

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

TONE 6

31st Sunday after Pentecost

Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

"Lord I Call..." Tone 6

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!

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

Tone 6 *(for the Resurrection)*

Possessing victory over hell, O Christ,
since Thou art free among the dead,
Thou didst ascend the Cross
raising with Thyself those who sat in the shades of death.//
Drawing life from Thy light, O almighty Savior, have mercy on us!

V. (9) *The righteous will surround me, for Thou wilt 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 Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

Where shall we sinners flee from Thee, Who art in all creation?

In heaven Thou dwellest!
In hell Thou didst trample on death!
In the depths of the sea?
Even there is Thy hand, O Master!
To Thee we flee, and falling before Thee, we pray://
O Thou Who didst rise from the dead, have mercy on us!

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

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

In Thy Cross, we glory, O Christ.
We sing and glorify Thy Resurrection.
For Thou art our God, //
and we know no other than Thee.

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

Tone 5 *(for the New Martyrs)* *(Rejoice, O Life-bearing Cross)*

Rejoice, new martyrs and confessors of Russia,
the adornment of the Orthodox.
lambs of the new slaughter, fellow warriors, and guardians of the faith,
Blameless intercessors for us with God in the latter years,
who in your sufferings appear as emulators of the first martyrs;
O unshakeable pillars of patient endurance, //
entreat God that our souls be granted great mercy.

V. (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.

Rejoice, O glorious passion-bearers!
Following in the steps of the martyrs of old,
you contended firmly for the sake of the faith,
in the cruel and grievous times of your land.
And now you rouse all to the glory and praise of God,
Who strengthened your weaknesses and has enriched you with gifts of the
Spirit. //
Ever pray for the salvation of our souls.

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

Tone 5 *(for the New Martyrs, by Bp. Athanasius of Kovrovsk)
(Rejoice, O Life-bearing Cross)*

O heavenly protectors,
come to us who await the visitation of your prayer,
and deliver us from danger caused by the madness of unbelievers;
for which we are often pursued like prisoners and outcasts,
moving from place to place and wandering in caves and mountains.
Have compassion, O all-praised martyrs and confessors, and grant us relief!
Pacify the storm and extinguish the hostility towards us, //
praying to God Who through you grants to our land great mercy.

*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 the New Martyrs) (Having placed all their hope)*

O longsuffering archpastor, Father Tikhon,
in a time of terrible godless persecutions,
comforting the true children of the Church of Russia,
with courage thou didst stand up for Christ and the Orthodox faith;
and, dying day by day for the sake of thy pastoral service,
thou wast revealed as a steadfast confessor. //
For this, we lovingly glorify thee.

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

O true shepherd, Hieromartyr Vladimir,
when lawless men compelled thee to depart
from overseeing the Church of Russia,
thou didst remain faithful in deed and word to Hierarch Tikhon.
Like a holy sacrifice from Kiev, the mother of Russian cities,
thou didst offer thyself to God, praying for those who were slaying thee. //
For this, we willingly glorify thee.

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

O Hieromartyr Benjamin,

as a true son of Christ's Church,
and having heartfelt zeal for her welfare,
thou didst bravely take thy stand against the false shepherds
who were striving to steal thy flock,
but not fearing the threats and false testimony of those who questioned thee,
thou didst turn the judgment back upon the head of those who tested thee;
and then, by thy death, thou didst strengthen Orthodoxy.//
For this, we willingly glorify thee.

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

Tone 5 *(for the New Martyrs)*

O most high Master, glorified and worshipped in Trinity,
take pity on us by the acceptable prayers of Thy new martyrs,
who in the presence of tyrants boldly confessed Thee, the One God,
and Thine ineffable saving incarnation, //
from a Virgin Mother, O Son of God.

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

Tone 6 *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

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!

