**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 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 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 You will 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 You, 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 Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

*(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)*

The Angel proclaimed You,

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 You, O only immortal One.//

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

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

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

O Master, the wondrous Joel comes forth from Your 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 your boldness as a Prophet

and your spiritual closeness to God,

you behold heavenly visions.

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

who celebrate your 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, you entered the arena, O Varus.

You preached Christ, Who became a man for our sake.

You were not afraid of death or the torments that lay before you.

Therefore as you were wounded and mercilessly dismembered,

you rejoiced 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 you beheld your flesh and blood fall away, O athlete,

you endured valiantly as if another were suffering in your place.

Bound to a tree, most patiently you endured laceration by the evil one.

You committed your spirit into the hands of God

astonishing those who beheld you with your steadfast resistance.

Therefore we honor you, O wise Varus,//

for your courage was so great, and you cast down the tyrant by your sufferings.

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

Having anointed your body with spices and buried you in the earth,

the wondrous Cleopatra raised up to you a holy church,

celebrating your feast and entreating you with faith, O wondrous Varus.

You enrolled 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 your 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)*

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,

has enlightened the whole universe,

recalling Your creation.//

Glory to You, O almighty Lord!

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

By the Tree You destroyed the curse of the Tree, O Savior.

By Your burial You mortified the majesty of death.

You have enlightened our race by Your Resurrection.//

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

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

When You were seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ,

You restored the beauty of Your creatures.

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

The Hebrews, not knowing Your power,

asked that Your tomb might be sealed,

but through the mercy of Your compassion,

You accepted the tomb

and rose on the third day!//

O Lord, glory to You!

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

O Christ, the Giver of life,

for the sake of the dead You voluntarily endured death,

descending into hell as the Mighty One

to save those who awaited Your coming,

granting them the life of paradise instead of hell.

Grant also to us who glorify Your 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 you carried Him as an infant in your arms, O most pure one,

and since you possess motherly boldness before Him,

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

that He may be bountiful and save our souls!

***(at Great Vespers)***

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

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,

You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.

And when from the depths You raised the dead,

all the powers of heaven cried out://

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

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

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

Your holy martyr Varus, O Lord,

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

For having Your 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 you, 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 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 2** **Troparion** *(Prophet Joel)*

We celebrate the memory

of Your 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 Your Resurrection from the tomb!

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

and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

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

Following Christ, O Martyr Varus, you drank of His chalice;

you received the crown of martyrdom and now rejoice 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 you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (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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