

THE 7th DAY OF THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER
COMMEMORATION OF THE 33 MARTYRS IN MELITENE
COMMEMORATION OF OUR VENERABLE FATHER LAZARUS THE
WONDERWORKER, WHO STRUGGLED IN ASCETICISM ON MOUNT GALESIOUS
AT VESPERS

On “Lord, I have cried ...,” 6 Stichera: 3 of the holy martyrs, in Tone IV:

Spec. Mel.: “As one valiant among the martyrs ...”:

As is meet, O right glorious ones, ye were truly shown to be * a divinely assembled regiment, * a sacred army, * a godly company, a holy nation, * a legion of martyrs inspired by God, * a comely gathering, * an unbreakable alliance, * inhabitants of the city on high. ** Wherefore as is fitting, ye are called blessed.

Assembling together, * let us all honor Nicander and Hesychius, * Athanasius and Mamas, * the divine Barachius and Callinicus, * Theogenes and Nikon, * Longinus and Theodore, * Valerius and Xanthius, * Theodulus, Callimachus and Eugene, ** the godly Theodochus and Ostrychius.

Together let us hymn with faith * the true witnesses: * the valiant Hieron, * the glorious Epiphanius, Maximian and Ducitius, * Claudian and Theophilus, * and the godly Gigantius, * Dorotheus and Theodotus, * Castrycius, Anicetas and Themelius, ** as well as Eutychius.

And 3 Stichera of the venerable one, in Tone VI:

Spec. Mel.: “Having set all aside ...”:

Having set aside all the folly of the passions * and made thy flesh subject to thy spirit, * thou didst become a rule of virtue, * the confirmation of monastics, * a model for fasters, * the adornment of the venerable. * And now thou dost behold * the ineffable beauty of thy Creator, * ever nurtured by the Spirit on the beauties of heaven. * Wherefore, having assembled, * we celebrate thine honored and most festive memory ** in hymns, with sweet songs.

Thou didst cut off * all the heavy burden of material things * and the greatly tumultuous turbulence of the flesh, * and, controlling thy breathing, O wise one, * thou didst remain unaffected by the passions, strong as a pillar, * through spiritual breastplates * and valorous mind. * And now thou hast truly received * the divine vision and splendor and hast taken thy place * before Him Whom thou didst desire, * delighting in His never-ending radiance, ** deified by thy posture.

Loving the light, like Elijah * and John the luminary, * thou didst observe stillness in the mountains and arid deserts, * ever learning divine ascent * and excelling in the way of the virtues. * Wherefore, thou hast attained thine ultimate desire, O most wise one, * and, rejoicing, dost stand * before the thrice-radiant light of the Trinity; * and receiving divine splendor * directly therefrom, * thou prayest with boldness ** on behalf of our souls.

Glory ..., in Tone V:

O venerable father, thou gavest neither sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids, until thou didst free thy soul and body from the passions and didst prepare thyself to be a dwelling-place of the Spirit; and Christ, coming with the Father, made His abode within thee. As thou art a favorite of the consubstantial Trinity, O great preacher Lazarus our father, pray thou on behalf of our souls.

Both now ..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion, in Tone V:

Spec. Mel.: “Rejoice ...”:

Stavrotheotokion: Upon seeing her Lamb hastening to the slaughter * the Ewe-lamb eagerly followed Him crying aloud: * ‘Whence goest Thou, O my sweetest Child? * O most beloved Jesus, sinless Lord, rich in mercy, * O longsuffering Christ, why dost Thou so swiftly and so fearlessly proceed? * Speak to me Thy handmaiden, O my well-beloved Son: * pass not by me, Thy Mother, without a word, * O all-compassionate God, ** who grantest the world great mercy.’

Aposticha from the Oktoechos. Glory ..., in Tone VI:

O venerable father, the sound of thy corrections hath gone forth into all the earth; wherefore, thou hast found the reward for thy labors in the heavens, hast destroyed legions of demons, attained unto the ranks of the angels and blamelessly emulated their life. As thou hast boldness before Christ, entreat peace for our souls.

