

**Vespers sung on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023 for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and EUGRAPHUS, of Alexandria**

**“LORD I CALL ...”**

**Tone 2**

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 2 (For the Resurrection)**

Come, let us worship the Word of God  
begotten of the Father before all ages,  
and incarnate of the Virgin Mary!  
Having endured the Cross,  
He was buried as He Himself desired.//  
And having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.

*The righteous will surround me, for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.*

Christ our Saviour  
nailed to the Cross the bond against us,  
He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death.//  
We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.

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

With the Archangels  
let us praise the Resurrection of Christ!  
He is our Saviour, our Redeemer.  
He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power//  
to judge the world which He made.

*Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

The Angel proclaimed Thee,  
the crucified and buried Master.  
He told the women: “Come, see the place where He lay!  
He is risen as He said,  
for He is almighty.”  
We worship Thee, O only immortal One.//  
Have mercy on us, O Christ, the Giver of life!

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

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy the curse of the tree.  
By Thy burial, Thou didst slay the dominion of death.  
By Thy rising, Thou didst enlighten the race of man.//  
O Benefactor, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

*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.*

The gates of death opened to Thee from fear, O Lord.  
When the guards of hell saw Thee they were afraid,  
for Thou didst demolish the gates of brass and smash the iron chains.//  
Thou hast led us from the darkness and shadows of death, and hast broken our bonds.

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

Let us come and worship in the house of the Lord,  
singing the hymn of salvation:  
Cleanse our sins, for Thou wast crucified and raised from the dead,//  
and art in the bosom of the Father!

*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 the Martyrs)**

O all-glorious Martyr Menas,  
when thy heels were struck,  
thine eyes put out, and thy God-speaking tongue removed,  
thou didst endure with steadfastness, looking for divine rewards.//  
Therefore pray that God may grant peace and great mercy to our souls!

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

The glorious Hermogenes  
desired the severing of his hands and feet.  
Beholding the fire, he showed forth a greater burning of heart  
as he clung firmly unto his God.//  
Now we pray to Him that He may grant peace and great mercy to our souls!

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

Your limbs were broken, O wise saints;  
you were cast into the depths of the sea.  
Having drowned the malice of the serpent,  
you were guided by the hands of the Most High to the calm haven of sweetness.//  
Therefore pray that God may grant peace and great mercy 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 2 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)**

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came;  
as the Bush burned, yet was not consumed,  
so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin.  
The Righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame.//  
Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

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## APOSTICHA

### **Tone 2** (*For the Resurrection*)

Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Saviour,  
has enlightened the whole universe,  
recalling Thy creation.//  
Glory to Thee, O almighty Lord!

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

By the Tree Thou didst destroy the curse of the Tree, O Saviour.  
By Thy burial Thou didst mortify the majesty of death.  
Thou hast enlightened our race by Thy Resurrection.//  
O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

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

When Thou wast seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ,  
Thou didst restore the beauty of Thy creatures.  
The soldiers showed their inhumanity when they pierced Thy side with a spear.  
The Hebrews, not knowing Thy power,  
asked that Thy tomb might be sealed,  
but through the mercy of Thy compassion,  
Thou didst accept the tomb  
and didst rise on the third day!//  
O Lord, glory to Thee!

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

O Christ, the Giver of life,  
for the sake of the dead Thou didst voluntarily endure death,  
descending into hell as the Mighty One  
to save those who awaited Thy coming,  
granting them the life of paradise instead of hell.  
Grant also to us who glorify Thy Resurrection on the third day//  
cleansing of our sins and great mercy!

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

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## TROPARIA

### **Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 2**

[*Music on website / Green Book page 4*]

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,  
Thou didst slay hell with the splendour of Thy Godhead.  
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,  
all the powers of heaven cried out://  
"O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

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

**Troparion of the Holy Martyrs in Tone 8**

[[Music on website / Sheet](#)]

Having mortified the fiery forms and movements of the passions by abstinence,  
O Martyrs of Christ, ye received the grace to dispel the ailments of the infirm,  
and living even after your death, to work miracles.

O truly most glorious wonder! Bare bones pour forth healing!//

Glory to the only God and Creator!

**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:

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!