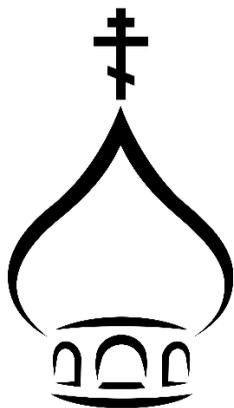


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(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)

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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 8 *(from the Lenten Triodion)* *(Oh, most glorious wonder)*

The Lord's praises were always on thy lips, O holy Father John. With deep wisdom thou didst search the Scriptures, which teach us to deny ourselves. Thou didst become rich in the blessings of grace, overthrowing the craftiness of the devil.

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

Thou didst wash thy soul in a fountain of tears, O most glorious Father John, keeping vigil for God and gaining His mercy. Upborne on the wings of prayer, thou didst fly to divine love and beauty. Now, together with thy fellow soldiers, O holy one, thou dwellest in His spiritual light and unending joy.

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

On the wings of faith thou didst raise thy mind to God, O holy Father John. Hating the world's confusion and vanity, thou didst take up thy cross and didst follow Him Who sees all things. Thou didst submit thy rebellious flesh to His guidance, through the discipline of self-denial, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Tone 5 *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

O holy Father, hearing the Lord's voice in the Gospel, thou didst spurn the riches and glory of the world. Thou didst cry out to all: "Love God and find eternal grace! Set nothing higher than His love; thus, thou wilt find rest with all the saints, when He comes in glory!" Through his prayers guard and save our souls, O Christ!

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;

Tone 2 *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Let us honor John! He is an earthly angel and a heavenly man, the adornment of the world, the joy of the virtuous, the glory of ascetics. He was planted in the house of God, and blossomed with the flower of sanctity. He flourished in the desert like a cedar of Lebanon. Through him the sheep of Christ's flock grow in holiness and righteousness.

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

Tone 2 *(Theotokion)*

A new miracle surpasses all ancient miracles! Who knows of a Mother who gave birth without a man, who carried in her arms her Creator? This birth is the will of God! Since thou didst carry Him as an infant in thine arms, O most pure one, and since thou dost possess motherly boldness before Him, do not cease praying for us who honor thee, that He may be bountiful and save our souls!

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 *(St. John Climacus)*

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body, thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John. 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 for the Health of the Servants of God:

Metropolitan Herman

Igumen David Lewis

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Child of God: Emily Estrin

Handmaidens of God: Corinne Gahles Stuckey, Amanda Riley, Natalie Stepanoff and their unborn children

Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.