

10 MAY (Paschaltide)
± Apostle Simon the Zealot

VESPERS

Lord I have cried

Tone 4

O Lord, I have cried to you, listen to me;

O Lord, listen to me.

O Lord, I have cried to you, listen to me;

Note the voice of my plea when I cry to you.

O Lord, listen to me.

² Let my prayer be directed before you like incense,
the raising of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

O Lord, listen to me.

S6: O Lord, if you mark offences, who will stand?

But there is forgiveness with you.

S5: O Lord, I have waited for you for your name's sake;

my soul has waited for your word,

my soul has hoped in the Lord.

The marvellous Simon, boast of the apostles, passed across the earth like a brilliant lightning bolt. He dispelled the darkness of idolatry with his saving, brilliant and divine teachings. He enlightened everyone to glorify one God who is indivisible and undivided, yet in three Persons. X2

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The most radiant and marvellous apostle Simon, the teacher of the nations, the net of God, fished people from the depth of degradation with the height of theology. The true preacher now wisely leads all to the knowledge of Christ. He sets before us his just deeds as a pleasing feast of all good things. X2

S2: Every nation, praise the Lord;

every people, acclaim him!

S1: For his mercy is strengthened over us
and the truth of the Lord remains for ever.

The blessed Simon ran swiftly to the ends of the earth like a rolling wheel. He consumed the madness of idolatry from all the land. He lit brilliant beacons with devotion and kindled glowing fires of grace for the faithful so that they may worship one God who is indivisible and undivided, yet in three persons. X2

Glory: Tone 6

Most holy Simon, disciple and Apostle of Christ, you soared over creation like a high-flying eagle. You consumed the falsehood of idolatry with the fiery sound of your teaching and led the nations from the depths of ignorance to the knowledge of God. Now pray to Christ that he will be merciful to us on the day of judgement.

Both now:

From the Pentecostarion

Phos Ilarón

P/D: Wisdom! Stand upright!

O Jesus Christ, joyful light of the holy glory
of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father,
when we come to the setting of the sun
and see the light of evening,
we praise God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

For it is right at all times to worship you
with voices of praise,
O Son of God *and* Giver of life.
Therefore the world glorifies you.

Prokeímenon

Of the Day

Ektení

Prayer

O Lord, allow us this night to be guarded from sin. Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers! Praised and glorified be your name for ever. Amen. O Lord, let your mercy be on us, for we have hoped in you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. Blessed are you, O Master; make me understand your statutes. Blessed are you, O Holy *One*; enlighten me with your statutes. O Lord, your mercy lasts for ever; do not overlook the work of your hands. To you belongs worship, to you belongs praise, to you belongs glory, to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

Plirotiká

Prayer

P: Peace be with you all. R: And with your spirit

D: Bow down your heads to the Lord. R: To you, O Lord.

P: For blessed and glorified is the power of your Kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.
Amen.

Apósticha

Tone 1

Ever-memorable Simon, you drank from the fast-flowing River of sweetness and revived with divine wisdom the understanding of God which you fervently desired. Now you have passed over with joy to him and are deified by the all-splendid glory of the Trinity in immeasurable peace.

S1: His sound has gone out into all the earth
and his words to the ends of the world. Ps 18

All-marvellous Simon, you contemplate the beauty of God. You gaze on it as far as you are able, delight in it through a higher union and are deified by his gifts. Ever memorable preacher of Christ, you joyfully reached the only divine *Lord* whom you desired and now live with the angels.

S2: The heavens declare God's glory
and the firmament speaks about his handiwork. Ps 18

Most blessed Simon, you have revealed yourself as a faithful mediator between God and men. Now, by your truly bold intercessions, turn Christ

towards us in steadfast love and continually pray to the Lord that he may grant our souls peace and great mercy.

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Song of Simeon

B/P: O Master, now let your servant depart in peace
according to your word,
² for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared before all peoples,
³ a light of revelation for *the* nations
and *the* glory of your people Israel.

Triságion Prayers

Apolytíkiá

Tone 3

O holy apostle Simon, pray to the merciful God that he may grant our souls forgiveness for their failings.

