

Vespers – Supplementary sheet for Saturday 26th September 2020

16th after Pentecost – 1st of Luke

Today we commemorate

Holy Martyr Callistratus and his company of 49 Martyrs (c.304). Apostles Mark, Aristarchus, and Zenas, of the Seventy (1st C). Righteous Gideon, Judge of Israel. New Martyr Aquilina at Thessalonica (1764). St. Epicharis of Rome (305). St. Iganitius, abbot in Asia Minor (975). St. Sabbatius, Wonderworker of Solovki (1435).

British Isles and Ireland

St. Barrog, Hermit of Barry (6th C). St. Sigebert, King of the East Angles and Martyr (635).

Lord, I have cried...

Ten stichera – Seven for the Resurrection and three for St. Kallistratos and companions

In Tone 7

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may confess your name.

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord who has smashed the might of death and enlightened the human race, as we cry with the Bodiless Powers: Our Creator and Saviour, glory to you!

The just will await me, until you reward me.

For us, O Saviour, you endured the Cross and burial; but as God by your death you put death to death; and so we worship your Resurrection on the third day. Lord, glory to you!

Out of the depths I have cried to you, Lord. Lord hear my voice.

The Apostles marvelled when they saw the Creator's Rising and cried aloud the angelic hymn of praise: This is the glory of the Church, this is the wealth of the Kingdom. O Lord, who suffered for us, glory to you!

Let your ears be attentive, to the voice of my supplication.

Though you were seized by lawless men, O Christ, yet you are my God, and I am not ashamed; your back was scourged, I do not deny you; You were nailed to a Cross, and I do not hide. I make my boast in your Rising; for your death is my life. All-powerful Lord who loves mankind, glory to you!

If you, Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who will stand? But there is forgiveness with you.

Fulfilling David's prophecy Christ revealed his own greatness in Sion to his Disciples, showing that he was praised and ever glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, before without flesh as Word, later for us incarnate and put to death as man, and risen with authority as he loves mankind.

For your name's sake I have waited for you, Lord. My soul has waited on your word. My soul has hoped in the Lord.

You descended into Hell as you willed, O Christ; you despoiled death as God and master and you rose on the third day, raising with yourself from the bonds of Hell and from corruption Adam as he cried and said: Glory to your Resurrection, only lover of mankind.

From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel trust in the Lord.

You were laid in a tomb, O Lord, as one who slept, and you rose on the third day as one powerful in strength, raising Adam with yourself from the corruption of death, as all-powerful.

In Tone 8

For with the Lord there is mercy and with him is abundant redemption, and he will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Martyred athlete Callistratus, your mind illumined by the light of piety, you unwaveringly trod the path to heavenly blessedness, conquering all the snares of the enemy! Therefore we praise you, honouring your sacred memory, most blessed one!

Praise the Lord, all you nations. Praise him all you peoples.

Divinely wise martyr Callistratus, enriched by the word of life, you guided to life those who once were dead in the curse through ignorance! They died with zeal, glorious one, for the Resurrection of us all! Truly we believe they dwell with Christ: Together with them, remember us to the all-good Lord!

For his mercy has been mighty towards us, and the truth of the Lord endures to the ages.

Sacred martyr Gymnasius, beheaded by the sword you indeed drowned the Pharaoh of falsehood in the torrent of your blood! Now you pour forth healings on all who come to your temple with faith praising your struggles and celebrating your honoured memory, blessed one!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion – In Tone 7

You were known as a Mother beyond nature, O Mother of God; you remained a Virgin beyond reason and understanding; no tongue can expound the marvel of your child-bearing; for while your conceiving, Pure One, was wondrous, the manner of your bearing child cannot be comprehended, for wherever God wills the order of nature is overthrown. Therefore as we all acknowledge you to be Mother of God we implore you insistently: Intercede that our souls may be saved.

Aposticha

Resurrectional Stichera in Tone 7

You rose from the tomb, Saviour of the world, and with your flesh you raised mankind. Lord, glory to you!

The Lord is King: he has robed himself in majesty. The Lord has robed and girded himself with power.

Come, let us worship the one who rose from the dead and enlightened all things; for he has freed us from the tyranny of Hell through his Rising on the third day so granting us life and his great mercy.

He has made the world firm; it will not be shaken.

O Christ, by descending below to Hell you despoiled death, and by rising on the third day you raised us with you as we glorified your all-powerful Rising. Lord, glory to you!

Holiness befits your house, O Lord, to length of days.

Fearful you appeared, Lord, as you lay in the tomb; but rising on the third day in power you raised with you Adam, who cried: Glory to your Resurrection, only lover of mankind.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Apolytykia

For the Resurrection in Tone 7

You shattered death by your Cross; you opened paradise to the thief; you turned the sadness of the myrrh-bearing women into joy; and you commanded your Apostles to proclaim that you have risen, O Christ, granting to the world great mercy.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion in Tone 7

As the treasure-house of our Resurrection, All-praised Lady, bring up from the pit and from the deep of offences those who have put their trust in you; for you saved those who were subject to sin by giving birth to Salvation. You were Virgin before bearing child, Virgin in bearing child and after bearing child you are still Virgin.