Both now ..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion, in Tone VI:

Spec. Mel.: “On the third day ...”:

Stavrotheotokion: Thy pure Virgin Mother, * beholding the most iniquitous people * who unjustly nailed Thee to the Tree, ** was wounded within, as Symeon foretold.

Troparion of the holy martyrs, in Tone IV:

In their sufferings, Thy martyrs O Lord, * received imperishable crowns from Thee, our God; * for, possessed of Thy might, * they set at naught the tyrants and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons. ** By their supplications save Thou our souls.

Glory ..., Troparion of the venerable one, in Tone VIII:

With prayerful vigils and outpourings of tears thou didst water thy pillar, * and with sighs from the depths of thy soul thou didst bring forth fruit a hundredfold, * and wast a shepherd, granting the petitions of all. ** O Lazarus our father, entreat Christ God, that our souls be saved.

AT MATINS

One canon from the Oktoechos, and two canons for the saints.

ODE I

Canon of the holy martyrs, the acrostic whereof is:

“I offer this praise to the wise martyrs”, in Tone VIII:

Irmos: Having passed through the water as upon dry land, * and having escaped the malice of the Egyptians, * the Israelites cried aloud: * Unto our God and Redeemer let us sing.

Having joined the divine hosts of heaven, O right victorious martyrs, ask for the cleansing of all who praise your luminous memory.

Desiring to tread the path of martyrdom with splendor, ye mightily endured all the threefold waves of torture, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Ye were shown to be luminaries upon the earth, dispelling the darkness of polytheism, O divine spiritual athletes. Wherefore, ye have received the never-waning light.

Theotokion: He Who createth all thing by His command and hath crowned the spiritual athletes who likewise trampled down the foe, became ineffably incarnate from thee O pure Mother.

Canon of the venerable one, the acrostic whereof is:

“I chant entreaty unto thee after God, O thrice-blessed one”, in Tone II:

Irmos: Come, O ye people, * let us sing a song to Christ our God, * Who divided the sea, * and made a way for the nation * which He had brought up out of the bondage of Egypt; * for He hath been glorified.

Come, ye faithful, and, rejoicing with faith and a godly spirit, let us praise the divine Lazarus, crying out to Him: O blessed one, deliver us from misfortunes by thy supplications.

God caused thee to return again to thy native land, even though thou didst not desire to do so; wherefore, by thy supplications save me who ever pursue the passions.

The radiant and divinely bestowed love which shone forth richly within thee, O God-bearer, caused thee to lay down thy life zealously for thy neighbor.

Theotokion: From all wrath and tribulations do thou save us who bow down before thy holy image and confess thee with faith to be the Birthgiver of God, O all-immaculate Theotokos.

ODE III

Canon of the holy martyrs

Irmos: O Lord, Creator of the vault of Heaven * and Builder of the Church, * do Thou strengthen me in Thy love, O Summit of desire, * O Support of the faithful, * O only Lover of mankind.

With thy sacred precepts, O glorious and divinely blessed Hieron, thou didst train the sacred martyrs for the divine contest and most gloriously caused them to disregard the torments.

Crushed by a tree, O holy ones, ye emulated the precious suffering of the supremely good Master and with the grace of the Almighty crushed the pernicious deceivers.

Setting your hope upon the Lord of all, O martyrs who behold God, ye were in no wise moved from your great stand, but in a lawful manner accomplished the divine course with an upright character.

Theotokion: **R**ejoice, O pure Lady, Maiden of many names, who hast given birth unto the infinite Word Who became circumscribed in the flesh, Whom confessing the choir of the martyrs suffered most mightily.

Canon of the venerable one

Irmos: **O** Lord, who didst slay sin upon the tree, * firmly establish us in Thee, * and in the hearts of us who hymn Thee * plant the fear of Thee.

Fortified by divine strength, O wise one, thou wast delivered from savage beasts. Wherefore, entreat Christ, that He deliver from noetic beasts those who hymn thee.

Strengthened by the power of Christ, O venerable one, thou didst manfully endure the hunger, privation and oppressiveness of the desert in the hope of ineffable sweetness.

