

MARCH 5

Martyr Conon of Isauria, Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (sung on Wed.)

"Lord I Call..." Tone 1

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!
Hear me, O Lord!
Lord, I call upon You, hear me!
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!*
- v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.*
- v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

Tone 1 *Idiomelon* *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Let us keep a spiritual fast, O brethren!
Let us speak no lies or deceit with our tongue!
Let us not give each other cause for stumbling,
but by repentance let the lamp of our soul shine brightly!//
Forgive us our sins in Thy love for mankind!

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

Tone 1 *(to the Martyrs)*

O Martyrs, truly worthy of praise,
although you were dishonored on earth,
the heavens received you.
The gates of Paradise opened to you,
and now you enjoy the Tree of Life.//
Entreat Christ to grant us peace and His great mercy!

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

Tone 3 *(from the Lenten Triodion, by Joseph) (Great is the power of Your Cross)*

Through the prayers of Your Apostles, O Lord,
grant us to spend this time of fasting with compunction of heart, //
that being saved we may glorify You, O compassionate One!

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.

Great and awesome is Your coming, O Lord,
when You will sit in righteous judgment.
Despite my guilt, do not condemn me, O God, //
but by the prayers of Your Apostles, spare me!

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

Tone 6 *(from the Lenten Triodion, by Theodore) (Having placed all their hope)*

O Apostles of Christ,
lights for those born on earth,
rich treasures of the knowledge of God,
by your holy prayers deliver from temptations us who praise you.
Guide us safely through the course of the Fast,
and keep our lives in peace,
so that we may reach Christ's Passion unharmed //
and with boldness offer hymns of praise to our God.

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 8* *(for St. Conon) (Oh, most glorious wonder)*

O unfading and divine radiance,
light-bearing brilliance of the commandments of God,
ever-memorable passion-bearer and most excellent of martyrs,
you have dispelled the gloom of darkness like a brilliant star.
You are a good offering, an unblemished sacrifice, O blessed one; //
therefore, ever entreat Christ that He may save our souls!

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

* Music for the stichera for Martyr Conon of Isauria can be downloaded at <http://oca.org/liturgics/music-downloads/march>.

O proclaimer of the Truth,
you revealed yourself to be a sword-wielding enemy of ungodliness.
You cut off the head of the Enemy with your suffering, O all-wise one,
and clearly proclaimed the commandment of God,
declaring the good news to the untaught people.
Entreat the Savior, O Conon who dwell with the martyrs://
“Deliver from the passions Your servants who honor You with hymns!”

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

What a good change the Lord of our fathers made in you
by the right hand of the Most High!
Most glorious athlete, you were revealed to be a fruit that blossoms from the root
of unbelief.
Most blessed and all-praised Conon,
you had Christ as your most excellent Commander,//
as with might you overthrew the throngs of demons.

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

Tone 8 *(Theotokion)*

Rejoice, O resting place of the divine Light,
brightest star, and veil of sanctification!
You shine forth the Light Who illumines us from your all-pure womb.
You enlighten the ends of the world with your own grace.
Rejoice, O most pure Virgin, the source of salvation;//
rejoice, awesome report and word to those who hope in you!

Tone 6 **Prokeimenon**

Be glad in the Lord, / and rejoice, O you righteous! *(Ps. 31:11a)*

V. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven. (Ps. 31:1a)

Reading from Genesis (4:16-26)

Tone 1 **Prokeimenon**

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on You! *(Ps. 32:22)*

V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)

Reading from Proverbs (5:15-6:3)

(and the rest of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts)

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