

Vesper Propers, September 27, 2026
Eighteenth 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)

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 24), 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!

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 eager 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.

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."

for the faithful who approach your tem-ple, O bless - ed one, to glo-ri - fy
your illus-tri-ous strug - gles and to cele-brate your sa - cred mem - o - ry.

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

Doxastikon of the holy martyr Callistratus - Tone 4 samohlasen

Be - fore your venera-ble death on the Cross, man-kind stood in ter - ror of death.
But after your glo-ri - ous Pas - sion, it is death that stands in fear of man.
Thus, your ho - ly martyr stood fast and overthrew all the strength of the en - e - my.
By his prayers, O Lord, grant sal - va - tion to our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 30)

Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 31).

Troparia in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 341).