Protected by divine grace, O all-blessed one, thou didst escape the assaults of the hostile spawn of Hagar, saved for the benefit of many.

Theotokion: **T**hou hast given birth to the Master of all, O pure Virgin, in a manner ineffable and past all telling. Him do thou entreat, O all-hymned one, that He rescue those who hymn thee from the dominion of the passions.

Kontakion of the venerable one, in Tone IV:

Spec. Mel.: “Thou hast appeared ...”:

With gladness the Church of Christ * doth glorify thee in psalms * as a most wondrous luminary. * Wherefore, cease thou never to beseech Christ, ** that He grant forgiveness of transgressions unto all.

Sessional Hymn, in Tone IV:

Spec. Mel.: “Joseph marveled ...”:

Having shown mighty courage, O wise ones, ye foiled the most malicious snares of the enemy, preaching Christ at the tribunal. Wherefore, when ye were beheaded, ye were crowned by the right hand of God, O thirty three blessed inhabitants of Melitene. O honorable martyrs, be ye mindful of us who honor you with faith.

Glory ..., Sessional Hymn of the venerable one, in Tone III:

Spec. Mel.: “Of the divine Faith ...”:

Thine heart, O venerable one, possessed of divine intelligence, exchanged earthly things for things divine and lasting; and thou hast now joined chorus with the angels, delighting in immaterial light and rejoicing unceasingly. Wherefore, O venerable one, entreat Christ God, that He grant us great mercy.

Both now ..., Theotokion, in 'Tone III:

Thou wast the divine tabernacle of the Word, * O only most pure Virgin Mother, * who hast surpassed the angels in purity. * With the divine waters of thy supplications cleanse me, * who more than all others am dust and defiled * by carnal transgressions, O pure one, ** and grant me great mercy.

Stavrotheotokion: **T**hy pure Mother who hath not known wedlock, O Christ, * upon seeing Thee hanging dead upon the Cross, * said, weeping maternally: * How hath the iniquitous and ungrateful synagogue of the Jews repaid Thee, * which hath enjoyed Thy many and great wonders, ** O my Son?

ODE IV

Canon of the holy martyrs

Irmos: **T**hou, O Lord, art my strength and Thou art my power, * Thou art my God and Thou art my joy, * Thou Who, while never leaving the bosom of Thy Father, * hast visited our poverty. * Therefore with the Prophet Habbakuk I cry unto Thee, * 'Glory to Thy power, O Lover of mankind!'

With the rays of divine struggles, O spiritually rich martyrs, ye most gloriously enlighten all the ends of the universe, driving away the darkness of the invisible foe. Wherefore, with pious mind we celebrate your radiant and divine solemnity.

Having completed the contest, and given your own blood for Him Who suffered and shed His divine blood willingly on the Cross for our salvation, O ye who are of one mind, ye have all been deemed worthy of equal honor. Wherefore, we call you blessed.

Now let us praise the wise martyrs Theogenes and Mamas, Hieron, Claudian, Nikon and Nicander, Longinus and Hesychius, Barachius, the great Callinicus and the godly Xanthius, Theophilus and Valerius.

Most wisely hastening to the struggle, O right glorious ones, ye found the divine grace of the Redeemer which accomplisheth all things, and right wisely endured all manner of tortures, chanting unto Christ with thanksgiving: Glory to Thy power, O Lover of mankind!

Theotokion: **T**he shadows of the law and the visions of the prophets proclaimed thee of old to be the Mother of the Redeemer; and, beholding thee, O all-immaculate one, we now chant unto thee together, O glory of passion-bearers and might of the holy martyrs.

Canon of the venerable one

Irmos: **I** hymn Thee, O Lord, for I have heard report of Thee, * and I was afraid; * for Thou comest to me, seeking me who am lost. * Wherefore, I glorify Thy great condescension towards me, * O greatly Merciful One.

As thou didst avoid all transitory things, passionate attachments and love, O venerable one, having ever set all thy hope on God, all that thou didst acquire, the hands of the poor received.

Turning aside the malice of the demons through the onslaughts of wild beasts, O venerable and blessed one, thou didst remain in no wise touched thereby, protected by the grace of God Who doth ever aid thee in all things.

