

Vesper Propers, September 27, 2020  
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)

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

*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 podobn: O preslavnaho čudese**

O mar-tyr Cal-li-stra - tus, en-light-ened in your spirit by the ra - di-ance  
of faith, you un-swerv-ing - ly fol - lowed the path lead-ing to the  
blessed-ness of the fu-ture life, triumph-ing o - ver all the snares of the en - e - my.  
Thus we call you bless-ed, O ho - ly one, and glori-fy 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 guid-ed 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  
 il-lus-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 8)* Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 107)*

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 108).*

*Troparia in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 111).*