

MARCH 12

Ven. Theophanes the Confessor, of Sigriane

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (sung on Wednesday)

"Lord I Call..." Tone 4

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!

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 4 *Idiomelon* (from the Lenten Triodion)

Like the Prodigal,

I recklessly squandered my Father's riches.

Forlorn and destitute, I dwelt in a land of evil men.

In my foolishness I became like the senseless beasts,

stripped of all divine grace.

But now I have returned and cry to You,

the compassionate and merciful Father://

"I have sinned, O God, but receive me in repentance, and have mercy on me!"

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

Tone 4 (for the Martyrs)

O Martyrs of the Lord,

living sacrifices, spiritual oblations,

perfect victims, sheep who know God and are known by Him,

whose fold no wolf can enter;//

pray that we too may graze with you beside still waters!

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

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

O Apostles, eyewitnesses of God,
rays of light from the spiritual Sun:
entreat Him to enlighten our souls and deliver us from the dark night of
passions!

Pray that we may see the day of salvation!
By your prayers and intercessions,
may our hearts, which the Evil One has wounded, be cleansed,
so that, saved by faith, we may always honor you, //
who save the world by your wise preaching.

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.

Like the Prodigal, I wandered off into an evil land.
I recklessly squandered the riches that You gave me.
Now I pine with hunger, starved of good deeds.
Stripped of divine grace, I am clothed with the shame of sin.
I have sinned, and yet I know Your goodness.
Receive me as one of Your hired servants, O compassionate Christ, //
by the prayers of the Apostles, who loved You!

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

Tone 6 *(from the Triodion, by Theodore)* *(At the right hand of the Savior)*

O Apostles of the Savior,
lights of the world, its benefactors and its saviors,
like the heavens you tell the glory of God,
adorned with stars of miracles and signs of healing.
Fervently intercede before the Lord for us,
that He may accept our prayers as incense,
and make us worthy to behold and kiss the life-giving Cross with fear!
As we venerate Your Cross, O Savior, //
send down on us great mercy in Your love for mankind!

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 Ven. Theophanes)* *(Oh, most glorious wonder)*

O godly-minded Father Theophanes,
named for the Theophany of Christ,
you followed in His life-bearing footsteps.
Forsaking all the delights of life,
you contemplated the beauty which you desired.
You were deified in excellent perfection by divine inclination to Him, //
O most wonderful saint.

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

O godly-minded Father Theophanes,
you were steadfast in afflictions of the flesh.
With patience you endured bitter exile for the sake of the precious icons,
taking no pity on your body, O all-praiseworthy saint.
You were banished by the wrath of lions whose counsels you disdained, //
convicting the folly of their arguments as foolish and senseless.

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

O godly-minded Father Theophanes,
the Bestower of good things has indeed abundantly granted to you
rewards for your pains and labors.
He has bestowed on you the power, O thrice-blessed saint,
to drive out demons and to heal infirmities;
He counted you worthy of inexpressible joy,
where the ranks of angles sing in chorus, //
and where you ever behold the face of the Almighty.

*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, source of salvation; //
rejoice, dread Report and Word to those who hope in you!

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

I will trust in the mercy of God / for ever and ever. *(Ps. 51:8b)*

*V. Why do you boast, O mighty man, of mischief done against the godly?
(Ps. 51:1)*

Reading from Genesis (7:6-9)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

When the Lord turns back / the captivity of His people. [/ let Jacob rejoice and let Israel be glad.] *(Ps. 13:8b)*

V. The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." (Ps. 13:1)

Reading from Proverbs (9:12-18)

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

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