

Vespers sung on Saturday 7th December for Sunday 8th December 2024 24th Sunday after Pentecost ♦ Our Venerable Father, Patapius of Thebes

“LORD, I CALL ...”

Tone 7

[Music on website]

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!

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy Name.

Tone 7 (For the Resurrection)

[Music on website]

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!

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 destroy death as God.
We fall down before Thy Resurrection on the third day,//
O Saviour, glory to Thee!

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!

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!

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

Fulfilling the prophecy of David,
Christ manifested His greatness in Zion to the disciples.
He is praised and always glorified,
together with the Father and the Holy Spirit.
At first as the Word, He was bodiless,
but then He took flesh and was slain for our sake.//
He rose in power as the Lover of man!

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.

Thou didst descend into hell as Thou didst will, O Christ,
overthrowing death as God and rising on the third day as Master!
With Thyself Thou didst raise Adam from the bonds of hell and from corruption!//
Glory to Thy Resurrection, O only Lover of man!

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

Thou wast placed in the tomb, O Lord, as one asleep!
On the third day Thou didst rise in power,
raising Adam with Thyself from the corruption of death//
as the Almighty One.

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

Tone 1 (For Venerable Patapius)

O Father Patapius,
having quenched the flaming desires of the flesh with abstinence,
thou didst go and make thine abode in the desert like Elijah of old;
cleansing thy mind with ceaseless prayer to God.//
Beseech Him now to grant our souls peace and great mercy!

Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

O Father Patapius,
having adorned thyself with dispassion,
thou didst number thyself with the ranks of ascetics.
And, dwelling with them now in the mansions of the righteous,
in the presence of the never-waning Light and the Tree of Life,//
beseech Christ to grant our souls peace and great mercy.

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

O Father Patapius,
thou didst shine forth as a beacon from Egypt,
enlightening the world with the brightness of thy miracles.
Thou dost dispel the gloom of soul-destroying infirmities,
driving off the darkness of demons;//
pray now that peace and great mercy may be granted to our souls!

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

Tone 7 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

No tongue can speak of thy wonderful childbearing,
for the order of nature was overruled 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 (*For the Resurrection*)

[Music on website]

As the Saviour of the world Thou didst arise from the tomb.
As God Thou didst resurrect the race of man with Thy flesh.//
O Lord, glory to Thee!

V. 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.

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

Thou didst descend into hell, capturing death, O Christ.
In three days Thou didst rise again,
resurrecting us who glorify Thy Resurrection,//
O Lord and Lover of man.

V. Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

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, only Lover of man!

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

Tone 7 (*Aposticha Theotokion*)

All the earth-born run to thy protection, O Lady!
Thou art our hope, O Theotokos!
Deliver us from our countless sins//
and pray that our souls may be saved.

TROPARIA

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 7

[Music on website / Green Book page14]

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers 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,

Troparion of Venerable Patapius in Tone 8

[Music on website / Sheet]

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father,
for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ.
By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passes away;
but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal.//
Therefore thy spirit, venerable Patapius, rejoices with the angels.

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

Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion in Tone 8

O Good One, Who for our sake wast born of the Virgin
and, having endured crucifixion, cast down death by death,
and as God revealed the resurrection:
d disdain not that which Thou hast fashioned with Thine own hand.
Show forth Thy love for mankind, O Merciful One;
accept the Theotokos who gave Thee birth and prayeth for us;
and save Thy despairing people, O our Saviour!