Seeing thy love and gratitude towards God, O venerable one, the most wicked one sought to weaken thy strength. Wherefore, he set dogs upon thee; but his wiles were shown to be in Vain.

Theotokion: I hymn thee, O Lady Theotokos, and cry out to thee: Preserving me, sanctify me by thy supplication, and guide me who have fallen through many sins and am beset by the assaults of the demons, to salvation.

ODE V

Canon of the holy martyrs

Irmos: O Light never-waning, * why hast Thou turned Thy face from me * and why hath the alien darkness surrounded me, * wretched though I be? * But do Thou guide my steps I implore Thee * and turn me back towards the light of Thy commandments.

Let us praise the wise spiritual athletes who manfully completed the course, honoring Maximian and the godly Eugene, Theodore and Ducitius, Callimachus, Theodulus and Dorotheus.

The valiant warriors who were voluntarily slain and crushed have inherited everlasting immortality, and join chorus now in the spaciousness of paradise, having received blessed hope.

Having spurned the slumber of indifference, O all-praised ones, with godly vigilance ye raced each other during your contest, the course of the divine faith of martyrdom, and have now arrived at the refuge of heaven.

Theotokion: O all-praised Lady who hast loosed the bonds of Hades by thy divine birthgiving: loose me who am bound with the bonds of transgressions, I pray thee, and set my feet upon the paths that lead to life.

Canon of the venerable one

Irmos: O Lord, Bestower of light and Creator of the ages: * guide us in the light of Thy commandments, * for we know none other God than Thee.

The evil one, hoping to cast down the steadfastness of thy soul and the firmness of thy resolve, O venerable one, transformed himself into a dog, and thus came to try thee.

In great dearth of confusion the enemy departed, O blessed one, seeing thee in nowise affected, but moreover endured want with thanksgiving.

Ever bearing the Cross in thy hands like a staff of power, O venerable one, thou didst grind down all the activity of the enemy's wiles to dust.

Theotokion: Save me from every assault of enemies visible and invisible, a all-hymned Mother of God, thou hope of the despairing and intercessor of the faithful.

ODE VI

Canon of the holy martyrs

Irmos: Cleanse me, O Savior, * for many are mine iniquities; * lead me up from the abyss of evils I pray Thee, * for unto Thee have I cried, * and Thou hast hearkened unto me, * O God of my salvation.

In hymns let us bless the spiritual athletes Theodotus and Hilarion, the wise Gigantius and Athanasius, and the divine Eutychius and Epiphanius.

With faith let the valiant martyrs of Christ be blessed: Hieron and Diodotus, the wise Castrycius and the godly Ostrychius, the great Themelius and Amonitus.

Having drowned the invisible Pharaoh and all his army in the outpouring of your blood, O right victorious martyrs, ye reached the heavens adorning the Church of the firstborn.

Theotokion: The weaponry of the enemy hath been rendered useless, O Birthgiver of God, from the moment Christ to Whom thou hast given birth, was pierced by the spear, edifying with blood and water those who have become wearied.

Canon of the venerable one

Irmos: From within the sea monster Jonah cried unto the Lord: * “Lead me up from the abyss of Hades, I pray Thee; * for with a voice of praise as to my Redeemer, * in the spirit of truth * I offer myself to Thee.”

Desiring to show thy heart to be a temple of God, O venerable one, thou didst go about the churches of the saints, from whom thou didst abundantly receive the grace of the Holy Spirit as confirmation for many.

Thy native land received thee back as a priceless treasure through the judgment of God, O divinely wise one. Wherefore, make me, who am a stranger to the homeland of Eden, to be an heir thereto, O venerable one.

The church of the virgin-martyr Marina first received thee as a tenant, and therein thou didst shine forth like a never-waning star, shedding light upon those who sleep in the darkness of ignorance, O venerable one.

Theotokion: O all-immaculate Virgin, entreat thy Son and Lord on behalf of thy servants who ever venerate the precious image of thy countenance with faith; for thou art able so to do.

