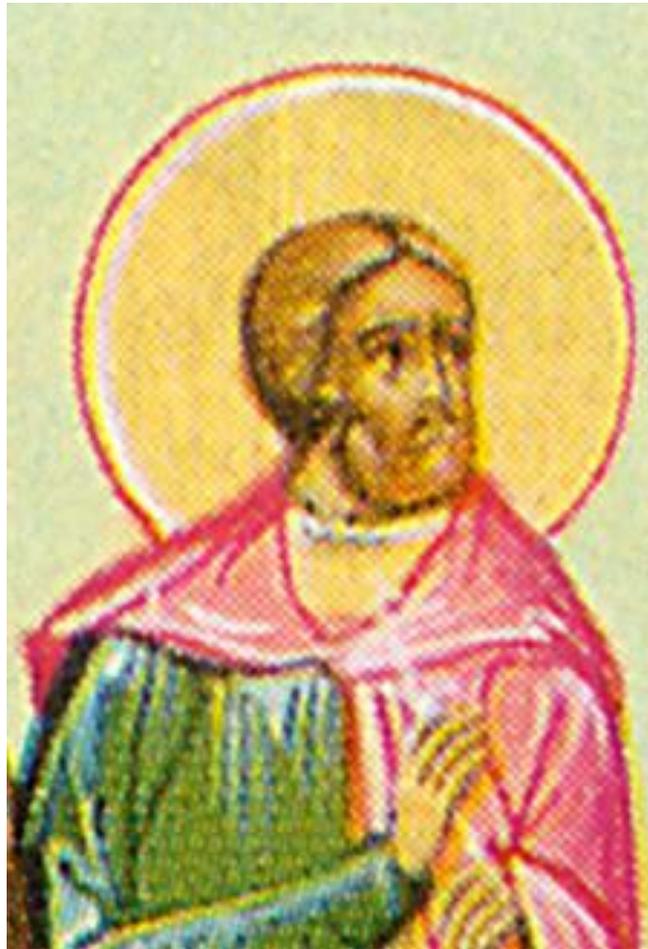


SATURDAY VESPERS

September 26, 2020

Martyr Callistratus and his companions



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Vespers Opening Psalm

Psalm 104

Bless the Lord, O my soul! Blessed are Thou, blessed art Thou, O Lord! How glorious are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all! Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee. Who hast created - who hast created all! Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory to Thee, O God! (3)

Great Litany is chanted

Kathisma

Blessed is the Man (Psalm 1)

Blessed is the man, who walks not in the council of the wicked. *Refrain:*
Alleluia! (3)

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous but the way of the wicked will perish. *Refrain*

Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice in Him with trembling! *Refrain*

Blessed are all who take refuge in Him! *Refrain*

Arise, O Lord, save me O my God! *Refrain*

Salvation belongs to the Lord! Thy blessing be upon Thy people! *Refrain*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. *Refrain*

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. *Refrain*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to the Thee, O God! (2)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to the Thee, O God! Glory to Thee! (1)

Little Litany is chanted

Lord, I Call

Tone 7

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!

*v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison * that I may give thanks unto Thy name!*

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.

*v. (9) The righteous shall compass me about * Until Thou shalt deal bountifully with me*

Thou didst endure the cross, and burial, for our sake; by Thy death, Thou didst slay death as God; we fall down before Thy resurrection-on-the-third-day: O Saviour, glory to Thee.

*v. (8) Out of the depths I have cried unto 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.

*v. (7) 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.

*v. (6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldest 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.

*v. (5) For Thy name's sake I have patiently waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited patiently for Thy word * my soul hath hoped in 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.

*v. (4) 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.