Tone 4

O Christ *our* God, you have ascended in glory and granted joy to your disciples through the promise of the Holy Spirit. They were assured through the blessing that you are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

Dismissal

ORTHROS

God is the Lord Ps 117

R: God is the Lord and has appeared to us.

Blessed is the one who comes in the Lord's name. *Ps 117*

S1: Thank the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy lasts for ever.

S2: All the nations surrounded me,
but I opposed them in the Lord's name.

S3: This *is* the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful in our eyes.

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Small Litany

P: For yours is the might, and yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

Kathisma 1

Tone 2

O Christ our God, the glorious apostle Simon caught the nations in his net and taught the ends of the earth to worship you, together with the Father and the Spirit. Therefore, only merciful Lord, establish your Church and send down your blessing on the faithful, for you live among your holy ones.

Glory Both now:

From the Pentecostarion

Kathisma 2

Tone 4

O glorious apostle Simon, Christ sent you out as a ray to enlighten the whole earth. Through your divine prayers you illuminate and enlighten with divine and unfading light all those who faithfully celebrate your holy memory.

Glory Both now:

From the Pentecostarion

Small Litany

P: For blessed is your name, and glorified is your kingdom, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*

Psalm 50

O God, have mercy on me in your abundant mercy
and wipe out my offence through your great compassion.

⁴ Wash me thoroughly from my lawless act
and cleanse me from my sin.

⁵ For I know my lawlessness
and my sin is always before me.

⁶ I have sinned against you alone
and done this evil before you

^{6b} so that you might be justified in your words
and overcome when you are judged.

⁷ For see, I was conceived in lawlessness
and my mother gave birth to me in sin.

⁸ For see, you have loved truth
and revealed to me the hidden and secret *things* of your wisdom.

⁹ You will sprinkle me with hyssop and I will be clean;
you will wash me and I will become whiter than snow.

¹⁰ You will make me hear about joy and gladness;
the humbled bones will rejoice.

¹¹ Turn your face from my sins
and wipe out all my lawlessness.

¹² O God, create a pure heart within me
and renew an upright spirit within me.

¹³ Do not banish me from your presence
or remove your Holy Spirit from me.

¹⁴ Restore the joy of your salvation to me
and make me firm with your directing Spirit.

- ¹⁵ I will teach the lawless your ways
and the ungodly will return to you.
- ¹⁶ O God, set me free from the guilt of blood;
O God of my salvation,
my tongue will rejoice in your justice.
- ¹⁷ O Lord, you will open my lips
and my mouth will proclaim your praise.
- ¹⁸ For if you had wanted sacrifice, I would have given it;
you will not be pleased with burnt offerings.
- ¹⁹ Sacrifice for God is a broken spirit;
God will not despise a broken and humbled heart.
- ²⁰ O Lord, be good to Zion in your pleasure
and let the walls of Jerusalem be built.
- ²¹ Then you will be pleased with a sacrifice of justice,
with an offering and burnt sacrifices;
then they will offer calves on your altar.

Kontákion

Tone 2

Come and bless the memory of the Lord's Apostle, Simon, who confirmed the teaching of Christ in the souls of the faithful. Now he stands before the divine glory together with the angels and prays for the salvation of us all.

Íkos

Let us now acclaim the festival of the apostle Simon as a day of salvation. In our faith let us call it blessed, for it causes the dawn of a sun which burns back every mist through the brilliance of its rays and so illuminates the faithful who lovingly celebrate and glorify his memory. Let us sincerely approach and sing to him, for he stands before Christ and continually prays for us all.

Synaxáron

Today we remember the holy apostle Simon the Zealot. Christ called the political activist to become a follower of the way of peace. On the Tenth the apostle with the zealous heart was hung on a tree.

Together with him we remember:

Blessed Thais of Egypt C5

Abbot Comgall of Bangor in Ireland C7

O God, have mercy on us through their holy prayers. Amen.

Katavasías

1: *The man* who had been slow in speech proclaimed the Law written by God when he was covered with divine darkness. He shook the dust away from the eyes of the wise as they saw the Existing *Lord*. After they had attained the knowledge of the Spirit, they praised him with divine songs.

