**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 TONE 2**

**19th Sunday after Pentecost (4th of Luke)**

**Prophet Joel**

**Martyr Varus, and with him six Monk Martyrs**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 2**

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 2** *(for the Resurrection)*

Come, let us worship the Word of God

begotten of the Father before all ages,

and incarnate of the Virgin Mary!

Having endured the Cross,

He was buried as He Himself desired.//

And having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.

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

Christ our Savior

nailed to the Cross the bond against us,

He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death.//

We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.

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

With the Archangels

let us praise the Resurrection of Christ!

He is our Savior, our Redeemer.

He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power//

to judge the world which He made.

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

*(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)*

The Angel proclaimed Thee,

the crucified and buried Master.

He told the women: “Come, see the place where He lay!

He is risen as He said,

for He is almighty.”

We worship Thee, O only immortal One.//

Have mercy on us, O Christ, the Giver of life!

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

**Tone 8** *(for Prophet Joel) (Oh, most glorious wonder)*

The Spirit of God has been poured out on us, O faithful,

as the honored Joel prophesied, moved by the same Spirit.

In prophetic words he opens the revelation of divine mysteries.

We who have received his works are enlightened with divine radiance//

and with the grace of God.

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.*

O Master, the wondrous Joel comes forth from Thy house,

filled with divine eloquence,

like a stream of water giving life to the souls of men.

He lets fall on us the sweetness that delights our thoughts,

for he has been exalted by the Spirit//

and raised by virtue to divine heights.

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

O Joel, with thy boldness as a Prophet

and thy spiritual closeness to God,

thou dost behold heavenly visions.

Move Him, O glorious one, to have compassion for us,

who celebrate thy memory with faith,//

asking remission of sins and a share in divine joy 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 6** *(for St. Varus) (Having placed all their hope)*

Behold the sufferings of the truly victorious martyrs!

Filled with the boldness of God, thou didst enter the arena, O Varus.

Thou didst preach Christ, Who became a man for our sake.

Thou wast not afraid of death or the torments that lay before thee.

Therefore as thou wast wounded and mercilessly dismembered,

thou didst rejoice with perfect understanding, O wise one,//

looking to the glory that abides for those who love God.

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

As thou didst behold thy flesh and blood fall away, O athlete,

thou didst endure valiantly as if another were suffering in thy place.

Bound to a tree, most patiently thou didst endure laceration by the evil one.

Thou didst commit thy spirit into the hands of God

astonishing those who beheld thee with thy steadfast resistance.

Therefore we honor thee, O wise Varus,//

for thy courage was so great, and thou didst cast down the tyrant by thy sufferings.

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

Having anointed thy body with spices and buried thee in the earth,

the wondrous Cleopatra raised up to thee a holy church,

celebrating thy feast and entreating thee with faith, O wondrous Varus.

Thou didst enroll her children in the spiritual army:

adorned with glory, they are numbered among the choirs of the saints.

Grant this portion also to us, O truly wondrous martyr,//

as we celebrate thy memory with faith!

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

*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.

**Aposticha**

**Tone 2** *(for the Resurrection)*

Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,

has enlightened the whole universe,

recalling Thy creation.//

Glory to Thee, O almighty Lord!

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

By the Tree Thou didst destroy the curse of the Tree, O Savior.

By Thy burial Thou didst mortify the majesty of death.

Thou hast enlightened our race by Thy Resurrection.//

O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

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

When Thou wast seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ,

Thou didst restore the beauty of Thy creatures.

The soldiers showed their inhumanity when they pierced Thy side with a spear.

The Hebrews, not knowing Thy power,

asked that Thy tomb might be sealed,

but through the mercy of Thy compassion,

Thou didst accept the tomb

and didst rise on the third day!//

O Lord, glory to Thee!

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

O Christ, the Giver of life,

for the sake of the dead Thou didst voluntarily endure death,

descending into hell as the Mighty One

to save those who awaited Thy coming,

granting them the life of paradise instead of hell.

Grant also to us who glorify Thy Resurrection on the third day//

cleansing of our sins and great mercy!

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

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

**Tone 2** *(Theotokion)*

A new miracle surpasses all ancient miracles!

Who knows of a Mother who gave birth without a man,

who carried in her arms her Creator?

This birth is the will of God!

Since thou didst carry Him as an infant in thine arms, O most pure one,

and since thou dost possess motherly boldness before Him,

do not cease praying for us who honor thee,//

that He may be bountiful and save our souls!

***(at Great Vespers)***

**Tone 2** **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,

Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.

And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,

all the powers of heaven cried out://

“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

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

**Tone 4** **Troparion**  *(St. Varus)*

Thy holy martyr Varus, O Lord,

through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from Thee, our God.

For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries,

and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//

Through his 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 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)***

**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 2** **Troparion** *(Prophet Joel)*

We celebrate the memory

of Thy prophet Joel, O Lord;

through him we beseech You://

“Save our souls!”

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**Tone 2** **Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,

seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!

The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee,//

and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

**Tone 4** **Kontakion** *(St. Varus)*

Following Christ, O Martyr Varus, thou didst drink of His chalice;

thou didst receive the crown of martyrdom and now rejoicest with the Angels.//

Pray for our souls unceasingly!

**Tone 2** **Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)*

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation. *(Ps. 117:14)*

V. *The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.*

*(Ps. 117:18)*

**Epistle**

(194) 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

**Tone 2**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. *May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! (Ps. 19:1)*

V. *Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps. 19:9)*

**Gospel**

(35) Luke 8:5-15

**Communion Hymn**

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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