

## PRESANCTIFIED DIVINE LITURGY ON MARCH 18, 2020 TONE 4; THIRD WEDNESDAY IN GREAT LENT

MARTYRS CHRYSANTHOS, DARIA, JASON, MAUROS AND DIODOROS OF ROME; MARTYR PANCHARIOS OF NICOMEDIA; NEW-MARTYR DEMETRIOS OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE INNOCENT OF KOMEL

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### “O LORD I HAVE CRIED” IN TONE FOUR

For the Third Wednesday in Tone Four

*Verse 10. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Thy Name.*

I have blindly squandered my father’s riches. I am now empty, living in a land of evil men. In my foolishness, I have become like the senseless beasts, and am now stripped of every divine grace. So in my return, I cry to Thee, O merciful and compassionate Father: I have sinned, O God, receive me in repentance and have mercy on me.

*Verse 9. The righteous shall wait for me until Thou recompense me.*

I have blindly squandered ... (repeat above)

*Verse 8. Out of the depths have I cried to Thee, O Lord, Lord hear my voice.*

O martyrs of the Lord, inspired sacrifices, perfect victims for God, sheep who know God and are known by Him, whose pasture cannot be trespassed by wolves, pray that we too may graze with ye near peaceful waters.

For the Third Wednesday in Tone Six

*Verse 7. Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.*

You were revealed as the rays of the spiritual Sun, O apostles who beheld our God, entreat Him to illumine our souls and deliver us from the darkness of passions, so that we may behold the saving day. By your intercessions and prayers may our hearts be purified, the hearts wounded by the evil one. And we will honor you in faith forever, for you saved the world by your wise preaching.

*Verse 6. If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee there is forgiveness.*

I, the prodigal, have wandered away into a land of evil, and I have squandered the riches which Thou hadst given me. Now I am pining with hunger, O compassionate Father. Clothed in the shame of transgression, I am now stripped of righteous deeds and grace. I cry to Thee: I have sinned, but I know Thy goodness. Receive me as one of Thy servants, O compassionate Christ, through the prayers of the apostles who loved Thee.

*Verse 5. Because of Thy Name have I waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited upon Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.*

O apostles of the Savior, lights and benefactors and saviors of the world, seers of God’s glory and heaven, adorned with miracles and signs of healing, fervently pray to the Lord for us so that our prayers may be accepted. May we all be made worthy of seeing and kissing the life-bearing Cross with fear. In worshipping it, send down on us Thy mercy, O Savior, as the Lover of mankind.

**For the Saints in Tone Four (\*\*Unto them that fear Thee\*\*)**

**Verse 4.** *From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel trust in the Lord.* When thou wast vouchsafed the brightness of divine knowledge inwardly \* and the eyes of thy heart received \* the grace of enlightenment, \* thou wisely forsookest \* all the gloom of error and didst confess our Savior Christ \* as Lord of all, Who took flesh upon Himself. \* Then, strengthened with the power of the Spirit, thou wast superior \* to the torments, O truly wise \* and all-laudable Chrysanthos.

**Verse 3.** *For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is abundant redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

When thou wast vouchsafed the brightness ... (repeat above)

**Verse 2.** *Praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye people.*

Every lure and goading unto pleasure wrought by the enemy \* didst thou reckon a spider's web; \* and when thou hadst patiently \* borne a dark confinement, \* thou didst brightly shine with divine resplendence and wast filled \* with mystic fragrance while standing 'midst the mire; \* and as the best of bridesmen, thou didst lead to Christ holy Daria, \* the pure bride who showed diligence \* emulating thy piety.

**Verse 1.** *For His mercy is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.*

Being wholly wounded with the most sweet love of thy Fashioner, \* thou didst utterly turn away \* from error's ungodliness; \* and thou hast now entered \* the divine bride-chamber, since thou hadst been betrothed to Christ \* through all the torments thy body had endured; \* O Daria of great renown, thou art the Spirit's divine abode, \* the adornment of Martyrs' hosts, \* and the splendor of virgin Saints.

**THEOTOKION FROM THE MENAION IN TONE FOUR (\*\*Unto them that fear Thee\*\*)**

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

Carelessly reclining in the bed of languor and heedlessness, \* I most slothfully pass through life; \* and I fear the hour of death, \* lest that wicked serpent, \* like a savage lion, in snatching up my lowly soul, \* rend it asunder with ruthless villainy; \* O blameless Theotokos, in thy goodness, hasten before the end \* to bestir me and raise me up \* to repentance and change of life.

- *The clergy make the Holy Entrance with the censer, and then we say:*

**O GLADSOME LIGHT**

O gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal, heavenly, holy and blessed Father: O Jesus Christ. Lo now that we have come to the setting of the sun, as we behold the evening light, we hymn Thee: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God. Meet it is for Thee at all times to be magnified by joyous voices, O Son of God and Giver of life. Wherefore the whole world doth glorify Thee.

**THE OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES**

The First Reading

Deacon:       The Evening Prokeimenon!

Reader: I have hoped in the mercy of God forever, and unto ages of ages. Why dost thou boast in evil, O mighty man, and in iniquity all the day long.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from Genesis. (7:6-9)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth. And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him went into the ark, to escape the waters of the flood. Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah.

*At the end of the first reading, the Priest holds a lighted candle and the censer in his right hand, and the reader reads the Prokeimenon for the second reading.*

### The Second Reading

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: When God hath turned back the captivity of His people, Jacob shall rejoice and Israel shall be glad. The fool hath said in his heart: There is no God.

Command!

*The people kneel. The Priest turns toward the Prothesis Table, elevates the censer and the candle, which are in his right hand at head level and makes the sign of the cross:*

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

*Then standing in the Holy Doors, he bows to the Icon of Christ on the iconostasis and says:*

Priest: The Light of Christ...

*He then blesses the people, making the sign of the cross with the censer and the candle, and continues...*

Priest: ...illumineth all!

*The people stand and the Priest returns to the Holy Table and gives away the candle and censer as the Deacon says:*

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from Proverbs. (9:12-18)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: If you are wise, you are wise for yourself; if you scoff, you alone will bear it. The Woman folly is noisy; she is wanton and knows no shame. She sits at the door of her house, she takes a seat on the high places of the town, calling to those who pass by, who are going straight on their way, "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" And to him who is without sense she says, "Stolen water is sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant." But he does not know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of the grave.

- *The Presanctified Divine Liturgy continues as usual.*

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee.

Choir: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy (*thrice*). Father, bless.

Priest: May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother, by the might of the precious and life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostles; of our father among the saints, Gregory the Dialogist, pope of Rome, whose Presanctified Divine Liturgy we have now celebrated; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; *of Saint N., the patron and the protector of this holy community*; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of the Martyrs Chrysanthos, Daria, Jason, Mauros and Diodoros of Rome; Martyr Pancharios of Nicomedia; New-martyr Demetrios of Constantinople; and Venerable Innocent of Komel, whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: have mercy upon us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Choir: Amen.

*As the people come forward to reverence the Holy Cross, the Reader recites Psalms 33 and 144. Afterward, the priest concludes the Presanctified Divine Liturgy.*

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

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