

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

STONE 3

36th Sunday after Pentecost, Hieromartyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste

"Lord I Call..." Tone 3

Lord, I call upon You, hear me.
Hear me, O Lord.
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Receive the voice of my prayer,
when I call upon You.//
Hear me, O Lord.

Let my prayer arise
in Your 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 to Your Name!

Tone 3 *(for the Resurrection)*

By Your 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 You a song.

v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

All has been enlightened by Your Resurrection, O Lord.
Paradise has been opened again.
All creation, praising You,//
always offers You a song.

v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, 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.

v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

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

v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

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.

v. (5) For Your Name's sake I wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your 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!”

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

Standing unworthily in Your most pure house, O Christ God,
we offer our evening song, crying from the depths:
You Who enlightened the world
by Your Resurrection on the third day,
O Lover of man, deliver Your people//
from the hand of Your enemies.

v. (3) 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 St. Blaise)* *(Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)*

The height of the virtues and foundation of the faithful,
the glory of bishops and boast of the martyrs,
summons all the faithful to his holy memorial with splendor//
that they may praise him in song as a victor who glorified God on earth.

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

You were moved by a vision of Christ,
the Angel of great counsel,
as you beheld the evil assembly, O wise martyr.
Going at once to the tribunal, you took the trophies of victory in your hand, //
and now you dwell in the heavens, O all-holy one.

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

With the drops of your blood, O martyr Blaise,
you wove a beautiful robe for the Church,
embroidered by your well-anointed fingers
and dyed with your manifold sufferings.
She wears it as a beautiful bride //
singing hymns to Christ the Bridegroom.

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

Tone 4 *(for St. Blaise)*

You were a good tutor of children
and a teacher of true worship.
By the divine power of your godly words,
you led the God-loving women to the struggle of martyrdom,
supporting them in strength for Christ.
Together with them you finished well the course of your sufferings,
rejoicing with splendor in the bridal chamber of heaven,
adorned with a double crown of divine glory. //
With them you ever pray that peace and great mercy be granted to us.

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

Tone 3 *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

How can we not wonder
at your mystical childbearing, O exalted Mother?
For without receiving the touch of man,
you gave birth to a Son in the flesh, O immaculate Virgin.
The Son born of the Father before eternity
was born of you 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 you //
to be the Theotokos.

Aposticha

Tone 3 *(for the Resurrection)*

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

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

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

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

You are the changeless God,
Who, suffering in the flesh, were changed.
Creation could not endure seeing You on the Cross.
It was filled with fear while praising Your patience.
By descending to hell and rising on the third day, //
You have granted to the world life and great mercy.

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

You endured death, O Christ,
to deliver the race of men from death.
You rose from the dead on the third day,
raising with Yourself those who knew You as God //
and enlightening the world. Glory to You!

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

Tone 6 *(for St. Blaise)*

Fruitful in the exercise of divine virtues,
in accordance with your name, O Blaise,
you flourished like a palm tree in the courts of the Lord,
and as David said, you flourished like a cedar through persecutions.
Like a fruitful vine in the house of God,
pruned during torment by tortures,
you have poured forth spiritual wine for us
from the fruit of your struggles.
We drink of this, filling our hearts with divine gladness.
We assemble together for the honored memorial of your repose.
We praise you, calling you blessed,//
asking that through you we may receive peace and great mercy.

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

Tone 6 *(Theotokion)*

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord,
was born of you, O most pure Virgin.
By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his ancient curse.
Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mother of God!
Rejoice, O celestial Joy!
Rejoice, O Lady://
the Protection, Intercession and Salvation of our souls!

(at Great Vespers)

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 4 Troparion (*St. Blaise*)

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles,
you became a successor to their throne.
Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O
inspired one of God;
by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the
shedding of your blood.//
O Hieromartyr Blaise, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

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Tone 4 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

The mystery of all eternity,
unknown even by Angels,
through you, Theotokos, is revealed to those 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.

(at the Divine Liturgy)

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Tone 3 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One,
leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;
with the Prophets and Patriarchs//
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

Tone 2 Kontakion *(St. Blaise)*

Godly shoot, unfading flower,
most fruitful branch of Christ the Vine,
God-bearing Blaise, fill with joy those who in faith honor your memory//
as you unceasingly intercede for us all.

Tone 3 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
(Ps. 46:6)

V. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)

Epistle

(280-ctr) 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Tone 3

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps. 30:1a)

V. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (Ps. 30:2b)

Gospel

(62) Matthew 15:21-28

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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