**JULY 15**

 **Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Great Prince Vladimir, Enlightener of**

**the Russian Lands**

**"Lord I Call..."Tone 4**

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

**Tone 4** *(for St Vladimir)*  *(As one valiant among martyrs)*

Thou wast a second Constantine in word and deed,

for he was born in a Christian age,

yet lived for many years among the pagans,

while thou wast born of heathen, but loved Christ, Who loved thee.

Thou hast gone to Him, rejoicing.//

Pray ceaselessly to Him for those who honor thy memory!

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

(Repeat: “Thou wast a second Constantine …”)

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

Brightly shining, Mount Sinai rejoices eternally,

for it is sanctified by the Law of Moses and has seen the Invisible One;

and thy great city, O Vladimir, also shines brightly and celebrates with

joy,

beholding in the Spirit the Son, glorified in thee with the Father.//

Pray to Him to save and enlighten our souls!

*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.*

(Repeat: “Brightly shining Mount Sinai …”)

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

For the Russian people, O \*Vladimir,

thou wast a father in spirit, a king and true preacher;

an apostle of Christ, announcing the baptism of salvation.

And having thereby brightly illumined thy people,//

thou didst sanctify them throughout all the lands of thy

kingdom, O blessed one.

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

(Repeat: “For the Russian people, …”)

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

Thou wast a root of the true Faith, O \*Vladimir,

watered by the Holy Spirit.

Thou didst put forth for us divinely planted branches with

fragrant flow’rs:

the wondrous Boris, and Gleb, the zealot of godliness;

abundant sources of miracles for all the faithful.

Standing with them before Christ,//

pray to Him to save and enlighten our souls!

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

(Repeat: “Thou wast a root of the true Faith, …”)

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**\*** *These Slavonic stichera use the name of Basil, the baptismal name of Prince Vladimir.*

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

**Tone 8**

Come, let us all hasten to celebrate the memory of Vladimir,

our Russian father and guide.

He was born of heathens and came to love Christ Who loved him,

He has gone to Christ, rejoicing with his grandmother Olga.

He taught all his people to believe and worship One God in Trinity;

he destroyed the idols and trampled them underfoot.

He nurtured for us Boris and Gleb, his precious posterity.

We now honor their memory with joy and faith and keep the feast with

love.

May they pray to the Lord to grant victory to Orthodox Christians

 over their adversaries,

to grant peace to the whole world, and to save 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.

**Old Testament Readings**

 **3 [1} Kings 8:22-23, 27-30**

 **Isaiah 61:10-62:5**

 **Isaiah 60:1-16**

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**Litya *(If the rector desires the Litya, following the sticheron to the Temple, these stichera are sung:*)**

**Tone 2** *(for Holy Prince Vladimir)*

Today the memory of the pious Prince Vladimir

has sprung up like a fountain of myrrh;

for having come to love Christ, he shamed the idols,

and raised up churches to Him Who endured much reproach for our

sake,//

and he has received a kingdom and a crown in the heavens.

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

**Tone 6**

Come, let us all hasten with faith to the honorable commemoration of our

 Russian father,

our teacher and leader, Basil;\*

for since the time of his birth he loved Christ, Who also loved him;

and to Him he ascended,

rejoicing with the first mother, Helen.\*\*

With him we also keep festival with love,

asking that he pray to the Lord for us,//

that He grant peace to the world and save our souls.

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

**Tone 6** *(Theotokion)*

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord,

was born of thee, O most pure Virgin.

By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his ancient curse.

Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mother of God!

Rejoice, O celestial Joy!

Rejoice, O Lady://

the Protection, Intercession and Salvation of our souls!

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**Aposticha**

**Tone 8**  *(Most glorious wonder)*

Most glorious wonder!

Today the wisdom of the proud perishes,

and all the forces of evil lament at beholding Vladimir the Great, our

faithful ruler:

the wild branch that was divinely planted by the strength of God,//

glorified and radiantly crowned by Him.

*v. I have exalted one chosen out of the people!* *(Ps 115/116:15)*

O marvelous depth of wonders!

Those who were hard-hearted in understanding and wandering in vain,

rejoice now in the holy Church, for this is the day of Vladimir.

Christ our God reigns, and has found another Paul,

setting him as faithful prince in his land,//

for by holy baptism he has enlightened his people.

*v. I have anointed him with my holy oil! (Ps 111/112:1)*

Rejoice, O praise of Russia!

Rejoice, O Vladimir, our ruler!

Rejoice, O guide for the faithful!

Rejoice, O bulwark of the faith!

Rejoice, O miracle of miracles,

the calm haven for those who flee to thee!

Rejoice, all-holy root of the Faith,//

the intercessor for those who sing thy praises and faithfully magnify thee!

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

 **Tone 8**

Ye assemblies of Orthodox faithful,

let us praise Vladimir the Great:

teacher of godliness, preacher of the faith, and first among Russian princes.

Let us crown him as equal-to-the-Apostles with praises and spiritual

 songs:

“Rejoice, most brave soldier of Christ,

for thou didst weary the Enemy and cause him to perish,

and having delivered us from his wiles, thou didst lead us

to Christ, our King and God!”

And now, most blessed and praiseworthy prince,

pray that peace and health be granted to Orthodox Christians,

and victory over their adversaries,//

and for our souls—great mercy!

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

**Tone 8** *(Theotokion)*

O sovereign Lady, accept the prayers of thy servants,//

and deliver us from all necessity and sorrow!

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***(at Great Vespers)***

**Tone 4** **Troparion**  *(Holy Prince Vladimir)*

O holy Prince Vladimir,

thou wast like a merchant in search of fine pearls.

By sending servants to Constantinople for the Orthodox Faith,

thou didst find Christ, the priceless Pearl.

He appointed thee to be another Paul,

washing away in baptism thy physical and spiritual blindness.

We celebrate thy memory,

asking thee to pray for all Orthodox Christians of Russia//

and for us, thy spiritual children.

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

*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.

***(at Vigil)***

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and for us, thy spiritual children. *(twice)*

**Tone 4Troparion 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.

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

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**Tone 8** **Kontakion** *(Holy Prince Vladimir)*

O most glorious Vladimir, in thine old age thou didst imitate the great

Apostle Paul:

he abandoned childish things, while thou didst forsake the idolatry of thy

 youth.

Together with him thou didst reach the fullness of divine wisdom:

thou wast adorned with the purity of holy baptism.//

Now as thou standest before Christ our Savior, pray that all Orthodox

Christians may be saved!

**Tone 3** **Prokeimenon**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing

praises! *(Ps 46/47:6)*

*v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!*

*(Ps 46/47:1)*

**Epistle**

 Galatians 1:11-19 *(St Vladimir)*

**Tone 6**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: I have exalted one chosen out of My people.(Ps 88/89:20)*

*v:For My hand shall defend him, and My arm shall strengthen him. (Ps 88/89:21)*

**Gospel**

 John 10:1-9 *(St Vladimir)*

**Communion Hymn**

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

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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\*Basil was the baptismal name of Prince Vladimir.

\*\* Helen was the baptismal name of St Olga, grandmother of Prince Vladimir, who, in a sense, was the first Christian mother of Rus’.

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