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption * and He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

*(Tone 8) O suffering martyr Callistratus, * with the light of piety * illuminating thy mind, * thou hast, without wavering, trodden the path * that leadeth to heavenly blessedness, * conquering all the wiles of the enemy; * wherefore, we praise thee, * honouring thy sacred memory, ** O most-blessed one.*

*v. (2) O Praise the Lord, all ye nations! * Praise Him, all ye peoples!*

O divinely-wise martyr Callistratus, * enriched by the word of life, * thou hast guided, unto life, * them that, before, were dead under the curse through ignorance, * and who, dying with zeal, O glorious one, * for the resurrection of us all, * are most-truly believed to live with Christ: * together with them, ** remember us to the Lord most-good.

*v. (1) For His merciful kindness is great towards us * and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.*

O sacred martyr Gymnasium, * beheaded by the sword, * in the torrent of thy blood, * the pharaoh of falsehood * thou hast truly drowned, * and, now, pourest forth healings upon all * that, with faith, have recourse to thy temple, * and, therein, praise thy struggles, ** and, O blessed one, celebrate thine honoured memory.

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

(Tone 4) Before Thine honourable cross, / death was feared by mankind; / but, after Thy glorious passion, / mankind is feared by death: / thus, the athlete was able to abolish all the power of the enemy; // at his prayers, O Christ, save our souls.

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

(Tone 7) 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.

(Wisdom! Let us attend!)

Gladsome Light



Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father: O Jesus Christ! Now that we have come to the setting of the sun, and behold the light of evening, we praise God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit! For meet it is at all times to worship Thee with voices of praise, O Son of God, and Giver of Life, therefore all the world doth glorify Thee!

Evening Prokeimenon

Wisdom! Let us Attend! The Prokeimenon in the 6th tone: The Lord is King, He is robed in majesty!

(refrain) **The Lord is King, He is robed in majesty**

The Lord is robed with strength and has gird Himself! *(refrain)*

For He hath made the world so sure, that it shall not be moved. *(refrain)*

Holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, unto length of days! *(refrain)*

The Lord is King! **He is robed in majesty!**

Litany of Fervent Supplication is chanted

Vouchsafe, O Lord

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever. Amen. Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes! Blessed art Thou, O Master, make me to understand Thy statutes! Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me with Thy statutes! Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever. O despise not the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Evening Litany is chanted with the Prayer at the Bowing of Heads

Aposticha

(Tone 7) 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 that rose from the dead, and enlightened all creation: by His death, He saved us from the torments of hell; by His resurrection, He hath granted us eternal life, and great mercy.

*v. For He hath established the world *so that it shall never be moved.*

Into hell, didst Thou descend, capturing death, O Christ; in three days, didst Thou arise again, resurrecting us, who glorify Thy resurrection, O Lord and lover of man.

*v. Holiness befitteth 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, O 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) 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.

St. Symeon's Prayer

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people, Israel.

Trisagion (Thrice Holy)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

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

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord have mercy. (3)

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



Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Troparia

Tone 7 - By Thy cross, Thou didst destroy death; to the thief, Thou didst open paradise: for the myrrh-bearers, 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

Tone 4 - Thy martyrs, O Lord, / through their sufferings, won incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God: / for, having Thy strength, they laid low the tormentors, / and dashed to pieces the infirm boldness of the devils; // at their prayers, save Thou our souls.

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

Tone 4 - The mystery of all eternity, / unknown, even by angels, / through thee, O Theotokos, is revealed to them on earth, / God incarnate by union without confusion; / He voluntarily accepted the cross for us, / by which, He resurrected the first-created man, // saving our souls from death.

Dismissal

Wisdom! Blessed be *He Who Is*, Christ our God, always now and ever, and unto ages of ages. **Amen. Preserve O God, the Holy Orthodox faith of Orthodox Christians, unto ages of ages.**

Most holy Theotokos, save us! **More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim: without defilement thou gavest birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify thee!**

Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our only sure hope, 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. Lord, have mercy! (3) Father, bless!**

May He who He who arose from the dead, Christ our True God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother, **of the Martyr Callistratus and his companions whose memory we keep this day**, and of all the saints that have shown forth in this North American land, and of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Amen.