Kontakion of the holy martyrs, in Tone VIII:

Spec. Mel.: “As first-fruits ...”:

The radiant choir of martyrs, the luminous company, descending to us noetically, * hath illumined the Church today with wondrous rays. * Wherefore, celebrating their honored memory, we ask of Thee, O our Savior: ** through their supplications deliver us from misfortunes, that we may chant unto Thee: Alleluia!

ODE VII

Canon of the holy martyrs

Irmos: **The Children of Judaea, * who of old came to dwell in Babylon, * trampled underfoot the flame of the furnace * through their faith in the Trinity, * as they sang: ‘O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou.’**

Seeing thy precious hand severed for the truth, O glorious Hieron, thou didst cry out hymns of thanksgiving unto Him Who seeth all things, chanting: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

With great sense wast thou the model for thy fellow sufferers, O glorious Hieron, and with them thou hast received a portion in the kingdom on high, chanting: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

As valiant warriors of the eternal King, with the sword of your courage ye destroyed the legions of the deceiver, chanting: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

Theotokion: **Since** thou hast given birth to the Physician, O pure Virgin, heal thou the sufferings of my heart and deliver me from everlasting torment who cry out in hymns: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

Canon of the venerable one

Irmos: **Of old the youths revealed themselves to be rhetors * with a love for supreme wisdom, * for from the depths of their God-pleasing souls, * they theologized with their lips as they sang: * O supremely divine God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!**

Thou didst prepare an abundant feast, replete with thy goodly divine virtues; and nurturing all therewith, thou didst teach them to chant: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

Following the words of thy most wise teachings, and having with true zeal set aside the love of all transitory things, people chose to dwell with thee as something good, O all-blessed one.

Having acquired thy manner of life from the wondrous Symeon, thou didst stand unsheltered upon thy pillar, adamant as stone, crying out in gladness: O most divine God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

Theotokion: **Save** me from the snares of the enemy by thy mediation, O pure one, and to the ultimate love of thy good Son bind me who am ever driven away from Him by wicked pleasures.

ODE VIII

Canon of the holy martyrs

Irmos: **By Thy grace the children became vanquishers * of both the tyrant and the flames, * carefully observing Thy commandments, * wherefore they cried aloud: * Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord!**

Having died to the world, ye inherited the life to come and pour forth the grace of healing upon those who chant: Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord; exalt Him supremely forever!

Shown by the beams of your sufferings to be splendid luminaries, ye illumine the world, O martyrs and passion-bearers, crying aloud: Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, and supremely exalt Him throughout the ages!

Cast into prison, O ye true divine preservers of the truth, your flesh scourged pitilessly with leather thongs, O blessed ones, ye in no wise strayed from the straight path. Wherefore, ye have received crowns of victory.

Theotokion: **A**s one holier than the angels, O pure one, thou didst receive the God of all Who resteth in the saints. Wherefore, all of us, the faithful, hymn and glorify thee throughout all ages.

Canon of the venerable one

Irmos: **G**od Who descended into the fiery furnace * with the Hebrew children, * and transformed the flame into dew, * do ye works hymn, * and supremely exalt as Lord throughout all ages.

Truly studying the struggles and feats of the fathers who fasted before thee, O father, thou didst strive to show thyself their successor; and not only did so, but even surpassed them.

Thou didst fulfill the supplication wherewith thou didst entreat God of old, O thrice-blessed one, offering thy bread unto all and saying: O Lord of glory, Thine own of Thine own do we offer unto Thee throughout all ages!

Directing those with thee toward the divine path by word and deed, O father, and being thyself directed thereto far more than they, thou didst perform miracles for them; for God increased the harvest through thy supplications.

Theotokion: **L**et heaven rejoice! Let the earth and mortals be glad! For the Virgin Mary hath ineffably given birth unto the Creator of all, to Whom we chant: We supremely exalt Thee, O Christ, throughout the ages!

ODE IX

Canon of the holy martyrs

Irmos: **H**eaven was stricken with awe, * and the ends of the earth were filled with amazement, * for God hath appeared in the flesh, * and thy womb was rendered more spacious than the heavens. * Wherefore, the ranks of men and of angels * magnify thee as the Theotokos.

