Reader’s Vespers on Monday of the Holy Fathers

June 1st, 2020

Holy Martyr Thallaleus the Physician (May 20th/June 2nd)

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Our Father, Who art in the Heavens, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

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O come, let us worship God our King.

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and God.

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Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou hast been magnified exceedingly. Confession and majesty hast Thou put on, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment, Who stretchest out the heaven as it were a curtain; Who supporteth His chambers in the waters, Who appointeth the clouds for His ascent, Who walketh upon the wings of the winds, Who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire, Who establisheth the earth in the sureness thereof; it shall not be turned back for ever and ever.  The abyss like a garment is His mantle; upon the mountains shall the waters stand.  At Thy rebuke they will flee, at the voice of Thy thunder shall they be afraid.  The mountains rise up and the plains sink down, unto the place where Thou hast established them.  Thou appointedst a bound that they shall not pass, neither return to cover the earth.  He sendeth forth springs in the valleys; between the mountains will the waters run.  They shall give drink to all the beasts of the field; the wild asses will wait to quench their thirst.  Beside them will the birds of the heaven lodge, from the midst of the rocks will they give voice.  He watereth the mountains from His chambers; the earth shall be satisfied with the fruit of Thy works.  He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and green herb for the service of men, To bring forth bread out of the earth; and wine maketh glad the heart of man.  To make his face cheerful with oil; and bread strengtheneth man's heart.  The trees of the plain shall be satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon, which Thou hast planted.  There will the sparrows make their nests; the house of the heron is chief among them.  The high mountains are a refuge for the harts, and so is the rock for the hares.  He hath made the moon for seasons; the sun knoweth his going down.  Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night, wherein all the beasts of the forest will go abroad.  Young lions roaring after their prey, and seeking their food from God. The sun ariseth, and they are gathered together, and they lay them down in their dens. But man shall go forth unto his work, and to his labor until the evening. How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is filled with Thy creation. So is this great and spacious sea, therein are things creeping innumerable, small living creatures with the great. There go the ships; there this dragon, whom Thou hast made to play therein. All things wait on Thee, to give them their food in due season; when Thou givest it them, they will gather it. When Thou openest Thy hand, all things shall be filled with goodness; when Thou turnest away Thy face, they shall be troubled.  Thou wilt take their spirit, and they shall cease; and unto their dust shall they return.  Thou wilt send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created; and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.  Let the glory of the Lord be unto the ages; the Lord will rejoice in His works.  Who looketh on the earth and maketh it tremble, Who toucheth the mountains and they smoke. I will sing unto the Lord throughout my life, I will chant to my God for as long as I have my being.  May my words be sweet unto Him, and I will rejoice in the Lord.  O that sinners would cease from the earth, and they that work iniquity, that they should be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The sun knoweth his going down, Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night.  How magnified are Thy works, O Lord!  In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  Glory to Thee, O God. ***Thrice****.*

Lord, have mercy. ***Forty Times***

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In the 4th Tone: Lord, I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me.

Lord, I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me. \* Hearken unto me, O Lord. \* Lord, I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me; \* attend to the voice of my supplication, \* when I cry unto Thee. \* Hearken unto me, O Lord.

Let my prayer be set forth \* as incense before Thee, \* the lifting up of my hands \* as an evening sacrifice. \* Hearken unto me, O Lord.

Set, O Lord, a watch before my mouth, and a door of enclosure round about my lips.

Incline not my heart unto words of evil, to make excuse with excuses in sins.

With men that work iniquity; and I will not join with their chosen.

The righteous man will chasten me with mercy and reprove me; as for the oil of the sinner, let it not anoint my head.

For yet more is my prayer in the presence of their pleasures; swallowed up near by the rock have their judges been.

They shall hear my words, for they be sweetened; as a clod of earth is broken upon the earth, so have their bones been scattered nigh unto hades.

For unto Thee, O Lord, O Lord, are mine eyes, in Thee have I hoped; take not my soul away.

Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and from the stumbling-blocks of them that work iniquity.

The sinners shall fall into their own net; I am alone until I pass by.

With my voice unto the Lord have I cried, with my voice unto the Lord have I made supplication.

I will pour out before Him my supplication, mine affliction before Him will I declare.

When my spirit was fainting within me, then Thou knewest my paths.

In this way wherein I have walked they hid for me a snare.

I looked upon my right hand, and beheld, and there was none that did know me.

Flight hath failed me, and there is none that watcheth out for my soul.

I have cried unto Thee, O Lord; I said: Thou art my hope, my portion art Thou in the land of the living.

Attend unto my supplication, for I am brought very low.

Deliver me from them that persecute me, for they are stronger than I.

