

**January 22, 2012**

**32nd Sunday after Pentecost - Sunday of Zacchaeus, Tone 7**

**Holy Apostle Timothy**

**Venerable Martyr Anastasius the Persian**

---

**GREAT VESPERS**

*"Blessed is the man..." is sung.*

**At Psalm 140**

*In Tone 7*

10.

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord,  
Who destroyed the power of death  
and enlightened the human race;  
and let us cry out with the angels:  
Glory to You, our Creator and Saviour!

9.

O Saviour, for our sake You suffered crucifixion and burial;  
and, as God, You destroyed death by Your death.  
Therefore, we adore Your resurrection on the third day  
and we sing: Glory to You, O Lord!

8.

On seeing the resurrection of the Creator,  
the Apostles were amazed,  
and they sang an angelic hymn of praise:  
This is the glory of the Church,  
this is the richness of the Kingdom!  
O Lord, Who suffered for our sake, glory to You!

7.

O Christ, although You were taken captive by Your enemies,  
I still acknowledge You as my God,  
and am not ashamed of You;  
I will not hide the fact that You were nailed to the Cross.  
Your death is my life, almighty Lord,  
and I extol Your resurrection.  
O Lover of mankind, glory to You!

6.

In fulfilment of the prophecy of David,  
Christ revealed His majesty to His disciples in Zion.

He showed Himself to be worthy of equal praise  
with His Father and the Holy Spirit;  
for He existed from all eternity as God the Word, without a body;  
then, out of love for mankind, He became incarnate,  
and for our sake He was put to death as a man;  
finally, by His own power He arose from the dead.

5.  
O Christ, of Your own free will, You descended into Hades;  
and, as God the Lord, You destroyed death.  
On the third day You arose from the dead and raised up Adam  
from the bonds of Hades and corruption.  
In joy he cried out and said:  
Glory to Your resurrection, O Lover of mankind!

*In Tone 1*

4.  
You were manifestly illumined by the rays of the Spirit, divinely revealed Timothy!  
You were shown to be a shining beacon,  
passing over all the earth and enlightening it with grace.  
Ever pray now that our souls may be granted  
peace and great mercy!

3.  
Divinely wise Timothy, you drank of the river of sweetness.  
Following Christ, with godly wisdom,  
you gave drink to those who fervently desire the understanding of God.  
Now you have joyously departed to Him,  
contemplating the all-radiant glory of the Trinity,  
and infinitely powerful peace.

2.  
You placed yourself in submission to Paul,  
conversing with the Spirit through writing.  
You became wholly radiant with light,  
a generous husbandman and earnest favourite of the Lord.  
You lived in chastity and piety, divinely wise Timothy,  
and have been given crowns of victory  
as a legitimate athlete!

1.  
Most blessed Anastasius, you are the boast of martyrs!  
You achieved great victories over falsehood!  
You bear in your name a standard of renown:  
you are raised up everywhere as a faithful conqueror!  
Raise up now from falls in sin  
those who honour your memory with faith!

*In Tone 8, Glory...*

You were forechosen by God  
to be the disciple of the wise Paul, learning divine things.  
You lived in goodness and preserved the faith in purity  
even to the shedding of your blood!  
You were shown to be a faithful bishop, Apostle Timothy.  
You denounced the idolators,  
and wounded by clubs and stones, you received the crown of martyrdom!  
Therefore, most blessed one,  
pray for us who celebrate your most honoured memory with faith!

*In Tone 7, Now...*

Immaculate Mother of God,  
you became a mother outside the laws of nature,  
remaining a virgin in a way that exceeds all description  
and human understanding.  
The wonder of your birth-giving could not be told in human language,  
for your conception of Christ blinded intelligence,  
and your birth-giving exceeded understanding:  
for whenever God so desires, the laws of nature are broken.  
Wherefore, we all firmly believe that you are the Mother of God,  
and we eagerly beseech you to intercede for the salvation of our souls.

### **Aposticha**

*In Tone 7*

O Saviour of the world, You arose from the grave,  
and together with Your own flesh You raised up mankind.  
O Lord, glory to You!

*The Lord reigns, He is clothed in majesty. Robed is the Lord, and girt about with strength.*

Come, let us worship Christ Who arose from the dead  
and enlightened all creation.  
For by His resurrection on the third day,  
He set us free from the oppression of Hades,  
granting us life and His great mercy.

*For He has made the world firm, which shall not be moved.*

O Christ, Lover of mankind,  
You descended into Hades and destroyed death.  
Then You arose on the third day;  
and, together with Yourself You lifted up all of us

who glorify Your mighty resurrection.

*Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, for length of days.*

O Lord, what a fearful sight it was to see You lying in the tomb as if asleep.  
Yet on the third day You arose in great power,  
and at the same time You raised up Adam who joyfully cried out:  
Glory to Your resurrection, O Lover of mankind!

*Glory... Now...*

All of us on earth hasten to take refuge in you, O Lady;  
and we cry out to you:  
O Mother of God, you are the only hope for us;  
deliver us from our countless sins, and save our souls.

### **Troparia**

*In Tone 7*

By Your cross You destroyed death;\* You opened Paradise to the thief;\* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,\* and charged the apostles to proclaim\* that You are risen, O Christ our God,\*\* offering great mercy to the world.

*In Tone 4*

Having learned goodness and maintaining continence in all things,\* you were divinely arrayed with a good conscience as befits a priest\* and you drew ineffable truths from the chosen vessel.\* You have kept the faith\* and completed a course equal to his, bishop and martyr Timothy.\*\* Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved!

*In Tone 4, Glory...*

Your holy martyr Anastasius, O Lord,\* through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God!\* For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries,\* and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.\*\* Through his intercessions, save our souls!

*Now...*

O Mother of God, the mystery hidden from all eternity\* and unknown even to the angels,\* was revealed through you to those on earth:\* God took on our human nature\* and united it to His divine nature in a perfect but unconfused union.\* Then, He willingly accepted the cross for our sake\* and thereby raised again the first created man,\*\* and saved our souls from death.