

APRIL 25
Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark
Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (sung on Wednesday)

“Lord I Call...” Tone 5

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me. • Hear me, O Lord. • Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me. • Receive the voice of my prayer, • when I call upon Thee. • Hear me, O Lord.

Let my prayer arise • in Thy sight as incense, • and let the lifting up of my hands • be an evening sacrifice. • Hear me, O Lord.

Tone 5, Idiomelon, from the Lenten Triodion

(10) *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy Name.*

I am rich in passions; • I am wrapped in the false robe of hypocrisy. • Lacking self-restraint, I delight in self-indulgence. • I show a boundless lack of love. • I see my mind cast down before the gates of repentance, • starved of true goodness and sick with inattention. • But make me like Lazarus, who was poor in sin, • lest I receive no answer when I pray, • no finger dipped in water to relieve my burning tongue; • and make me dwell in Abraham’s bosom in Thy love for man.

(9) *The righteous will surround me, for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.*

REPEAT: I am rich in passions; • I am wrapped in the false robe of hypocrisy. • Lacking self-restraint, I delight in self-indulgence. • I show a boundless lack of love. • I see my mind cast down before the gates of repentance, • starved of true goodness and sick with inattention. • But make me like Lazarus, who was poor in sin, • lest I receive no answer when I pray, • no finger dipped in water to relieve my burning tongue; • and make me dwell in Abraham’s bosom in Thy love for man.

Tone 5, for the Martyrs

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

With souls filled with boundless love, O holy martyrs, • you endured terrible sufferings without ever denying Christ, • laying low the arrogance of those who tortured you. • By keeping the faith unshaken and whole, • you have been lifted up to heaven, • and now you have boldness before Him. • Entreat Him to grant peace to the world • and to our souls great mercy.

Tone 5, from the Triodion, by Joseph (Rejoice, O Life-giving Cross)

(7) *Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.*

When Jesus was walking in the flesh beyond the River Jordan, • He said to His companions: • “My friend Lazarus is already dead and buried, • but I rejoice for

your sake, My friends. • By his death you will learn that I know all, for I am God, • even though I appear by nature as a man. • Let us go and give life to him, • so that death may truly know My victory • and the total destruction I shall make of it, • as I grant to the world My great mercy.”

(6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

Let us imitate Mary and Martha, O faithful. • Let us offer divine deeds to the Lord as intercessors, • so that when He comes He may raise up our minds, • for now they lie dead and feel no fear of God. • They are deprived of all vital energy, • unaware of their own inaction. • Let us cry: “O Lord, Who hadst compassion on Thy friend Lazarus, • raising him up by Thy dread presence and authority, • so now give life to us all, • and grant to us Thy great mercy.”

Tone 6, from the Triodion, by Theodore

(5) For Thy Name’s sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Now Lazarus has been in the tomb for two days, • seeing the dead of all the ages, • beholding strange sights of terror: • countless multitudes bound by the chains of hell. • His sisters weep bitterly as they gaze at his tomb, • but Christ is coming to bring His friend to life, • to implement in this one man His plan for all. • Blessed art Thou, O Savior. Have mercy on us.

Tone 1, from the Menaion, for St. Mark (Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)

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

Come, O faithful, let us sing praises to Mark. • He is the wise writer of the Gospel. • The greatest of Egypt’s cities heard his inspired words. • O Apostle, by thy prayers and teachings, • guide our lives in the way of peace.

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

REPEAT: Come, O faithful, let us sing praises to Mark. • He is the wise writer of the Gospel. • The greatest of Egypt’s cities heard his inspired words. • O Apostle, by thy prayers and teachings, • guide our lives in the way of peace.

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

Thou didst become a fellow-traveler of Paul, the chosen vessel, • accompanying him through all Macedonia; • then thou didst follow Peter to Rome • and wast

welcomed as his secretary and interpreter. • But it was in Egypt, O all-wise Mark,
• that thou didst finish thy course in a manner well-pleasing to God

*(1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. •
Thou gavest life to barren souls, • watering them with the radiant stream of thy
Gospel. • Because of thee, O holy Mark, • Alexandria rejoices with us today, •
celebrating thy blessed memory.*

Tone 6, from the Menaion, for St. Mark

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Grace poured forth from thy lips, O Apostle Mark. • Thou wast a shepherd of the
Church of Christ. • Thou didst teach the sheep endowed with reason • to believe in
the consubstantial Trinity in one Godhead.

Tone 6, Theotokion – Dogmatikon

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Who will not bless thee, O most holy Virgin? • Who will not sing of thy most pure
childbearing? • The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father, • but from
thee 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.

Tone 4, Prokeimenon

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. *(Psalm 114:9)*

I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplication. *(Psalm 114:1)*

Reading from Genesis (43:26-31 [ending with: “Then he washed...”]; 45:1-16)

Tone 4, Prokeimenon

I will offer my prayers to the Lord in the presence of all His people. *(Psalm 115:5)*

I kept my faith, even when I said: “I am greatly afflicted.” *(Psalm 115:1)*

Reading from Proverbs (21:23-22:4)

Readings (St. Mark)

James 1:1-12

James 1:13-27

James 2:1-13

And the rest of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

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