrous Eustathius.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; Tone 2*

Eustathius sets himself before us

as a second Job in his life,

in his sufferings and his struggles.

He is a model of the virtues and tower of patience,

truly surpassing Job in that virtue,

together with his spouse and his children,

faithful in life and unshaken in trials,

a victor in the midst of sufferings.

We set him forth in supplication before Christ, //

that He may grant enlightenment to our souls and cleansing for our sins.

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Tone 6 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

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!

## **APOSTICHA**

**Tone 6** Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,

the Angels in heaven sing!

Enable us on earth //

to glorify You in purity of heart!

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

Destroying the gates of hell,

breaking the chains of death,

You resurrected the fallen human race as almighty God! //

O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You!

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

Desiring to return us to Paradise,

Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb.

The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, crying,

“Woe to us, O Savior!

How do You deign to descend to death?

What place can hold Your life bearing body?

Come to us as You promised!

Take away our wailing and tears!”

Then the Angel appeared to them:

“Stop your lamentations!

Go, proclaim to the Apostles:

‘The Lord is risen, //

granting us purification and great mercy!’”

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

Having been crucified as You willed,  
by Your burial You captured death, O Christ,  
rising on the third day as God in glory,//  
granting the world unending life and great mercy!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 6** How can we fittingly praise you,  
who were adamant in your soul?  
Deprived of your wife, children and possessions,  
you transcended nature,  
uttering the blessed and ever-memorable cry of Job:  
“The Lord gave and the Lord took away.  
As the Lord willed, so has it been.”  
God, Whom you loved and Whom you fervently desired  
again gave back your most cherished ones,;  
for whom you thoughtfully cared as they suffered with you.  
Reaching the end of manifold torments with them,  
receiving them as your fellow intercessors,  
O long-suffering Eustathius,//  
pray that we may be delivered from our sins!

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Tone 6 (for the Exaltation)*

O Cross of Christ,  
hope of Christians and guide for the lost,  
haven of the storm-tossed and victory in battles,  
strength and confirmation of the world,  
physician of the sick and Resurrection of the dead;//  
have mercy on us!

## **TROPARIA**

**Tone 6** The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by  
Your grave, / seeking Your most pure body. / You captured hell, not being tempted by it. / You  
came to the Virgin, granting life. / O Lord, Who rose from the dead, // glory to You.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Tone 4*

Your holy martyr Eustáthius and his wife and sons, 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 intercessions, save  
our souls!

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Tone 1 Troparion (Exaltation)*

O Lord, save Your people / and bless Your inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox  
Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Your Cross,// preserve Your habitation!