Readings *(New Martyrs)*

Acts 4:6-32

2 Timothy 4:1-8

Hebrews 11:33-40

Litya

*(If the rector desires the Litya, following the sticheron to the Patron Saint of the Temple,
these stichera are sung)*

Tone 6 *(for the New Martyrs, by Bp. Athanasius of Kovrovsk)*

We are in despair because of our way of life,
and not having the habit of virtue,
we bring to Thee, O Lord, like myrrh, the prayers of the holy New Martyrs
Do not abandon ancient holy Russia;
we are now suffering severely because of our sins.
Do not despise the tears of us faithful sons
who have not bowed the knee before Ba'al,
and whom Thou hast not smitten even though we have sinned.//
Accept us in repentance, O God, by the prayers of Thy saints.

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

Tone 8 *(for the New Martyrs)*

Come, O lovers of the martyrs;
come, let us form a choir as we keep festival and glorify God
on the joyous feast of the New Martyrs of the lands of Russia.
They did not avoid the distress nor fear the prisons.
Exhausted by harsh labors, hunger and cold,
they were put to death by various torments.
Like innocent lambs they accepted death.
And now in the joy of the saints,//
they pray to the Triune God for their earthly fatherland.

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

Tone 8 *(Theotokion)*

O sovereign Lady, accept the prayers of thy servants,//
and deliver us from all necessity and sorrow!

Aposticha

Tone 6 *(for the Resurrection)*

Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,
the Angels in heaven sing!
Enable us on earth//
to glorify Thee in purity of heart!

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

Destroying the gates of hell,
breaking the chains of death,
Thou didst resurrect the fallen human race as almighty God!//
O Lord Who didst rise from the dead, glory to thee!

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 dost Thou deign to descend to death?
What place can hold Thy life bearing body?
Come to us as Thou didst promise!
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 Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

Having been crucified as Thou didst will,
by Thy burial Thou didst capture 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 2 *(for the New Martyrs)* *(O House of Ephratha)*

O new house of Ephratha,
splendid and elect region,
O holy Russia,
guard the Orthodox faith,//
in which is thy confirmation and support.

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

Tone 8 *(Theotokion; for the New Martyrs) (Oh, most glorious wonder)*

O marvelous wonder;
the Queen of heaven and earth,
who has been entreated by the saints of our land,
has until now sheltered the Russian land,
tenderly enriching the choir of its people.
O mighty and sovereign Lady,
cease not to pray for confirmation of the Orthodox faith in Rus' //
and to pour out wonders forever. Amen.

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 6 **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave,
seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, //
glory to Thee.

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

Tone 4 **Troparion** *(New Martyrs)*

Today the Church of Russia forms a chorus in joy,
praising her new martyrs and confessors;
hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and
princesses,
venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians.
Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless
persecution,
they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood. //
By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy till
the end of the age.

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

Tone 4 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

The mystery of all eternity,
unknown even by Angels,
through thee, 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.

(at Vigil)

Tone 4 Troparion to the Theotokos

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,
Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, //
for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls. *(twice)*

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persecution,
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the end of the age. *(once)*

(at the Divine Liturgy)

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Tone 6 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race. //
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 3 Kontakion *(New Martyrs)* *(Today the Virgin)*

Today the new martyrs of Rus' stand in white robes before the Lamb of God,
and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory:
"Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor,
and power, and strength be to our God //
unto the ages of ages. Amen."

Tone 6 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon *(New Martyrs)*

God is our refuge and strength, / a help in afflictions that severely befall us.
(Ps. 45:1)

Epistle

(280-ctr) 1 Timothy 1:15-17

(99) Romans 8:28-39 *(New Martyrs)*

Tone 6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. He who dwelleth in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps. 90:1)

V. He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust." (Ps. 90:2)

Tone 4

V. The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their troubles. (Ps. 33:17)

Gospel

(62) Matthew 15:21-28 *(Canaanite Woman)*

(105-106) Luke 21:8-19 *(New Martyrs)*

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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