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**Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs
and Confessors of Russia**

Troparion **Tone 1** *(Resurrectional)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding thy most pure body, thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy Kingdom. // Glory to thy dispensation, O thou who lovest mankind!

Troparion **Tone 4** *(New Martyrs)*

Today the Church of Russia forms a chorus in joy, praising her new martyrs and confessors; hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses, venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians. Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless persecution, they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood. // By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy till the end of the age.

Troparion to Saint George: You were bound for.... Glory to the Father....

Kontakion **Tone 1** *(Resurrectional)*

As God, thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with thyself. Human nature praises thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master, Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to thee:// Thou art the giver of resurrection to all, O Christ.

Kontakion **Tone 3** *(New Martyrs)*

Today the new martyrs of Rus' stand in white robes before the Lamb of God, and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor, and power, and strength be to our God// unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion of Saint George: God raised you Now and ever ...

Kontakion **Tone 6**

Steadfast protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the creator; despise not the entreating cries of us sinners, but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith. Hasten to hear our petition, and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

Prokeimenon **Tone 8** *(Resurrectional)*

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on thee. *(Ps. 32:22)*

V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the just. (Ps. 32:1)

Prokeimenon **Tone 7** *(New Martyrs)*

God is our refuge and strength, / a help in afflictions that severely befall us. *(Ps. 45:1)*

Epistle (257) Colossians 3:4-11

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. *God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps. 17:48)*

V. *He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps. 17:51)*

Gospel (92) Matthew 22:35-46

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Announcements

Sunday, January 28, 2024

The Yearly General Assembly will be held in the Fellowship Hall. A personal letter has also been sent out. Please review it.