

**Vesper Propers, September 27, 2009**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

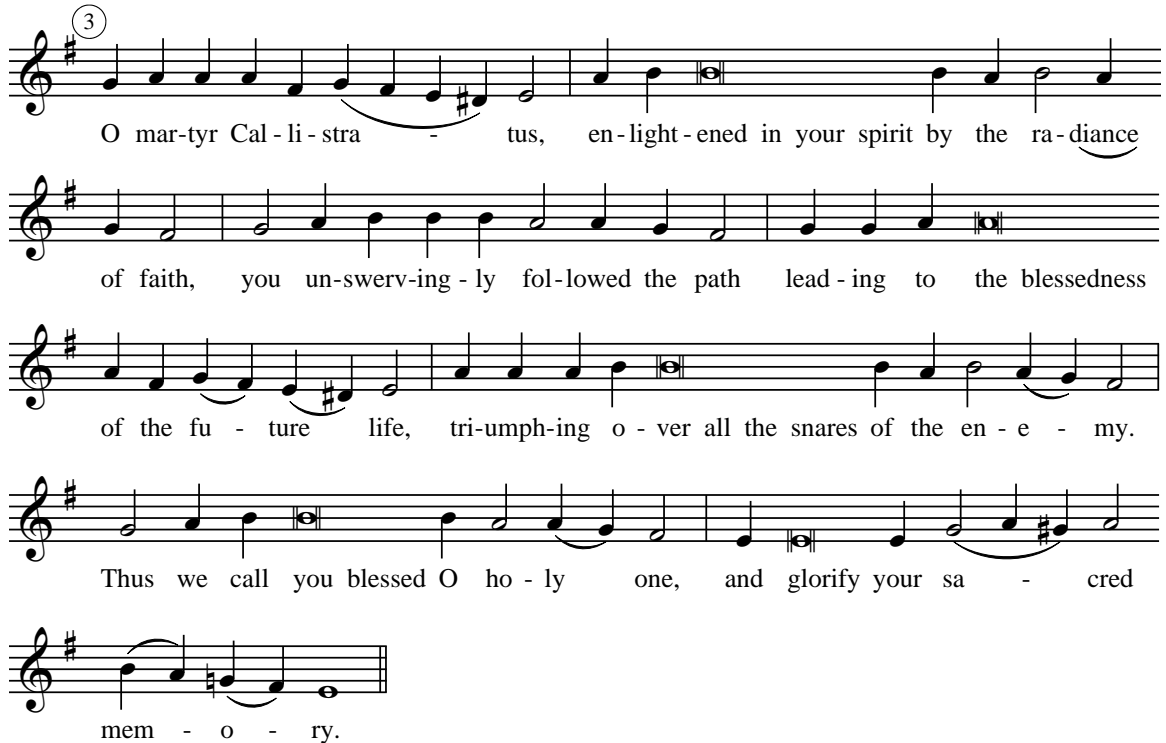
**The holy martyr Callistratus and his companions.** Raised a Christian, he became a soldier. Reported by one of his cohort as a believer, he was imprisoned and ordered to offer sacrifice to idols. He refused. He was repeatedly tortured and still remained faithful—so much so that forty-nine of his fellow-soldiers came to believe in Christ. They were killed by the sword. (304)

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*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 102), stichera 10-4.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of the holy martyr Callistratus - Tone 8 samohlasen**



O mar-tyr Cal-li-stra - tus, en-light-ened in your spirit by the ra-diance  
of faith, you un-swerv-ing - ly fol-lowed the path lead - ing to the blessedness  
of the fu - ture life, tri-umph-ing o - ver all the snares of the en - e - my.  
Thus we call you blessed O ho - ly one, and glorify your sa - cred  
mem - o - ry.

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations,  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

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O mar-tyr Cal - li - stra - - tus, hav - ing heard the word of Life in your  
 con-tem-pla - tion, you gui - ded those who had been held in death through  
 ig - no - rance toward the true Life. We be - lieve that those  
 who are eage - r to die for Christ are real - ly a - live in him who is the  
 Res - ur - rec - tion of all. With them, re - mem - ber us in the pres - ence  
 of the Lord, the High - est Good.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
 (on 1) he is faithful forever.

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O mar-tyr Gym - na - si - us\*, be - head - ed by the sword, you drowned the  
 treach - erous Pharaoh in the streams of your own blood. You pour forth healing

\* A companion of Callistratus. Pronounced "jim-NAH-see-us."

