**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 TONE 8**

**25th Sunday after Pentecost (10th of Luke)**

**Martyr Paramon and 370 Martyrs in Bithynia**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 8**

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. (10) *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!*

**Tone 8** *(for the Resurrection)*

We offer to You, O Christ,

our evening song and reasonable service,

for You willed to have mercy on us//

by Your Resurrection.

V. (9) *The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.*

Lord, Lord, do not cast us away from Your face!

For You willed to have mercy on us//

by Your Resurrection.

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

Rejoice, O holy Zion!

Mother of the churches, the abode of God!

For you were the first to receive remission of sins//

by the Resurrection.

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

*(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)*

The Word of God the Father,

begotten before the ages,

in the latter times willed to be incarnate of the Virgin

and endured crucifixion unto death.

He has saved mortal man//

by His Resurrection.

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

We glorify You, O Lord,

for You voluntarily endured the Cross for our sake.

We fall down in worship before You, almighty Savior.

Do not cast us away from Your face

but hear us and save us, O Lover of man,//

by Your Resurrection!

V. (5) *For Your Name’s sake I wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

Glory to You, O Savior Christ,

Only-begotten Son of God, who was nailed to the Cross//

and resurrected from the tomb on the third day!

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

We glorify Your Resurrection from the dead, O Christ,

by which You have freed Adam's race from the tortures of hell,//

and as God have granted to the world eternal life and great mercy.

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 4** *(for Martyr Paramon) (Thou hast given a sign)*

Manifestly illumined by the brightness of the Spirit of God,

O most blessed Paramon,

you despised the total darkness of idolatry.

When your time had come, O most blessed one,

you approached the suffering before you with courageous mind.

Revealed as victorious, you cast down the prideful enemy of all mortals,

as you magnified Christ.//

Entreat Him to save and enlighten our souls!

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

Witnessing a great multitude

slaughtered for the King and God of all,

you burned with divine zeal, O Paramon, crying out:

“I am ever a true servant of Christ.

Understand, O evil tyrants,

for behold, I was summoned, and now I come

to be slain like an innocent lamb.

Therefore, do not be deceived:

I am forced to become an acceptable sacrifice to Him//

Who for my sake was freely slain in the flesh.”

V. (1) *For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

The honored choir of athletes,

three hundred seventy in number,

with faith cast down the falsehood of the evil-doers’ idolatry.

You also were crowned with them,

having struggled with a courageous mind, O Paramon,

and, rejoicing, you have joined the choirs of the bodiless hosts.

Ever pray with them that we, who honor and bless you,//

may be delivered from all sorrow and dangers!

*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 – 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.

**Aposticha**

**Tone 8** *(for the Resurrection)*

Descending from heaven to ascend the Cross,

the Eternal Life has come for death

to raise those who are fallen;

to enlighten those in darkness.//

O Jesus, our Savior and illuminator, glory to You!

V. *The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!*

We glorify Christ, who rose from the dead.

He accepted the human body and soul,

and freed both from suffering.

His most pure soul descended to hell, which He spoiled.

His holy body did not see corruption in the tomb.//

He is the Redeemer of our souls.

V. *For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.*

In psalms and songs we glorify Your Resurrection from the dead, O Christ.

By it, You have freed us from the tortures of hell//

and as God have granted eternal life and great mercy.

V. *Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!*

O Master of all, incomprehensible Creator of heaven and earth,

by Your suffering on the Cross You have gained passionlessness for me.

Accepting burial and arising in glory,

You resurrected Adam with Yourself by Your almighty hand.

Glory to Your rising on the third day!

By it You have granted us eternal life and cleansing of sins//

as the only compassionate One.

*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)*

O unwedded Virgin,

who ineffably conceived God in the flesh,

O Mother of God most high,

accept the cries of your servants, O blameless One!

Grant cleansing of transgressions to all!//

Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!

***(at Great Vespers)***

**Tone 8** **Troparion**  *(Resurrection)*

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!

You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//

O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

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

**Tone 4** **Troparion** *(Martyrs)*

Your holy martyrs Paramon and Philumenus and those with them, O Lord,

through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God.

For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,

and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//

Through their intercession, save our souls!

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

**Tone 4** **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

The mystery of all eternity,

unknown even by Angels,

through you, 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)***

**Tone 4 Troparion to the Theotokos**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,

Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you!

Blessed are you among women,

and blessed is the Fruit of your womb,//

for you have borne the Savior of our souls. *(thrice)*

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

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**Tone 8** **Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.

Eve exults in Your Resurrection,//

and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

**Tone 4** **Kontakion** *(Martyrs)*

Urged on by the commandments of God,

with patience, you cleansed your souls from all defilement.

You reached perfection as spiritual athletes,

and renounced sacrifice to idols.

Imitating Christ, you were slain with a spear,

O most blessed Paramon and Philumenus.//

Always fervently intercede with Christ on behalf of the world!

**Tone 8** **Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)*

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! *(Ps. 75:10a)*

V. *In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)*

**Epistle**

(224) Ephesians 4:1-6

**Tone 8**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. *Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our*

*Savior! (Ps. 94:1)*

V. *Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps. 94:2)*

**Gospel**

(71) Luke 13:10-17

**Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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