**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 TONE 7**

**16th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Ven. Chariton the Confessor, Abbot of Palestine**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 7**

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 7** *(for the Resurrection)*

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord,

Who destroyed the dominion of death!

Let us sing to Him with the bodiless hosts,

for He enlightened the race of man!//

O our Maker and Savior, glory to Thee!

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

Thou didst endure the Cross and burial for our sake.

By Thy death, Thou didst destroy death as God.

We fall down before Thy Resurrection on the third day,//

O Savior, glory to Thee!

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

When the Apostles beheld the Resurrection of the Maker,

they were amazed and sang the angelic praise.

This is the glory of the Church.

This is the richness of the Kingdom.//

O Lord, crucified for our sake, glory to Thee!

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

*(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)*

Thou wast held by lawless men, O Christ,

but to me, Thou art God, and I am not ashamed.

Thou wast smitten on the cheek, but I do not deny Thee.

Thou wast nailed to the Cross and I do not conceal it,

for I glory in Thy Resurrection: Thy death is my life.//

O almighty Lord and Lover of man, glory to Thee!

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

Fulfilling the prophecy of David,

Christ manifested His greatness in Zion to the disciples.

He is praised and always glorified,

together with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

At first as the Word, He was bodiless,

but then He took flesh and was slain for our sake.//

He rose in power as the Lover of man!

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

Thou didst descend into hell as Thou didst will, O Christ,

overthrowing death as God and rising on the third day as Master!

With Thyself Thou didst raise Adam from the bonds of hell and from corruption!//

Glory to Thy Resurrection, O only Lover of man!

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

**Tone 4** *(for Ven. Chariton) (Thou hast given a sign)*

By abstinence and fervent prayer, O venerable Chariton,

thou didst cause thy body's passions to wither.

With streams of tears thou didst drown the deceitful serpent, O blessed one.

In great measure thou wast well-pleasing to God.

Therefore Jesus, the Lover of mankind and the Savior of our souls,//

has adorned thee with heavenly gifts.

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: “By abstinence and fervent prayer…”)

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

With the sweat of thy struggle, O truly wondrous one,

thou didst quench the burning fire of the passions.

Thou didst bear the fire of harsh wounds and tortures,

confessing before evil tyrants the condescension of the incarnate Word.

Thou wast a witness for Him, adorned with wounds from thy manifold torments,//

O most blessed, God-bearing Chariton.

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

O most sacred and blessed Chariton,

thou didst flee into the mountains and deserts.

Preserving thy soul undefiled, thou wast revealed to be a dwelling of the Trinity,

in Whose power thou didst found monasteries and holy dwellings

for the building up and salvation of monastics,//

who honor thy holy memory, O blessed one.

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

**Tone 4** *(for Ven. Chariton, by John the Monk)*

O God-bearing Chariton,

even after death, thou dost live in the heavens in Christ.

For His sake thou didst crucify thyself to the world,

for thou wast above the world and the flesh,

truly living in a manner transcending all visible things.

Yet thou didst not live for thyself alone,

but Christ our God dwelt within thee.//

Entreat Him that our souls may be saved!

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

**Tone 7** *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

No tongue can speak of thy wonderful childbearing,

for the order of nature was overruled by God.

Thou wast revealed to be a Mother above nature,

for thou didst remain a Virgin beyond reason and understanding.

Thy conception was most glorious, O Theotokos!

The manner of thy giving birth was ineffable, O Virgin!

Knowing thee to be the Mother of God,

devoutly we pray to thee://

“Beseech Him to save our souls!”

**Old Testament Readings** *(Ven. Chariton)*

 **Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3**

 **Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9**

**Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15**

**Litya**

*(If the rector desires the Litya, following the sticheron to the Patron Saint of the Temple,*

*these stichera are sung)*

**Tone 1** *(for Ven. Chariton) (O all-praised martyrs)*

O all-praised Chariton,

thou didst lay out thy life with care for the virtues.

Those who submit to thy teachings praise Christ in hymns

and by means of the Orthodox Faith.

Standing before them, pray that they may be established//

in the peace of the Divine Spirit!

O divinely-inspired Chariton,

thy life appeared to men to be equal with that of the Angels.