3: Hannah, the prophetess of old, was drawn with a contrite spirit to the mighty God of wisdom; she undid the bonds of an infertile womb and the rebukes of her rival, for she gave birth to a child by her prayer alone.

4: O King of kings, unique Word coming from the only Father without beginning, O Lord, as Benefactor you have sent the Holy Spirit who is equal to you in might, to the disciples who glorify your power.

5: O renowned children of the Church, receive the fiery dew of the Spirit which brings perfect purification from sin, for now the Law has come from Sion. The grace of the Spirit is like tongues of fire.

6: O Master Christ, you are our purification. You have appeared to us from the Virgin and come like the prophet Jonah from the belly of the whale. You rescue all the fallen sons of Adam.

7: Instruments once resounded in harmony in honour of the lifeless golden idol, but the life-bearing grace of the Advocate moves believers to cry, "Blessed are you, O Trinity in Unity! You are without beginning and equal in power!"

8: Let us praise, bless and worship the Lord.
The three-fold radiance of the Divinity moistened the flames with dew and loosened the bonds. Therefore the youths sang to the Creator of all, "Blessed is our only Benefactor and Saviour."

Ode 9

R: *You are* more honourable than the Cherubim
and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim.
You gave birth to God the Word without defilement;
O true Theotokos, we glorify you.

My soul glorifies the Lord

and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour. **R**

² For he has regarded his servant's humility;

see, from now all generations will call me blessed. **R**

³ For the Almighty has accomplished great *things* for me
and his name is holy.

His mercy is from generation to generation

on those who fear him. **R**

⁴ He has accomplished strength with his arm

and scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. **R**

⁵ He has put down the mighty from *their* thrones

and exalted the humble.

He has satisfied the hungry with good *things*

and dismissed the rich with nothing. **R**

⁶ He has helped his servant Israel

in remembering his mercy,

as he spoke to our fathers,

to Abraham and his seed for ever. **R**

9: Hail, O Queen! You are the glory of mothers and virgins. No mouth, however sweet or fluent, is eloquent enough to praise you worthily. Every mind is overawed by your childbearing. Therefore we glorify you in unison.

Small Litany

P: For all the powers of heaven praise you, and to you we send up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

Exaposteilária

Tone 3

O apostle of the merciful Christ, you gazed on him with your own eyes. O holy Simon, plead with the Lord to grant peace to the world, victory to Christians, remission of sins for everyone and great mercy for all those who honour you as his disciple.

Tone 2

O Christ, the disciples were watching your ascension to the throne of the Father. The angels cried, “Receive him, O gates, receive him, for the King has gone up to radiant glory!”

Praises

Tone 4

Let everything with breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.

To you, O God, is due a song.

Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his powers.

To you, O God, is due a song.

S4: Praise him with cymbal and dance;

praise him with strings and flute.

O renowned Simon, you used God’s grace like a fishing rod and drew men from the sea of deluded visions. O blessed *saint*, in this way you obeyed the command of your Master who filled your soul with light and made you an apostle and sacred preacher of his ineffable divinity.

S3: Praise him with tuneful cymbals;

praise him with joyful cymbals.

Let everything with breath praise the Lord.

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S2: His sound has gone out into all the earth

and his words to the ends of the world. Ps 18

O blessed apostle Simon, the light of the Spirit descended on you in fiery form and made you his divine instrument courageously to banish the ungodly shadows. O jewel of the apostles and chosen disciple, you enlightened the world with the brilliance of your wise words.

S1: The heavens declare God’s glory

and the firmament speaks about his handiwork. Ps 18

O renowned apostle, you enlightened those who rested in the shadow of error with the light of your preaching. You made them sons of our Master and God whose sufferings and death you copied. You inherited his glory as a true disciple and divine preacher.

Glory: Tone 8

O renowned Simon the zealot, apostle and disciple of the Saviour, your word has spread out to the ends of the inhabited earth. Continually intercede as a protector that we may be rescued from every danger and plead for the salvation of our souls.

Both now:

From the Pentecostarion

Great Doxology

Glory to you who have shown us the light!

glory to God in the highest!

Peace on earth and goodwill to men!

