

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021

20th Sunday after Pentecost (7th of Luke)

Holy 33 Martyrs of Melitene

Ven. Lazarus the Wonderworker of Mt. Galesius near Ephesus

GREAT VESPERS

LORD I CALL: Four stikhera of the Resurrection in tone 3 (spiral bound Vespers book), then three for the 33 Martyrs in tone 4, then three for Ven. Lazarus in tone 6

33 Martyrs, tone 4:

You were fittingly revealed as a divinely-assembled regiment,
O most glorious ones:
a sacred army, a Godly company, a holy nation;
a legion of martyrs inspired by God,
a noble gathering and unbreakable alliance,
inhabitants of the City on high.//
Therefore you are rightly called blessed.

Let us all assemble and honor Hesýchius
with Nicánder, Athanásius and Mámas,
the divine Baráchius and Callínicus,
Theógenes and Níkon,
Longínus and Théodore,
Valérius and Xánthius,
Theodúlus, Callimáchus and Eugene,//
the godly Theodóchus and Ostrýchius!

Let us together hymn the true witnesses with faith:
the valiant Hieron,
the glorious Epiphánius, Maxímian and Ducítius,
Cláudian and Theóphilus
and the godly Gigántius,
Dorotheús and Theódotus,
Castrýcius, Anícetas and Themélius,//

and also Eutýchius!

Ven. Lazarus, tone 6:

Having set aside all the folly of the passions
and making your flesh subject to your spirit,
you became a rule of virtue,
the confirmation of monastics,
a model for those who fast,
the adornment of the venerable ones.
Now you behold the ineffable beauty of your Creator
and are ever nurtured by the spirit on the beauties of heaven.
Therefore we have assembled to celebrate with hymns and sweet
songs//
your honored and most festive memory.

You cut off all the heavy burden of material things
and the great turmoil of the flesh.
O wise one, controlling even your breath,
you remained untouched by the passions,
your courageous mind strong as a pillar surrounded by spiritual armor.

Now you have truly received the divine vision and splendor
and have taken your place before Him Whom you desired,
where, made divine by your manner,//
you delight in His never-ending radiance.

You loved the light, like Elijah and John the Forerunner.
You observed stillness in the mountains and arid deserts,
ever learning to ascend towards God and excelling in the virtues.
Therefore you have gained your ultimate desire, O all-wise one,
and you stand, rejoicing, before the triply-radiant light of the Tri-
nity
from Whom you received divine splendor.//
Intercede with boldness on behalf of our souls!

GLORY ... for Ven. Lazarus, tone 5:

O venerable Father,

you did not give sleep to your eyes nor slumber to your eyelids
until you freed your soul and body from the passions,
preparing yourself to be a dwelling-place of the Spirit.
Christ, coming with the Father, made His dwelling in you.
Since you are a favorite of the consubstantial Trinity,
great preacher, Lazarus our father,//
ever pray on behalf of our souls!

NOW AND EVER ... the theotokion-dogmatikon in tone 3
(spiral bound Vespers book)

APOSTIKHA: All stikhera of the Resurrection in tone 3 (spiral
bound Vespers book)

GLORY ... for Ven. Lazarus, tone 6:

The sound of your teachings has gone out into all the earth,
O venerable Father Lazarus.
Therefore you have found the reward of your labors in the heavens.
You destroyed the hosts of demons
and reached the ranks of Angels, whose life you blamelessly fol-
lowed.
Since you have boldness before Christ our God,//
entreat peace for our souls!

NOW AND EVER ... theotokion in tone 8 (spiral bound
Vespers book)

TROPARIA

Resurrection, tone 3:

Let the heavens rejoice!
Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.
He has trampled down death by death.
He has become the first born of the dead.
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world//
great mercy.

33 Martyrs, tone 4:

Your thirty-three holy martyrs, O Lord,
through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from
You, our God.
For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//
Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Resurrectional dismissal theotokion, tone 4:

The mystery of all eternity,
unknown even by Angels,
through you, Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:
God incarnate by union without confusion.
He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,
by which He resurrected the first-created man,//
saving our souls from death.

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