Thy confession was offered up as a sweet-smelling sacrifice,

a perfect incense to the heavens.//

Pray now that peace and great mercy may be granted to our souls!

O most blessed Chariton,

thou wast a conqueror of the passions,

vanquishing the evil-doers.

While joining the chorus of those crowned in victory,

be mindful of us who celebrate thy memory, O blessed one.//

Pray now to Christ that He may grant peace and great mercy to our souls!

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

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

**Tone 1** *(Theotokion)*

Behold, Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled,

for the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin!

God was born, and so nature was restored anew.

Do not despise the entreaties of thy servants, O Mother of God!

We offer them to thee in thy temple.

Since thou hast carried in thine arms the compassionate One,

have compassion on thy servants,//

and pray that our souls may be saved.

**Aposticha**

**Tone 7** *(for the Resurrection)*

As the Savior of the world Thou didst arise from the tomb.

As God Thou didst resurrect the race of man with Thy flesh.//

O Lord, glory to Thee!

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

Come, let us worship the One Who rose from the dead,

and enlightened all creation!

By His death, He saved us from the torments of hell.//

By His Resurrection He has granted us eternal life and great mercy.

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

Thou didst descend into hell, capturing death, O Christ.

In three days Thou didst rise again,

resurrecting us who glorify Thy Resurrection,//

O Lord and Lover of man.

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

When Thou wast placed in the tomb as one asleep,

the sight was great and awesome.

But when Thou didst rise on the third day as almighty God,

Thou didst resurrect Adam with Thyself.//

Glory to Thy Resurrection, only Lover of man!

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

**Tone 8** *(for Ven. Chariton)*

We honor thee, O Chariton our father,

as the instructor of a multitude of monks.

We have indeed learned to walk rightly in thy footsteps.

Blessed art thou, for having labored for Christ,

thou didst denounce the power of the enemy.

Thou wast a converser with the Angels and a companion of the venerable and righteous.//

Together with them, entreat the Lord that He grant mercy to our souls!

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

**Tone 8** *(Theotokion)*

O unwedded Virgin,

who ineffably didst conceive God in the flesh,

O Mother of God most high,

accept the cries of thy servants, O blameless one!

Grant cleansing of transgressions to all!//

Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!

***(at Great Vespers)***

**Tone 7** **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.

To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.

For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,

and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,

to proclaim that Thou art risen,//

granting the world great mercy.

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

**Tone 8** **Troparion** *(Ven. Chariton)*

By a flood of tears thou didst make the desert fertile,

and thy longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance.

By the radiance of miracles thou didst illumine the whole universe.//

Our holy Father Chariton, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!

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

**Tone 8** **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

For our sake Thou wast born of the Virgin

and didst endure crucifixion, O Good One, destroying death by death.

Revealing the Resurrection as God, do not despise the work of Thy hand!

Reveal Thy love for man, O Merciful One, and accept the Theotokos praying for us,//

and save the despairing people, O our Savior!

***(at Vigil)***

**Tone 4 Troparion 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. *(thrice)*

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

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**Tone 7** **Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,

for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.

Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:

“The Savior has come to those in faith;//

enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

**Tone 2 Kontakion** *(Ven. Chariton)*

Thou didst delight in the monastic life, divinely-wise one,

and conquered the bodily passions;

thou didst increase in faith, blossoming as the Tree of Life in the midst of Paradise,//

most blessed and holy Chariton.

 **Tone 7** **Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)*

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His people with peace. *(Ps. 28:11)*

V. *Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)*

 **Tone 7** **Prokeimenon** *(Ven. Chariton)*

Let the saints exult in glory, / let them sing for joy on their couches! *(Ps. 149:5)*

**Epistle**

 (181) 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

(176) 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 *(Ven. Chariton)*

**Tone 7**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. *It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High. (Ps. 91:1)*

V. *To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. (Ps. 91:2a)*

**Tone 6**

V. *Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. (Ps. 111:1)*

 **Gospel**

 (17) Luke 5:1-11

 (24) Luke 6:17-23 *(Ven. Chariton)*

**Communion Hymn**

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

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

tidings. *(Ps. 111:6)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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