² We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we thank you for your great glory,

³ O Lord King, heavenly God, almighty Father,
O Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,
and you, O Holy Spirit!

⁴ O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us,

for you take away the sin of the world.

⁵ Receive our prayer,

for you sit on the right of the Father,
and have mercy on us.

⁶ For only you are holy, only you are Lord,

O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

⁷ I will bless you every day

and always praise your name for ever and ever. Ps 144

⁸ O Lord, allow us this day
to be guarded from sin.

⁹ Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers!

Praised and glorified be your name for ever. Amen. Daniel 3

¹⁰ O Lord, let your mercy *be* on us,

- for we have hoped in you. Ps 32.
- ¹⁶ Blessed are you, O Lord!
Teach me your statutes. X3 Ps 118
- ¹² O Lord, you have been our refuge
from generation to generation. Ps 89
- I said, "O Lord, have mercy on me;
heal my soul, for I have sinned against you." Ps 40
- ¹⁴ O Lord, I have fled to you;
teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Ps 142
- ¹⁵ For with you is the source of life
and in your light we will see light. Ps 35
- ¹⁶ Stretch out your mercy
to those who know you. Ps 35

Triságion

Apolytíkion

Tone 4

O Christ *our* God, you have ascended in glory and granted joy to your disciples through the promise of the Holy Spirit. They were assured through the blessing that you are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

LITURGY

Antíphon 1 Ps 46 Tone 2

S1: All you nations, clap your hands;
shout to God with *the* sound of rejoicing.

R: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, Saviour, save us.

S2: For the Most High Lord is terrible
and a great King over all the earth.

S3: He has subdued *the* peoples under us
and the nations under our feet.

S4: Glory: Both now:

Antiphon 2 Ps 47 Own Tone

S1: Great is the Lord and highly praised

in the city of our God
and on his holy mountain.

R: Save us, O Son of God.

You ascended in glory from us to the heavens.

We sing to you, “Alleluia!”

S2: God is known in her great houses
when he comes to help her.

S3: For see, the kings of the earth have been assembled;
they came together.

S5: Glory: Both now:

Monogenes

Antiphon 3 Ps 48 Tone 4

S1: All you nations, listen to these words;
all who live in the world, be attentive,

R: O Christ *our* God, you have ascended in glory and granted joy to your disciples through the promise of the Holy Spirit. They were assured through the blessing that you are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

S2: My mouth will speak about wisdom;
the meditation of my heart will be about understanding.

S3: I will incline my ear to a parable
and unfold my enigma with the lute.

S5: Glory: Both now:

Entrance Ps 46

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of *the* trumpet.

Save us, O Son of God.

You ascended to heaven in glory from us.

We sing to you, “Alleluia!”

Apolytikia

Tone 4

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Tone 3

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Of the Church

Kontákion

Tone 8

O Christ our God, when you had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake and united things on earth with things in heaven, you ascended in glory. You are not separated from any place, are constant without being removed and cry to your loved ones, “I myself am with you and no one will be against you.”

Triságion

Prokeimenon Ps 18 Tone 8

R: His sound has gone out into all the earth.

S: The heavens declare God’s glory.

Apóstolos

From the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (4:9-16)

Brothers, “I think that God has shown us apostles to be last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. ¹⁰ We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. ¹¹ To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed, beaten and homeless; ¹² we labour and work with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; ¹³ when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, like the refuse of the world, the dregs of all things. ¹⁴ I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to warn you as my dear children. ¹⁵ For although you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I

became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ¹⁶ I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Alleluia Ps 88 Tone 1

S1: O Lord, the heavens will acknowledge your wonders.

S2: God is glorified in a council of the saints.

Gospel

From the Holy Gospel according to Luke (6:12-19)

At that time Jesus went out to the mountain to pray; and all night he continued in prayer to God. ¹³ And when it was day, he called his disciples, and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles; ¹⁴ Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, ¹⁵ and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. ¹⁷ And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great crowd of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; ¹⁸ and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came forth from him and healed them all.

Communion Ps 18

Their sound has gone out into all the earth
and their words to the ends of the world. Alleluia!

Post Communion

Christ is risen from the dead!
He has trampled death with death
and granted life to those in the tombs.