**SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 18 TONE 8**

**25th Sunday after Pentecost/Martyrs Plato and Romanus**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 8**

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!*

**Tone 8** *(for the Resurrection)*

We offer to Thee, O Christ,

our evening song and reasonable service,

for Thou didst will to have mercy on us//

by Thy Resurrection.

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

Lord, Lord, do not cast us away from Thy face!

For Thou didst will to have mercy on us//

by the Resurrection.

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

Rejoice, holy Zion:

Mother of the churches, the abode of God,

for thou wast the first to receive remission of sins//

by the Resurrection.

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

*(Resurrection stikheron by Anatolios)*

The Word of God the Father,

begotten before the ages,

in the latter times willed to be incarnate of the Virgin

and endured crucifixion unto death.

He has saved mortal man//

by His Resurrection.

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

**Tone 8** *(for Martyr Plato) (Oh, most glorious wonder)*

Filled with valiant wisdom and with courageous resolution,

thou didst endure the cutting of thy limbs and dismemberment of thy body,

together with unbearable fire, starvation and death,

expecting the glory that does not fade with time,

but lies before thee eternally,//

and foreseeing everlasting blessedness.

*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 transcend every sense and didst direct thy mind toward life on

high.

With godly thoughts and great wisdom of soul,

thou didst scorn the baseness and lowliness of visible things//

and courageously endured torture and burning for Christ, O Martyr.

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

By grace, thou didst trample down every assault of the Enemy

and the attacks of thy persecutors.

Thou wast crowned with the wreath of victory, most wealthy one,

given incorruptible gladness and ineffable and divine radiance.//

In the midst thereof, ask remission of sins for those who fittingly

praise thee!

*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 Martyr Romanus) (As one valiant among the martyrs)*

Refined by the fire of asceticism, and tempered like steel by the

ascetic struggle,

and made sleek by the oil of many tortures,

thou didst become a two-edged sword cutting down hordes of demons,

O Romanus.

Thou art the adornment of athletes,

the divine boast of the sacred Church,

the beauty of those who are perfected by death through the shedding

of their own blood,//

O martyr Romanus, worthy of all praise.

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

Thou wast beaten and torn in pieces, and imprisoned,

thy tongue was cut out and thy jaw was broken;

Thou didst receive a blessed end through violent strangulation.

Thou wast revealed to be unshakable and steadfast

through the operation of the Divine Spirit; //

therefore we faithfully praise thee, O glorious Romanus.

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

A child speaks with eloquence and amazes the senseless ones.

He is adorned with honorable resistance.

Being slain, he shines with the glory and good fame of holy

athletes whose zeal he acquired.

Pray with them, O truly wise Romanus,//

that we be given remission of our sins!

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

**Tone 6** *(for Martyr Plato)*

The victories of thy martyr are awesome and glorious, O Lord!

For, imitating the boldness of the fishermen,

by his words and deeds he tore mythology asunder,

catching the foolishness of the philosopher Plato with the nets of theology.

When his skin was flayed, and he was beheaded,

he choked the enemy with the outpouring of his blood.

Most blessed wonder-worker Plato,

the adornment of the martyrs,

thou didst preach the great name of Christ with boldness.//

Pray that great mercy may be granted to our souls!

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

**Tone 8**  *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

The King of heaven,

because of His love for man,

appeared on earth and dwelt with men.

He took flesh from the pure Virgin

and after assuming it, He came forth from her.

The Son is one: in two natures, yet one Person.

Proclaiming Him as perfect God and perfect Man,

we confess Christ our God!//

Entreat him, O unwedded Mother, to have mercy on our souls.

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**Aposticha**

**Tone 8**  *(for the Resurrection)*

Descending from heaven to ascend the Cross,

the eternal Life has come for death

to raise those who are fallen;

to enlighten those in darkness.//

O Jesus, our Savior and illuminator, glory to Thee!

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

We glorify Christ, who rose from the dead.

He accepted the human body and soul,

and freed both from suffering.

His most pure soul descended to hell, which He spoiled.

His holy body did not see corruption in the tomb.//

He is the Redeemer of our souls.

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

In psalms and songs we glorify Thy Resurrection from

the dead, O Christ.

By it, Thou hast freed us from the tortures of hell//

and as God hast granted eternal life and great mercy.

*v. Holiness befitteth Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!*

O Master of all,

incomprehensible Creator of heaven and earth,

by Thy suffering on the Cross Thou hast gained passionlessness for me.

Accepting burial and arising in glory,

Thou didst resurrect Adam with Thyself by Thine almighty hand.

Glory to Thy rising on the third day!

By it Thou hast granted us eternal life and cleansing of sins//

as the only compassionate One.

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

*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 8** **Troparion**  *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!

Thou didst accept the three day burial

to free us from our sufferings!//

O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

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

**Tone 4** **Troparion**  *(Martyrs Plato and Romanus)*

Thy holy martyrs Plato and Romanus, O Lord,

through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from

Thee, our God.

For having Thy 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 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.

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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 8 Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrected Adam.

Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,

and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O

greatly Merciful One!

**Tone 3 Kontakion**  *(Martyr Plato)*

Thy holy memory delights the universe, O Plato,

bringing us together to honor thee in our joy.

With hymns we praise thy great deeds,

crying out to thee with faith:

“Save our land from its enemies, O holy one!”

**Tone 8** **Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)*

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! *(Ps 75/76:11)*

*v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)*

**Epistle**

Ephesians 4:1-6

**Tone 8**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our*

*Savior! (Ps 94/95:1)*

*v: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps 94/95:2)*

**Gospel**

Luke 12:16-21

**Communion Hymn**

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

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