**SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 4 TONE 6**

**22nd Sunday after Pentecost/ Venerable Joannicius the Great/**

**Hieromartyrs Nicander and Hermas**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 6**

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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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!*

 *(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.//

O Almighty Savior, Who drewest life from Thine

own light, 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!*

*(for the Resurrection, by Anatolios)*

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, shouldest mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.*

**Tone 4**  *(for Venerable Joannicius)*   *(Called from above)*

Thou wast illumined by divine light

when thou didst lift up thine eyes with purity of mind,

preferring the things to come eternally to those that are perishing.

Thou didst receive fire in thy heart, O father.

Thou didst pant like a hart for divine love.

Unmindful of flesh and blood,

thou didst prepare thyself for ascetic struggles,//

making the passions of thy body subject to thy soul.

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

Thou didst make thy dwelling in the heights

in order to ascend the mountains of God

without being brought low by the wakeful needs of this lowly body,

O Father Joannicius;

for uniting thyself to the good One by standing whole nights and days

in prayer,

thou wast illumined, receiving the gift of prophecy,

beholding things afar off as if they were near,

foretelling to the faithful the things to come.//

Therefore we glorify thee as a divine teacher.

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

Thou didst mightily blunt the assaults and arrows of the demons

with the entreaties of thy prayers.

By the power of God, thou didst triumph over them, O all-glorious one.

Therefore, since thou wast refreshed by the humility of thy heart,

the Good One gave thee miracles as honors.

Thy precious relics pour forth fragrant myrrh,//

for thou hast revealed thyself to be the sweet fragrance of Christ,

 O Father Joannicius.

*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 2** *(for the martyrs)**(Joseph of Arimathea)*

By God’s providence, O blessed Nicander,

thou wast enriched by bearing the name of manly victory.

Thou didst seal and confirm this appellation by thine actions,

for, by thy patient endurance,

thou didst exhaust the arrays of enemies and the squadron of tyrants.

Therefore, bearing the prize of victory,

thou didst cry out in faith://

“Glory to Thine invincible power, O Lover of man!”

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

Today, on thy divine commemoration, O wise Nicander,

thou dost gush forth the most fragrant myrrh of healings,

and thou dost dispel the foul odors of afflictions and passions of the body;

with a wealth of grace thou dost fill the congregation of all who cry aloud

 to Christ://

“Thou art the inexhaustible Myrrh that makes fragrant those who

 sing praises to Thee.”

*v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.*

O venerable Nicander,

having boldness before Christ, Who is glorified in His saints,

earnestly entreat Him in behalf of all who lovingly celebrate

 thy memory

and who praise thy virtuous deeds;

that by thine intercessions we may all become sharers of His

 ineffable good things//

and partakers of glory!

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

**Tone 6** *(for Venerable Joannicius)*

The sound of thy teachings has gone out into all the earth,

O venerable Father.

Therefore thou hast found the reward of thy labors in the heavens.

Thou didst destroy the hosts of demons

and didst reach the ranks of Angels, whose life thou didst blamelessly

 follow!

Since thou hast boldness before Christ our God,//

entreat peace for our souls!

 *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, He became Man for our sake,

not divided into two persons but manifest as One in two natures.

Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//

to have mercy on our souls!

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**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 8** *(for Venerable Joannicius)*

We honor thee, Joannicius our father,

the instructor of a multitude of monks.

We have indeed learned to walk rightly in thy footsteps.

Thou art blessed, for having labored for Christ,

thou didst denounce the power of the Enemy.

O converser with the Angels,

and companion of the venerable and righteous ones,//

together with them, entreat the Lord that He may grant mercy

to our souls!

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

**Tone 8** *(Theotokion)*

O unwedded Virgin,

who ineffably didst conceive God in the flesh.

O Mother of God most high,

accept the cries of thy servants, O blameless one!

Grant cleansing of transgressions to all!//

Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!

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***(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 8 Troparion**  *(Venerable Joannicius)*

By a flood of tears thou didst make the desert fertile,

and thy longing for God hast brought forth fruits in abundance.

By the radiance of miracles thou didst illumine the whole universe.//

Our Father Joannicius pray to Christ God to save our souls!

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

**Tone 8 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

For our sake Thou wast born of the Virgin and didst endure

crucifixion, O Good One,

destroying death by death and revealing the Resurrection as God.

Do not despise the work of Thy hand!

Reveal Thy love for mankind, O Merciful One!//

Accept the Theotokos who is praying for us, and save the despairing

people, O our Savior!

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***(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. *(thrice)*

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***(at the Divine Liturgy)***

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**Tone 4** **Troparion** *(Hieromartyr Nicander)*

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles,

thou didst become a successor to their throne.

Through the practice of virtue, thou didst find the way to divine

 contemplation, O inspired one of God;

by teaching the word of truth without error, thou didst defend

 the faith, even to the shedding of thy blood.//

Hieromartyr Nicander, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

**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 4 Kontakion** *(Venerable Joannicius)*

We, the faithful, gather today

to honor thy memory, venerable Joannicius,//

and we implore thee to obtain mercy for us from the Lord.

**Tone 6** **Prokeimenon**

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! *(Ps 27/28:9))*

*v: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps 27/28:1)*

**Epistle**

 Ephesians 2:4-10

 **Tone 6**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps 90/91:1)*

*v: He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.” (Ps 90/91:2)*

**Gospel**

 Luke 8:41-56

**Communion Hymn**

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

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