**SATURDAY: MARCH 2**

**Memorial Saturday – Saturday of Meatfare**

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

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 6** *(stichera to the Martyrs, in the tone of the week)*

Your Martyrs, O Lord, did not deny You,

nor did they turn from Your commandments.//

By their intercessions have mercy on us!

*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.*

(Repeat: “Your Martyrs, O Lord, …”)

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

Your victorious Martyrs, when they contended on this earth,

endured great torments;

but now they dwell in heaven and have received a perfect crown,//

that they may offer intercession for our souls.

*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** *(from the Lenten Triodion) (The Paradise in Eden)*

O faithful, let us keep the memory of all those fallen asleep,

who lived in righteousness in every age, each one by name!

Let us fervently pray to the Lord our Savior:

“On the Day of Judgment may they answer well for themselves,

when they stand before our God, Who comes to judge the earth!

May they take their place at His right hand with joy!

May they dwell in glory with the righteous and the saints,//

and be found worthy of the heavenly Kingdom!”

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

O Savior, You ransomed us with Your own blood.

By Your own death You delivered us from bitter death.

By Your own Resurrection we are granted eternal life.

Grant eternal rest, O Lord, to all the righteous departed,

who sleep in the wilderness or in the cities,

on land or in the sea, in every place,

to kings, bishops, priests and monastics,

to lay people of every race and station in life!//

Make them all worthy of Your heavenly Kingdom!

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

O Christ, because of Your Resurrection from the dead,

death has no more power over those who sleep in faith.

May we rest in the heavenly mansions, in the bosom of Abraham,

together with all Your faithful servants:

all who have worshipped You in purity of heart

from the days of Adam to this present time,

our fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters,

all our relatives and our friends,

every one who has passed through this life in faith.//

Make us all worthy of Your heavenly Kingdom!

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

**Tone 8** *(for the Departed, by St John of Damascus)*

I weep and I lament when I contemplate death,

and see our beauty, fashioned in God's image,

laid in the grave without form or honor or glory.

Oh, great mystery!

What is this fearful end awaiting us?

Why have we been handed over to corruption?

Why have we been wedded to death?

Truly, as it is written, this is ordained by God,//

Who grants rest to the departed!

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

**Tone 6**  *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin?

Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing?

The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,

but from you 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!

*Instead of the Prokeimenon of the Day, we sing “Alleluia”*

**Tone 8**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: Blessed are those whom You have chosen and taken, O Lord.*

*v: Their souls shall dwell with the blessed.*

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**Aposticha**

**Tone 6** *(for the Martyrs)*

Those who suffered martyrdom for You, O Christ,

endured great torments://

Preserve us by their prayers and intercessions, O Lord!

*v: Blessed are those whom You have chosen and taken, O Lord.*

Your Cross, O Lord, was an invincible weapon for the martyrs,

for they saw death lying before them,

and, looking ahead to the future life,

they were strengthened by hope in You.//

By their intercessions have mercy on us!

v*: Their souls shall dwell with the blessed.*

**Tone 6** *(for the Departed, by St John of Damascus)*

Your creating command was my origin and foundation,

for You willed to fashion me as a living creature

from natures visible and invisible.

You made my body from the earth

and gave me a soul by Your divine and life-creating breath.

Therefore, O Savior, grant rest to Your departed servants in the land of the

living,//

in the mansions of the righteous!

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

(Repeat: “Your creating command was …”)

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

**Tone 6** *(Theotokion)*

By the prayers of her who bore You, O Christ,

and of Your Martyrs, Apostles and Prophets,

of the holy hierarchs, the venerable and righteous ones,

and of all Your saints,//

give rest to Your servants who have fallen asleep!

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***(at Vespers)***

**Tone 8** **Troparion**

Only Creator, with wisdom profound, You mercifully order all things,

and You give that which is needed to all men.

Give rest, O Lord, to the souls of Your servants who have fallen asleep,//

for they have placed their trust in You, our Maker and Fashioner, and our

God!

*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**

We have you as a wall and a haven

and an intercessor well-pleasing to God, Whom you have borne,//

O Virgin Theotokos, the salvation of the faithful.

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

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God.

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**Tone 8 Kontakion**

With the saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Your servants,

where there is neither sickness nor sorrow, and no more sighing,//

but life everlasting!

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

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**Tone 6** **Prokeimenon**

Their souls shall dwell with the blessed. *(Ps 24:13/25:13)*

*v: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust, let*

*me not be put to shame!* (Ps 24:1-2/25:1-2)

**Epistle**

1 Cor. 10:23-28

1 Thess. 4:13-17 *(Departed)*

**Tone 6**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*v: Blessed are those whom You have chosen and taken, O Lord. (Ps 64/65:5)*

*v: Their memory is from generation to generation. (Ps 101/102:13)*

**Gospel**

Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36

John 5:24-30 *(Departed)*

**Communion Hymns**

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Their memory is from generation to generation.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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