**MARCH 12**

**Thursday of the Second Week of Great Lent**

**Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (sung on Wednesday)**

**Venerable Theophanes the Confessor of Sigriane (818)**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 1**

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 1 Idiomelon** *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Let us keep a spiritual fast, O brethren!

Let us speak no lies or deceit with our tongue!

Let us not give each other cause for stumbling,

but by repentance let the lamp of our soul shine brightly!//

Forgive us our sins in Thy love for mankind!

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

(Repeat: “Let us keep a spiritual fast, O brethren…”)

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

**Tone 1** *(to the Martyrs)*

O Martyrs, truly worthy of praise,

although ye were dishonored on earth,

the heavens received you.

The gates of Paradise opened to you,

and now ye enjoy the Tree of Life.//

Entreat Christ to grant us peace and His great mercy!

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

**Tone 3** *(from the Triodion, by Joseph) (Great is the power of Thy Cross)*

Through the prayers of Thy divine Apostles, O Lord,

grant us to spend this time of fasting with compunction of heart,//

that being saved we may glorify Thee, O compassionate One!

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

Great and awesome is Thy coming, O Lord,

when Thou wilt sit in righteous judgment.

Despite my guilt, do not condemn me, O God,//

but by the prayers of Thine Apostles, spare me!

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

**Tone 6** *(from the Triodion, by Theodore) (Having placed all their hope)*

O Apostles of Christ,

lights for those born on earth,

rich treasuries of the knowledge of God,

by your holy prayers deliver from temptations us who praise you.

Guide us safely through the course of the Fast,

and keep our lives in peace,

so that we may reach Christ’s Passion unharmed//

and with boldness offer hymns of praise to our God.

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

**Tone 8** *(for Ven. Theophanes) (O most glorious wonder)*

O godly-minded Father Theophanes,

named for the Theophany of Christ,

thou didst follow in His life-bearing footsteps.

Forsaking all the delights of life,

thou didst contemplate the beauty which thou hast desired.

Thou wast deified in excellent perfection by divine inclination to Him,//

O most wonderful saint.

*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 “O godly-minded Father Theophanes, named for the Theophany…”)

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

O godly-minded Father Theophanes,

thou wast steadfast in afflictions of the flesh.

With patience thou didst endure bitter exile for the sake of the precious icons,

taking no pity on thy body, O all-praiseworthy saint.

Thou wast banished by the wrath of lions whose counsels thou didst

disdain,//

convicting the folly of their arguments as foolish and senseless.

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

O godly-minded Father Theophanes,

the Bestower of good things has indeed abundantly granted to thee

rewards for thy pains and labors.
He has bestowed on thee the power, O thrice-blessed saint,

to drive out demons and to heal infirmities;

He counted thee worthy of inexpressible joy,

where the ranks of Angles sing in chorus,//

and where thou dost ever behold the face of the Almighty.

*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)*

Rejoice, O resting place of the divine Light,

brightest star, and veil of sanctification!

Thou dost shine forth the Light Who illumines us from thine all-pure womb.

Thou dost enlighten the ends of the world with thine own grace.

Rejoice, O most pure Virgin, thou source of salvation;//

rejoice, awesome report and word to those who hope in thee!

**Tone 6 Prokeimenon**

Be glad in the Lord, / and rejoice, O ye righteous! *(Ps 31/32:11)*

*v: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven. (Ps 31/32:1)*

**Reading from Genesis (4:16-26)**

**Tone 1 Prokeimenon**

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee! *(Ps 32/33:22)*

*v: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! (Ps 32/33:1)*

**Reading from Proverbs (5:15-6:3)**

***(and the rest of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts)***

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