

# DAILY VESPERS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

## Lord I Call - Tone 8

6. *If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? \* But there is forgiveness with thee.*

O Lord, Thou hast enlightened Thine apostles / with the beams of the Comforter, / also setting them as beacons unto the confirmation of the Faith, / with the noetic radiance of the knowledge of Thee, O Master: // for which sake, we bow down before Thine ineffable love for mankind.

5. *For thy name's sake have I patiently waited for thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for thy word: \* My soul hath hoped in the Lord.*

O Lord, at the prayers of Thine apostles, / Thou hast protected this, Thy flock, / preserving it, unharmed, from the temptations of the foe: / for Thou hast redeemed it, with Thine honourable blood, / from slavery to the enemy, // in that Thou art the compassionate One, and the lover of mankind.

4. *From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch: \* Let Israel hope in the Lord.*

Ye were shewn, together, set in the foundation of the Church, / like unto precious stones, / with radiant brilliance, shining forth the knowledge of God upon the inhabited world, / O divine apostles, / which stand before the Trinity, // and are they that pray for our souls.

3. *And in the Fourth Tone: For, with the Lord, there is mercy; and, with Him, is plenteous redemption: \* And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

*(Martyr Agrapina)* Rome putteth thee forward, \* as a blossoming rose of sweet fragrance, \* O Agrippina the much-suffering, \* the thoughts of the faithful perfuming with the scent of the virtues, \* and the stench of the passions dispelling by grace alway, \* adornment of the martyrs, \* confirmation of the Church, \* boast of virgins, \*\* and abyss of miracles.

2. *O praise the Lord, all ye nations: \* Praise Him, all ye people.*

As riches of great price, \* unto Sicily, He giveth thee, \* who, in Rome, suffered, \* Christ our God: \* arriving there, O glorious martyr, \* thou drovest away evil multitudes of demons by thine intercession; \* wherefore now, we bless thee, \* and, today, celebrate thy holy suffering, \*\* O much-suffering Agrippina.

1. *For His merciful kindness is great towards us: \* And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.*

Bassa and Paula bare thee on their shoulders, \* at the command of Him that upholdeth all things, \* moving from place to place; \* and, making a long journey over the deep, O martyr Agrippina, \* working awesome miracles \* through divine grace, \* and having come to rest in the place \* that God had appointed, \*\* thou becomest repose for the heavy-laden, O all-praised one.

*“Glory, now and ever” in the same tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

O most pure one, / who containedst within thy womb the infinite God, / Who loveth mankind and became a man, / taking our substance from thee and manifestly deifying it: / disdain me not who am now in distress; / but quickly have pity; // and free me from all the harm and enmity of the evil one.

## APOSTICHA

*In the Eighth Tone: O Lord, the apostles, heartily loving Thee on earth...*

O Lord, the apostles, heartily loving Thee on earth, / considered all but dung,  
/ that Thee alone they might acquire, / and, for Thee, gave over their bodies  
to wounds: / for which sake, they are glorified, // and pray for our souls.

*Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of  
servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand  
of her mistress; even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God: \* **Until he have mercy  
upon us.***

O Lord, Thou hast magnified the memory of the apostles on earth: / for we  
all, assembling together therein, glorify Thee: / for Thou grantest us, for  
their sake, healings, / and peace to the whole world at their prayers, // and  
great mercy.

*Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we are exceedingly filled with  
contempt. Our soul is exceedingly filled with humiliation; let reproach come upon the  
wealthy: \***And abasement on the proud.***

If there be any virtue, / and if there be any praise, rightly are these things  
ascribed to the saints: / they bowed their necks beneath the sword, / for Thy  
sake, Who hast bowed the heavens, and come down: / they shed their blood  
for Thee, Who hast emptied Thyself, / and taken the form of a servant: /  
they humbled themselves even unto death, / following the example of Thy  
poverty: / at their prayers, have mercy upon us, O God, // according to the  
multitude of Thy tender mercies.

*'Glory; Now and ever' in the same tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit: \* **Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.***

*(Tone 8)* I, O holy Virgin Theotokos, \* flee to thy protection: \* for I know that, through thee, I shall obtain salvation; \* for thou art able, O pure one, \*\* to help me.

## **TROPARIA**

*(Tone 4)* Thy ewe-lamb, O Jesus, Agrippina, calleth out in a loud voice: \* 'Thee, my bridegroom, I love, and, in seeking Thee, endure suffering, \* and am, likewise, crucified, and buried, in Thy baptism, \* and suffer for Thy sake, so that I may reign in Thee, \* and die for Thee, that I may live with Thee: \* but, as an unspotted sacrifice, accept me, who, with love, offer myself to Thee'; \*\* at whose prayers, as one merciful, save Thou 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 4)* The Word of the Father, even Christ our God, / Who was truly in-carnate of thee, / have we come to know, O Virgin Theo-to - kos, / who alone art pure, who alone art bles-sed: // wherefore, we unceasingly mag-ni-fy thee in song.