

**Propers      Great Vespers      Saturday November 19, 2022      Tone 6**

23rd Sunday after Pentecost. / Holy 33 Martyrs of Melitene. Ven. Lazarus . Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra.  
Martyrs Melasippus, Cassina, their son Antoninus. Martyrs Auctus, Taurion, and Thessalonica.

**"Lord I Call..."      Tone 6**

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!  
Hear me, O Lord!  
Lord, I call upon You, hear me!  
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 6      (for the Resurrection)**

Possessing victory over hell, O Christ,  
since You are free among the dead,  
You ascended the Cross  
raising with Yourself those who sat in the shades of death.//  
Drawing life from Your light, O almighty Savior, have mercy on us!

*v. (9) The righteous will surround me, for You will deal bountifully with me.*

Today Christ tramples on death,  
for He is risen as He said!  
Let us all sing this song,  
for He has granted joy to the world:  
O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life!//  
O Savior almighty, have mercy on us!

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

Where shall we sinners flee from You, Who are in all creation?  
In heaven You dwell!  
In hell You trampled on death!  
In the depths of the sea?  
Even there is Your hand, O Master!  
To You we flee, and falling before You, we pray://  
O You Who rose from the dead, have mercy on us!

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

In Your Cross, we glory, O Christ.  
We sing and glorify Your Resurrection.  
For You are our God, //  
and we know no other than You.

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

### **Tone 6**

You were fittingly revealed as a divinely assembled regiment,  
greatly glorious ones:  
A sacred army, a Godly company, a holy nation;  
a legion of martyrs inspired by God,  
a noble gathering and unbreakable alliance,  
inhabitants of the City on high! //  
Therefore you are rightly called blessed!

*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.*

Let us all assemble and honor Nicander,  
with Hesychius, Athanasius and Mamas,  
the divine Barachius and Callinicus,  
Theogenes and Nicon,  
Longinus and Theodore,  
Valerius and Xanthius,  
Theodulus, Callimachus and Eugene, //  
the Godly Theodochus and Ostrychius!

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

Let us together hymn the true witnesses with faith:  
The valiant Hieron,  
the glorious Epiphanius, Maximian and Ducitius,  
Claudian and Theophilus  
and the Godly Gigantius,  
Dorotheus and Theodotus,  
Castrycius, Anicetas and Themelius, //  
and also Euty chius!

*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**

Having set aside all the folly of the passions  
and made your flesh subject to your spirit,  
you became a rule of virtue,  
the confirmation of monastics,  
a model for those who fast,  
the adornment of the venerable ones!  
Now you behold the ineffable beauty of your Creator  
and are ever nurtured by the spirit on the beauties of heaven!  
Therefore we have assembled to celebrate with hymns and sweet songs //  
your honored and most festive memory!

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

You cut off all the heavy burden of material things  
and the great turmoil of the flesh.  
Wise one, controlling even your breath,  
you remained untouched by the passions,  
your courageous mind strong as a pillar surrounded by spiritual armor!  
Now you have truly received the divine vision and splendor  
and have taken your place before Him Whom you desired,  
where made divine by your manner, //  
you delight in his never-ending radiance!

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

You loved the light, like Elijah and John the Forerunner.  
You observed stillness in the mountains and arid deserts,  
ever learning to ascend towards God  
and excelling in the virtues.  
Therefore you have gained your ultimate desire, all-wise one,  
and you stand rejoicing before the triply-radiant light of the Trinity  
from whom you received divine splendor!//  
Intercede with boldness on behalf of our souls!

*Glory...*

**Tone 5**

Venerable Father,  
you did not give sleep to your eyes nor slumber to your eyelids,  
until you freed your soul and body from the passions,  
preparing yourself to be a dwelling-place of the Spirit!  
Christ, coming with the Father, made His dwelling in you!  
Since you are a favorite of the consubstantial Trinity,  
great preacher, Lazarus our father,//  
ever pray on behalf of our souls!

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

**Tone 6**      *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin?  
Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing?  
The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,  
but from you He was ineffably incarnate.  
God by nature, yet Man for our sake,  
not two persons, but one known in two natures.  
Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//  
to have mercy on our souls!

**Aposticha**

**Tone 6**      *(for the Resurrection)*

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,  
the Angels in heaven sing!  
Enable us on earth//  
to glorify You in purity of heart!

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

Destroying the gates of hell,  
breaking the chains of death,  
You resurrected the fallen human race as almighty God!//  
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You!

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

Desiring to return us to Paradise,  
Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb.  
The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, crying,  
“Woe to us, O Savior!  
How do You deign to descend to death?  
What place can hold Your life bearing body?  
Come to us as You promised!  
Take away our wailing and tears!”  
Then the Angel appeared to them:  
“Stop your lamentations!  
Go, proclaim to the Apostles:  
‘The Lord is risen,//  
granting us purification and great mercy!’”

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

Having been crucified as You willed,  
by Your burial You captured death, O Christ,  
rising on the third day as God in glory,//  
granting the world unending life and great mercy!

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

**Tone 6**

The sound of your teachings has gone out into all the earth,  
venerable father Lazarus!  
Therefore you have found the reward of your labors in the heavens.  
You destroyed the hosts of demons  
and reached the ranks of angels whose life you blamelessly followed!  
Since you have boldness before Christ our God, //  
entreat peace for our souls!

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

**Tone 6**      *(Theotokion)*

Christ the Lord, my Creator and Deliverer, /  
Who came forth from your womb, O all-pure one, and robed Himself in me, /  
has freed Adam from the curse, /  
Like the angel we unceasingly cry out to thee, O most pure one, /  
Who is truly the Mother of God and Virgin; /  
Rejoice! Rejoice, O Mistress, /  
You intercession, protection and salvation for our souls!

**Tone 6**      **Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb;  
the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Your grave,  
seeking Your most pure body.  
You captured hell, not being tempted by it.  
You came to the Virgin, granting life.  
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, //  
glory to You.

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

**Tone 4**      *Troparion (to the martyrs)*

Your holy martyrs, Lord,  
through their sufferings have received their incorruptible crowns from You, our God!  
For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,  
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. //  
Through their intercessions, save our souls

*Both now ... ..*

**Tone 4:**                    *Theotokion,*

The mystery hidden from before the ages /  
And unknown even to the Angels, /  
Through thee, O Theotokos, hath been revealed to  
those on earth: /  
God incarnate in unconfused union, /  
Who willingly accepting the Cross for our sake, /  
And, thereby, raising up the first-formed man, /  
Hath saved our souls from death.