

Triodion Hymns to Use at Compline in the Sixth Week of the Fast

Triodion, tone 1 (by Theodore)

As we begin with eagerness, O ye faithful,
the sixth week of the holy Fast,
let us sing a hymn in preparation for the Feast of Palms,
to the Lord who cometh with glory
to Jerusalem in the power of the Godhead,
that he may slay death.
So with reverence let us prepare the branches of the virtues,
as emblems of victory;
and let us cry Hosanna! to the Creator of all.

Triodion, tone 1 (by Joseph)

Thou who art rich, O Christ, hast become poor:
and Thou hast enriched mortal men with immortality and light.
I have grown poor through the pleasures of this life:
make me rich in virtues, granting me a place with the poor man Lazarus,
and deliver me from the punishment of the rich man
and the torment of Gehenna that awaits me.

Sinfully I have grown rich in evil;
I have loved luxury and indulged in sensual pleasures,
and I deserve to be condemned, O Lord, to the fire of hell.
My mind is famished like Lazarus, and I have neglected it;
it lies outcast before the gates of virtuous action.
O take pity on me, Master.

Triodion, tone 6

My strength is weakened by my many sins
and by the pleasures of this life,
and in my misery, O Master, I lie always on the bed of slothfulness;
but I cry to Thee:
with loving compassion come and visit me,
granting me health and mercy.
Forsake me not, lest I sleep in death
and the enemy rejoices over my destruction:
for he seeks to drag me down, O Savior,
into the fearful depths of hell.

I have rivaled in foolishness
the rich man who showed not love for others;
overwhelmed by sensual pleasures and the passions,
I live in luxury and self-indulgence.
I see my mind, O Lord,
lying always like Lazarus before the gates of repentance,
but with indifference I pass it by,
and leave it hungry, sick, and wounded by the passions.
Therefore I deserve to be condemned to the flames of Gehenna:
but deliver me from them, O Master,
for Thou alone art rich in mercy.

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Glory...tone 5 (by *Theodore*)

O Lord, while dwelling in the flesh on the other side of Jordan,
Thou hast foretold that the sickness of Lazarus would not end in death,
but that it had come to pass for Thy glory, O our God.
Glory to Thy mighty acts and Thine all-sovereign power,
for Thou hast destroyed death
in Thy great mercy and Thy love for mankind.

Now and ever...tone 5 *Theotokion*

To whom hast thou likened thyself, O my soul,
ever excelling in what is worse,
and mindlessly adding manifold stripes to thy wounds,
giving no thought that thou wilt become wounded thy whole body over,
or that the Judge is approaching,
before Whom thou will have to stand to receive sentence and retribution for thy deeds?
Yet turning, fall down before the Virgin crying:
O Mistress, disdain not me who have angered the right merciful God
who was born of thee for the salvation of men
and was crucified in the flesh!