Great Vespers

Saturday, February 13, 2021
36th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday of Zacchaeus
Ven. Auxentius of Bithynia





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(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)

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Saturday, February 6, 2021 Saturday, February 13, 2021 **36th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of Zacchaeus Ven. Auxentius of Bithynia**

Lord, I Call

(Tone 3) 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.

Tone 3 (for the Resurrection)

By Thy Cross, O Christ our Savior, death's dominion has been shattered; the devil's delusion destroyed. The race of man, being saved by faith, always offers Thee a song.

(9) The righteous will surround me, for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

All has been enlightened by Thy Resurrection, O Lord. Paradise has been opened again. All creation, praising Thee, always offers Thee a song.

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

I glorify the power of the Father and the Son. I praise the authority of the Holy Spirit: the undivided, uncreated Godhead, the consubstantial Trinity which reigns forever.

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

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

We bow down in worship before Thy precious Cross, O Christ, and we glorify and praise Thy Resurrection, for by Thy wounds we have all been healed.

(6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

We praise the Savior incarnate of the Virgin, for He was crucified for our sake and resurrected on the third day, granting us great mercy.

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

Christ descended to hell proclaiming the glad tidings: "Behold! Now I have triumphed! I am the Resurrection, I will lead you out, for I have shattered the gates of death!"

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

Standing unworthily in Thy most pure house, O Christ God, we offer our evening song, crying from the depths: Thou Who didst enlighten the world, by Thy Resurrection on the third day, O Lover of man, deliver Thy people from the hand of Thine enemies!

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

Tone 4 (for Ven. Auxentius) (Thou hast given a sign)

Thou didst put forth great effort in the ascetic life, receiving from God an outpouring of spiritual gifts to heal infirmities and drive out demons, O most blessed Auxentius. Thou wast faithful to the calling of Christ, filled with divine grace and the power of the Spirit. Openly guided by Him, thou hast reached a calm haven.

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

Thou didst cleanse thyself in mind and wast enriched with the grace of healings and miracles. Thou didst shake off the weakness of the passions, together with the darkness and threefold attacks of the flesh. Thou didst fashion splendid spiritual armor, shining forth from the ranks of monastics. Entreat the Lover of man for those who praise thee!

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

Thou didst increase the talent given to thee, O all-wise one. Thou didst thoroughly work the soil of thy soul. Thou didst sow it with tears, O Father, reaping with joy. Thou didst truly harvest abundant joy and consolation. Therefore, O God-bearing Auxentius, since thou hast boldness before the Master, entreat Him for those who praise thee!

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

Tone 8 (for Ven. Auxentius, by Anatolius)

O most blessed and venerable Father Auxentius, the pure wisdom of the Holy Spirit lived within thy heart, showing thee to be an enemy of the spirits of wickedness. Thou wast an awesome healer of hidden illnesses. Therefore, since thou hast boldness before God, the Lover of man, by thine unceasing prayers, free us from passions of soul and body!

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

Tone 3 (Theotokion - Dogmatikon)

How can we not wonder at thy mystical childbearing, O exalted Mother? For without receiving the touch of man, thou gavest birth to a Son in the flesh, O immaculate Virgin. The Son born of the Father before eternity was born of thee at the fullness of time, O honored Lady. He underwent no mingling, no change, no division, but preserved the fullness of each nature. Entreat Him, O Lady and Virgin and Mother, to save the souls of those who, in the Orthodox manner, confess thee to be the Theotokos.

Aposticha

Tone 3 (for the Resurrection)

The sun was darkened by Thy Passion, O Christ, but all creation was enlightened by the light of Thy Resurrection. Accept our evening song, O Lover of man!

The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

Thy life-bearing Resurrection, O Lord, enlightened the whole universe, recalling Thy creation. Delivered from Adam's curse, we sing: O Almighty Lord, glory to Thee!

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

Thou art the changeless God, Who, suffering in the flesh, wast changed. Creation could not endure seeing Thee on the Cross. It was filled with fear while praising Thy patience. By descending to hell and rising on the third day, Thou hast granted to the world life and great mercy.

Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

Thou didst endure death, O Christ, to deliver the race of men from death. Thou didst rise from the dead on the third day, raising with thyself those who knew Thee as God and enlightening the world. Glory to Thee!

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

Tone 3 (Theotokion)

By the will of the Father, without seed, of the Holy Spirit thou didst conceive the Son of God. He was born of the Father before eternity without a mother, but now for our sake He didst come from thee without a father! Do not cease entreating Him to deliver our souls from harm!

Troparia

Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

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

Tone 1 Troparion (Ven. Auxentius)

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body, thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father Auxentius. Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer, healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith. Glory to Him Who gave thee strength! Glory to Him Who granted thee a crown! Glory to Him Who grants healing to all!

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

Tone 1 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

When Gabriel announced to thee, O Virgin, saying "Rejoice!" with that word the Master of all was incarnate in thee, the holy Ark, spoken of by the righteous David! Thy womb became more spacious than the heavens, for thou didst carry thy Creator. Glory to Him Who took abode in thee! Glory to Him Who came forth from thee! Glory to Him Who freed us by being born of thee!

Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers at the Divine Liturgy for the Health of the Servants of God:

Metropolitan Herman

Igumen David Lewis

Archpriests: Thomas Edwards, John Perich, Rodion Pfeifer, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Dennis Swenki, James Weremedic

Priests: Matthew Joyner, Ian Shipley, John Nightingale

Deacons: Geoffrey LoBalbo

Matushki: Ashley Joyner, Marie Mason, Johanna Bohush, Evelyn Edwards, Paraskeva Vansuch, Myra Kovalak, Gloria Martin, Maryann Oselinsky, Priscilla Shipley, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic

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Child of God: Emily Estrin

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