**DECEMBER 4**

**Great Martyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana/Venerable John of Damascus/Saint Alexander (Hotovitzky)**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 2**

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!

Hear me, O Lord!

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

**Tone 2** *(for Great Martyr Barbara)**(Joseph of Arimathea)*

When Juliana saw the blessed Martyr Barbara

during her terrible trial, suffering from her many wounds,

her body painfully torn in many places,

she cried out with tears of compassion:

“O Word of God and Lover of mankind,//

grant this day that I may be her companion in martyrdom!”

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

Saints Barbara and Juliana,

you are of those who alone have a true vocation for righteous living,

for you attacked the Enemy and gravely wounded him.

Thus you are worthy of glorification by Christ God,

for you trampled underfoot the destroying passions and their evil,//

giving the means of healing to all the faithful.

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

Most pure Martyr Barbara, when you were sentenced to die,

you faced sweet death with joy.

You swiftly fulfilled the act of martyrdom,

slain by the hand of your most evil parent.

You were offered up as fruit to God.

Therefore with the wise virgins you truly rejoice,//

as you behold the light of Christ, your Bridegroom.

*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 8** *(for Venerable John of Damascus)**(What shall we call you)*

What shall we call you, O holy theologian John?

Another David, for your hymns are as the Psalms for us?

You are the temple of the Spirit and the pipe of the Good Shepherd.

You sweeten our ears and gladden our minds.

You cause the ranks of the Church to rejoice.

Your teachings are a river of honey, flowing to the ends of the earth.//

Pray that our souls may be saved!

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

What shall we call you, O Father John, the messenger of God?

Shining star of the Holy Trinity?

You enlighten our eyes with delightful teaching.

You have entered into the cloud of divine knowledge.

Like Moses you behold mysteries beyond words or speech.

You proclaim the music of His wisdom.//

Pray that our souls may be saved!

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

What shall we call you, O blessed one?

A shining lampstand? A faithful minister of divine mysteries?

A joyful star for the Church, enlightening those who dwell in darkness?

A well-tuned organ and sweet-sounding harp?//

Pray that our souls may be saved!

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

**Tone 6** *(for Great Martyr Barbara)*

You abandoned your home, your people and earthly riches.

You fled the hatred of an evil father, O Barbara;

you were wedded to God in a bond of love;

therefore He took you to Himself rejoicing.//

Pray that He may save our souls!

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

**Tone 6** *(Theotokion)*

No one who has recourse to you, O Virgin Theotokos,

departs from you in shame, O most pure Maiden,

but the one who asks the favor//

receives the gift that is fitting for the worthy request.

**Great Martyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana; Venerable John of Damascus**

**Aposticha**

**Tone 2** *(from the Octoechos)*

I have sinned against You, O Christ our Savior,

like the Prodigal Son.

Father, accept me in repentance.//

Have mercy on me, O God.

*v: I lift up my eyes to You, enthroned in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of*

*servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He have mercy upon us. (Ps. 122/123:1-2)*

I cry to You, O Christ our Savior,

with the voice of the publican:

“Be merciful to me, as to him;//

have mercy on me, O God!”

*v: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt! Too long our soul has been sated with the scorn of those who are at ease, the contempt of the proud. (Ps. 122/123:3-4)*

By the holy martyrs praying for us

and singing the praises of Christ,

all error has come to an end,//

and mankind is being saved by faith.

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

**Tone 6** *(Venerable John of Damascus)*

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

O venerable Father John.

Therefore you have found the reward of your labors in the heavens.

You destroyed the hosts of demons

and reached the ranks of Angels, whose life you blamelessly followed.

Since you have boldness before Christ our God,//

entreat peace for our souls!

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

**Tone 6** *(Theotokion)*

O Theotokos,

you are the true vine from whom the Fruit of Life blossomed.

We entreat you, O Lady:

“Intercede together with the Apostles and all the Saints,//

that mercy may be granted to our souls!”

**Great Martyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana; Venerable John of Damascus**

***(at Daily Vespers)***

**Tone 8 Troparion** *(Great Martyr Barbara)*

Let us honor the holy Martyr Barbara,

for, as a bird, she escaped the snares of the Enemy,//

and destroyed them through the help and defense of the Cross!

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

**Tone 8 Troparion** *(Venerable John of Damascus)*

Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship,

the enlightener of the universe and the adornment of hierarchs;

all wise Father John, your teachings have gleamed with light upon all

things.//

Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

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

**Tone 8** **Dismissal Theotokion** *(from the Octoechos)*

We the faithful magnify the Theotokos

the stable foundation of the Faith and precious gift for our souls.

Rejoice, for you held in your womb the Rock of life!

Rejoice, hope of the world and protection of the afflicted!//

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

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

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**Troparion Tone 6** *(Hieromartyr Alexander)*

In a time of fiery temptations for the Church of Russia,

you manifested Christ’s love to your flock through meekness and humility.

As a good pastor you laid down your life for Him.//

Pray for us, Hieromartyr Alexander, that our souls may be illumined!

**Kontakion Tone 4** *(Great Martyr Barbara)*

Singing the praises of the Trinity,

you followed God by enduring suffering;

you renounced the multitude of idols,

O holy martyr Barbara.

In your struggles, you were not frightened by the threats of your torturers,

but cried out in a loud voice://

“I worship the Trinity in one Godhead.”

**Kontakion Tone 4** *(Venerable John of Damascus)*

Let us sing praises to John, worthy of great honor,

the composer of hymns, the star and teacher of the Church,

the defender of her doctrines:

through the might of the Lord’s Cross he overcame heretical error,//

and as a fervent intercessor before God he entreats that forgiveness of sins

may be granted to all!

**Kontakion Tone 2** *(Hieromartyr Alexander)*

Hieromartyr Alexander,

you bore labors and illness upon your shoulders,

and joyfully took the narrow path of suffering for Christ,

through which you attained the heavenly ↑ Kingdom.

Entreat God the Savior to grant us mercy on the Day of Judgment!

**Tone 7** **Prokeimenon**

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord and shall hope in Him. *(Ps 63/64:10)*

*v: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to You! (Ps 63/64:1)*

**Tone 4** **Prokeimenon**

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. *(Ps 67/68:35)*

**Epistle**

Galatians 3:23-29 *(Martyr)*

Hebrews 13:7-16*(St Alexander)*

**Tone 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in*

*Lebanon.* *(Ps 91/92:12)*

*v: They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts*

*of our God. (Ps 91/92:13).*

**Tone 1**

*v. I waited patiently for the Lord; and He attended to me, and hearkened to my supplication. (Ps 39/40:1)*

**Gospel**

Mark 5:24-34 *(Martyr)*

Luke 17:12-19 *(St Alexander)*

**Communion Hymns**

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil

tidings. *(Ps 111/112:6b-7a)*

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! *(Ps 32/33:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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