

APRIL 2

Ven. Titus the Wonderworker, Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

"Lord I Call..." Tone 5

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 5**     *Idiomelon*     *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

I am rich in passions;

I am wrapped in the false robe of hypocrisy.

Lacking self-restraint, I delight in self-indulgence.

I show a boundless lack of love.

I see my mind cast down before the gates of repentance,

starved of true goodness and sick with inattention.

But make me like Lazarus, who was poor in sin,

lest I receive no answer when I pray,

no finger dipped in water to relieve my burning tongue;//

and make me dwell in Abraham's bosom in Your love for man!

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

**Tone 5**      *(for the Martyrs)*

With souls filled with boundless love, O holy martyrs,  
you endured terrible sufferings without ever denying Christ,  
laying low the arrogance of those who tortured you.  
By keeping the faith unshaken and whole,  
you have been lifted up to heaven,  
and now you have boldness before Him.  
Entreat Him to grant peace to the world//  
and to our souls great mercy!

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

**Tone 5**      *(from the Triodion, by Joseph)*      *(Rejoice, O Life-giving Cross)*

When Jesus was walking in the flesh beyond the River Jordan,  
He said to His companions:  
“My friend Lazarus is already dead and buried,  
but I rejoice for your sake, My friends.  
By his death you will learn that I know all, for I am God,  
even though I appear by nature as a man.  
Let us go and give life to him,  
so that death may truly know My victory  
and the total destruction I shall make of it, //  
as I grant to the world My 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.*

Let us imitate Mary and Martha, O faithful!  
Let us offer divine deeds to the Lord as intercessors,  
so that when He comes He may raise up our minds,  
for now they lie dead and feel no fear of God.  
They are deprived of all vital energy,  
unaware of their own inaction.  
Let us cry: “O Lord, Who had compassion on Your friend Lazarus,  
raising him up by Your dread presence and authority,  
so now give life to us all, //  
and grant to us Your great mercy!”

*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)*

Now Lazarus has been in the tomb for two days,  
seeing the dead of all the ages,  
beholding strange sights of terror:  
countless multitudes bound by the chains of hell.  
His sisters weep bitterly as they gaze at his tomb,  
but Christ is coming to bring His friend to life,  
to implement in this one man His plan for all.//  
Blessed are You, O Savior! Have mercy on us!

*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**      *(from the Menaion, for Ven. Titus)*      *(Oh, most glorious wonder)*

O Titus, our divinely-wise father,  
you took up your Cross and followed Christ,  
subjecting all the passions to your soul.  
Therefore you received grace from on high  
to heal the sufferings and put down the afflictions  
of those who turn to you  
and to cast out evil spirits.//  
Therefore we celebrate and bless your memory.

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

O Titus, our most blessed father,  
you learned holy things by living in an ascetic way  
enlightening your mind by divine communion.  
At the behest of the Holy Spirit  
you truly received the most holy anointing of the priesthood.//  
And on earth you nobly served God your Master like a holy angel.

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

O venerable and divinely inspired Titus,  
you enlightened your soul with the light of the Orthodox faith,  
and diminished the gloomy darkness of heresy.  
Shining like a most splendid star,  
you ever enlighten the ends of the world with your brilliant miracles.//  
Therefore we keep the feast and celebrate your memory.

*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)*

My thoughts are impure, my speech is false,  
and all my works are defiled.  
What, then, shall I do?  
O Virgin Mistress, entreat the Lord, your Son and Creator,  
that He accept my soul in repentance,//  
for He alone is compassionate!

**Tone 4**      **Prokeimenon**

I will walk before the Lord / in the land of the living. *(Ps. 114:9)*

*V. I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplication. (Ps. 114:1)*

**Reading from Genesis (43:26-31 [ending with: "Then  
he washed his face and came out, controlling  
himself."]; 45:1-16)**

**Tone 4**      **Prokeimenon**

I will offer my prayers to the Lord / in the presence of all His people. *(Ps. 115:5)*

*V. I kept my faith, even when I said: "I am greatly afflicted." (Ps. 115:1)*

**Reading from Proverbs (21:23-22:4)**

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

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