Strengthened by divine power, O all-wondrous Hieron, with strength of mind thou wast able to vanquish the greatly devious one, and lead to Christ an assembly of spiritual athletes by thy teachings, with whom we ever bless thee with faith.

Ye were shown to be an honorable army assembled in Christ, O ye of great renown, and opposers of the powers of the prince of this world. And having vanquished them with the sword of the divine faith, in gladness ye received crowns from the hand of the Author of life.

Rise up, O Melitene, bringing to the Almighty a goodly assembly of honored martyrs, whose city is on high, since they have completed the sacred race! And with all cities ever bless them with faith.

O Christ, Thou never-setting Sun: through the supplications of Thy glorious martyrs illumine with rays of splendor and sanctify those who celebrate their radiant and divine martyrdom, and, as Thou art God, grant us to share in the kingdom on high.

Theotokion: I tremble before Thy coming judgment, O only King, and am afraid lest I be cast into suffering and torment. But cleanse me of all defilement of sin through the supplications of Thy most pure Mother, O Lover of mankind.

Canon of the venerable one

Irmos: God the Word, God of God, * Who by ineffable wisdom came to create Adam anew * after his grievous fall to corruption through eating * and Who took flesh beyond all telling from the Holy Virgin for our sake, * Him we faithful with one accord magnify in song.

Woe is me! I have led a life of sloth and fear the dread judgment! Yet, O Lord Who lovest mankind, by the entreaty of Lazarus send me torrents of tears, that I may thereby wash away the filth of my transgressions.

Possessed of a calm soul, O father, thou didst likewise have a suitably meek countenance, O wise one, wholly revealed to be consoling to all, watering men's souls with the streams of thy words. Beseech Christ that He grant this tranquility also unto us.

Desiring to reveal thy most clearly manifest and divine virtues plainly to all, O venerable father, God caused thee to approach the wild mountain, from whence thou didst illumine the whole world, readily emitting rays of life.

Theotokion: Show forth thy Son, to Whom thou hast given birth without seed, as a merciful Judge when He shall seat Himself upon the holy throne, as it is written, to judge all mortals for the wicked things they committed during their life, O Maiden.

Exapostilarion of the holy martyrs:

Spec. Mel.: "Hearken, ye women ...":

Protected by the sword of Thy precious Cross, O Word, Thy spiritual athletes mightily vanquished the adverse powers and put the tyrant to shame. They suffered for Thee, and reign together with Thee, O my Christ, King of all.

Glory ..., Exapostilation of the venerable one:

Spec. Mel.: "The heaven with stars ...":

Let us all praise with hymns the ever-memorable Lazarus, the God-bearer and emulator of the Master, who with the power of God destroyed the savagery of the demons.

Both now ..., Theotokion:

Thee did Daniel describe beforehand as the unquarried mountain from whence the precious Stone was cut, which crushed the temples of the idols, O Mary, Birthgiver of God.

AT LITURGY

Troparion of the holy martyrs, in Tone IV:

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The radiant choir of martyrs, the luminous company, descending to us noetically, * hath illumined the Church today with wondrous rays. * Wherefore, celebrating their honored memory, we ask of Thee, O our Savior: ** through their supplications deliver us from misfortunes, that we may chant unto Thee: Alleluia!

Kontakion of the venerable one, in Tone IV:

With gladness the Church of Christ * doth glorify thee in psalms * as a most wondrous luminary. * Wherefore, cease thou never to beseech Christ, ** that He grant forgiveness of transgressions unto all.

Prokeimenon, in Tone VII: Precious in the sight of the Lord * is the death of His saints.

Verse: What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto me?

EPISTLE TO THE GALATIANS, §213(5: 22-6: 2)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vainglory, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Alleluia, in Tone VI: Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; in His commandments shall he greatly delight.

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW, §10(4: 25-5: 12)

At that time: there followed Jesus great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judea, and from beyond Jordan. And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: and he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven.

Communion Verse: In everlasting remembrance shall the righteous be; he shall not be afraid of evil tidings.