

GREAT VESPERS

Resurrection Tone 7 • All Saints of Rus

Lord, I Call
Tone 7

Lord I call upon Thee, hear me! Hear me, O Lord! Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! 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!

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

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 Saviour glory to Thee!

(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 slay death as God! We fall down before Thy Resurrection on the Third Day, O Saviour, glory to Thee!

(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!

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

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!

(6) And in the Fifth Tone: If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

Rejoice, new martyrs and confessors of Russia, / the adornment of the Orthodox,
/ lambs of the new slaughter, / fellow warriors, and guardians of the faith, /
blameless intercessors, for us, with God, in the latter years, / who, in your
sufferings, / appear as emulators of the first martyrs; / O unshakeable pillars of
patient endurance, // entreat God that our souls be granted great mercy.

**(5) For Thy name's sake have I waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited for
Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.**

Rejoice, O glorious passion-bearers; / following in the steps of the martyrs of old,
/ ye contended, firmly, for the sake of the faith, / in the cruel and grievous times
of your land; / and, now, ye rouse all to the glory and praise of God, / Who
strengthened your weaknesses, / and hath enriched you with gifts of the Spirit; //
ever pray for the salvation of our souls.

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

O heavenly protectors, / come to us, who await the visitation of your prayer; /
and deliver us from danger caused by the madness of unbelievers, / for which,
we are often pursued like prisoners and outcasts, / moving from place to place, /
and wandering in caves and mountains; / have compassion, O all-praised martyrs
and confessors; / and grant us relief; / pacify the storm; and extinguish the
hostility towards us, / praying to God, Who, through you, // granteth, to our land,
great mercy.

**(3) And in the Sixth Tone: For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is
plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.**

O longsuffering arch-pastor, father Tikhon, / in a time of terrible godless
persecutions, / comforting the true children of the Church of Russia, / with
courage, thou hast stood up for Christ and the Orthodox faith; / and, dying, day
by day, / for the sake of thy pastoral service, / thou hast been revealed as a
steadfast confessor; // for this, we, lovingly, glorify thee.

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

O true shepherd, hiero-martyr Vladimir, / when lawless men compelled thee to
depart from overseeing the Church of Russia, / thou hast remained faithful, in
deed and word, to hierarch Tikhon; / like an holy sacrifice from Kiev, / the mother
of Russian cities, / thou hast offered thyself to God, / praying for them that were
slaying thee; // for this, we, willingly, glorify thee.

(1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

O hiero-martyr Benjamin, / as a true son of Christ's Church, / and, having heartfelt zeal for her welfare, / thou hast bravely taken thy stand against the false shepherds / that were striving to steal thy flock; / but, not fearing the threats and false testimony of them that questioned thee, / thou hast turned the judgment back upon the heads of them that tested thee; / and, then, by thy death, / thou hast strengthened Orthodoxy; // for this, we, willingly, glorify thee.

Glory in the Fifth Tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

O most high Master, / glorified and worshipped in Trinity, / take pity on us by the acceptable prayers of Thy new martyrs, / who, in the presence of tyrants, / boldly confessed Thee, the one God, // and Thine ineffable saving incarnation, from a virgin mother, O Son of God.

Now and ever in the Seventh Tone: Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Dogmatik Theotokion - Tone 7) No tongue can speak of thy wonderful childbearing, for the order of nature was over-ruled 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.

Aposticha

(Tone 7) As the Saviour of the world Thou didst arise from the Tomb! As God Thou didst resurrect the race of men with Thy flesh! O Lord, glory to Thee!

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!

For He hath established the world / So that it shall never be moved.

Into hell didst Thou descend, capturing death, O Christ! In three days didst Thou arise again, resurrecting us who glorify Thy Resurrection! O Lord and Lover of Man!

Holiness befitteth Thine house / O Lord, forever.

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 O only Lover of Man.

Glory in the Second Tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

O new house of Ephrata, / splendid and elect region, / O holy Russia, guard the Orthodox faith, // in which is thy confirmation and support.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O most-glorious wonder! / the Queen of heaven and earth, / who hath been entreated by the saints of our land, / hath, until now, sheltered the Russian land, / tenderly enriching the choir of its people; / O mighty and sovereign Lady, / cease not to pray for confirmation of the Orthodox faith in Rus', // and to pour out wonders forever. Amen.

Troparion

(Resurrection -Tone 7) By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief Thou didst open paradise! For the myrrh-bearers, 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 4) Today, the Church of Russia, joyfully, formeth a chorus, / praising her new martyrs and confessors: / hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses, / venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians; / having laid down their life, for faith in Christ, / during the days of godless persecution, / they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood; / by their protection, O long-suffering Lord, // preserve our land in Orthodoxy till the end of the age.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Tone 4) The mystery of all eternity, / unknown even by angels, / through thee, O Theotokos, is revealed to them 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.