Bring my soul out of prison:  that I may confess Thy name.

The righteous shall wait patiently for me until Thou shalt reward me.

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice.

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee there is forgiveness.

You suffered as a man, O Christ our God;

You rose on the third day, thereby despoiling death,

and raising with yourself all those held fast in corruption.

You ascended to the Father,

promising to send the Paraclete to your apostles, //

O almighty Jesus, the Savior of our souls!

For Thy name’s sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath patiently waited for Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

“Why do you stand gazing into heaven?”

Cried the angels who appeared as men

to those you had instructed in your mysteries.

“He will come again in the same way, as he said:

He will come to judge the world. //

Go and perform all that he taught!”

From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope in the Lord.

After your rising from the tomb, O almighty Lord,

you took your friends to the Mount of Olives:

Leading them to Bethany, you blessed them.

There you ascended, upborne by the angels, //

O almighty Jesus, the Savior of our souls!

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption; and He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

When a great disturbance of the earth laid hold of you

and a storm struck your soul, O most glorious Thallaleus,

you steered by your high calling as with a rudder,

crossing the depth of very painful tortures unharmed!

You reached the harbors of the Most High, //

filled with eternal calm!

O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye peoples.

You were lifted up upon a tree, O glorious martyr,

and your side was torn by the savagery of the torturers.

You imitated the suffering of the Master of creation.

You denounced the error of their thought

and reviled the delusion of idolatry.

You openly strengthened true worship, //

O great martyr Thallaleus!

For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us, and the truth of the Lord abideth forever.

At the command of the tyrant

you were thrown into the depths of the sea,

yet through grace divine you did not drown, O all-wise martyr.

With the rivers of your blood,

you drowned the spiritual Pharaoh and his army.

You committed him to complete destruction //

for you were greatly strengthened by Christ!

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

When you came to the Mount of Olives, O Christ,

to accomplish the good will of the Father,

the heavenly angels were astonished and the depths trembled!

The disciples stood before you both with gladness and fear.

While you spoke to them, a cloud was prepared as a throne waiting for

you.

Heaven opened its gates and gave appearance to your beauty.

The earth opened its treasures;

that Adam’s falling and rising may be known.

But your steps were directed upward;

as your hands were raised the cloud lifted you up

and the heavens received you.

You have accomplished this great and glorious deed, O Lord, //

for the salvation of our souls!

O Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father, O Jesus Christ: Having come to the setting of the sun, having beheld the evening light, we praise the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: God.  Meet it is for Thee at all times to be praised with reverent voices, O Son of God, Giver of life.  Wherefore, the world doth glorify Thee.

The Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone:

The Lord hears me when I call to Him

Verse: When I called the God of my righteousness heard me.

The Lord hears me/ when I call to Him

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this evening without sin.  Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name unto the ages.  Amen.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee.  Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes.  Blessed art Thou, O Master, give me understanding of Thy statutes.  Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me by Thy statutes.

O Lord, Thy mercy endureth forever; disdain not the work of Thy hands.  To Thee is due praise, to Thee is due a song, to Thee glory is due, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.  Amen.

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In the 2nd Tone:

Having fulfilled his will by ascending in glory,

you pleased well the Father //

and united the things of above with the things below.

Verse: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

O merciful Master

you ascended to your Father

from whom you were not parted //

and exalted our nature which lay fallen down.

Verse: God has gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of a trumpet!

A radiant cloud of light

brought you to the heavens,

while with fear and trembling, //

all the angels hastened to serve your divine majesty!

In the 4th Tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O God, you have refashioned the nature of Adam

which had fallen into the depths of the earth.

You have led it up today above every principality and power,

for in your love for it

you have seated it together with yourself!

### Since you have taken compassion on it

### you united it to yourself

and having been united with it, you suffered with it.

### As a passionless One you suffered passion

in order to glorify it with yourself.

The bodiless ones said: “Who is this man of beauty?

He is not a man only;

### He is both God and man

united and revealed as One!”

Astonished angels, some flying in glorious apparel

and some standing near the disciples, cried out:

“O men of Galilee,

he who is gone from you is Jesus who is both God and Man!

### The God-Man will come again

as the Judge of the living and the dead, //

granting unto the faithful remission of sins and great mercy!

Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, O Master, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples; a light of revelation for the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

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Tone 4:

You have ascended in glory, O Christ God,

granting joy to your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.

Through the blessing,

they were assured, that you are the Son of God, //

the Redeemer of the world!

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

More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim; who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos, thee do we magnify.

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

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord bless!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, of the Holy Martyr Thallaleus, of our Holy Fathers and all the saints, Lord, Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.