**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

**Memorial Saturday – Saturday of Meatfare**

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

Yielding up the flesh to wounding, O martyrs worthy of all praise,

and enduring the cruelest tortures and a violent death,

you also put to shame the tormentors and destroyed reverence for idols,

You confessed Christ, the only God and Master,//

before Whom, with the angelic choirs, you now stand wearing crowns,

 O glorious martyrs.

*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.*

Not desiring earthly pleasures,

the victorious martyrs were granted heavenly blessings.

They have become fellow-citizens with the Angels.//

Through their prayers, O Lord, have mercy on us and save us!

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

Because the holy martyrs intercede for us

and sing the praises of Christ,

all error has come to an end,//

and mankind is saved by faith.

*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,

everyone 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 2**  *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came;

as the Bush burned, yet was not consumed,

so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin.

The Righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame.//

Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of 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 memory is from generation to generation.*

**Aposticha**

**Tone 2** *(for the Martyrs)*

Great is the glory you obtained by faith, O saints!

You not only defeated the Enemy in Your sufferings,

but even after death you drive out spirits,

healing the sick, O physicians of souls and bodies.//

Entreat the Lord to have mercy on our souls!

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**Tone 2** *(for the Departed by St John of Damascus)*

As the flower withers, and a dream passes away,

so the flesh of every one is dissolved at death.

But at the sound of the trumpet, all the dead shall arise,

trembling before Your coming, O Christ God.

Then, Master, establish in the mansions of the just//

the souls of Your servants whom You have taken from us!

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

**Tone 2** *(for the Departed by St John of Damascus)*

Woe is me! How great a struggle the soul endures at its parting from the body!

Woe is me! How many tears it then sheds,

but there is none to show it compassion.

It turns to the Angels, but prays in vain;

stretching out its hands to people, it finds no one to help.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, reflecting on the shortness of our life,

let us beseech Christ to give rest to the departed//

and to grant great mercy to our souls!

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

**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!

*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!

***(at Vespers)***

**Tone 8** **Troparion**

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

and You give that which is useful 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.

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

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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 Corinthians 10:23-28

 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 *(Departed)*

 **Tone 6**

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*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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Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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