

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

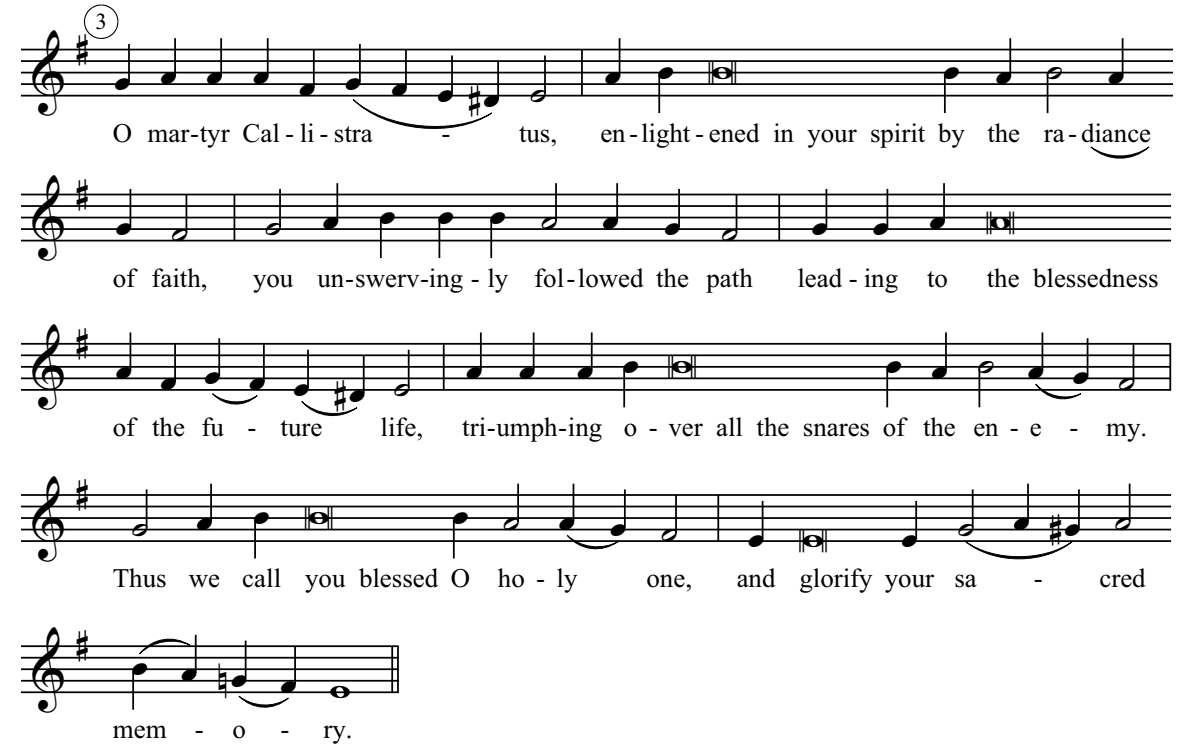
**The holy martyr Callistratus and his companions.** Raised a Christian, he became a soldier. Reported by one of his cohort as a believer, he was imprisoned and ordered to offer sacrifice to idols. He refused. He was repeatedly tortured and still remained faithful—so much so that forty-nine of his fellow-soldiers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

*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 samohlasen**

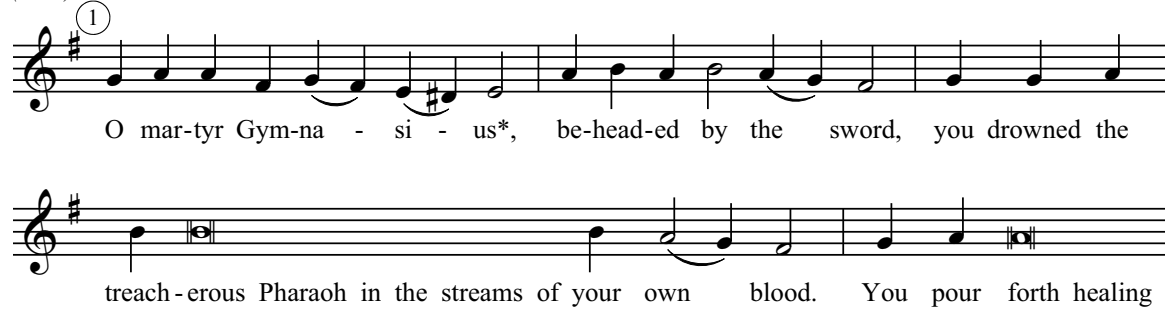


O mar-tyr Cal-li-stra-tus, en-light-ened in your spirit by the ra-diance  
of faith, you un-swerv-ing-ly fol-lowed the path lead-ing to the blessedness  
of the fu-ture life, tri-umph-ing o-ver all the snares of the en-e-my.  
Thus we call you blessed O ho-ly one, and glorify your sa-cred  
mem-o-ry.

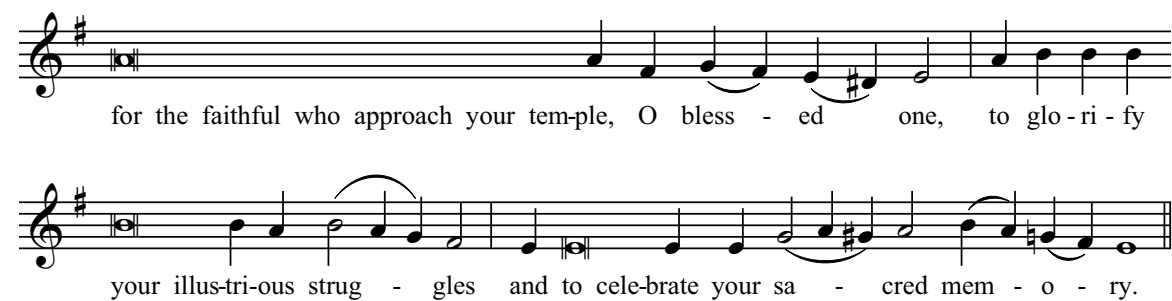
**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations,  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!


  
 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 eag-er 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.

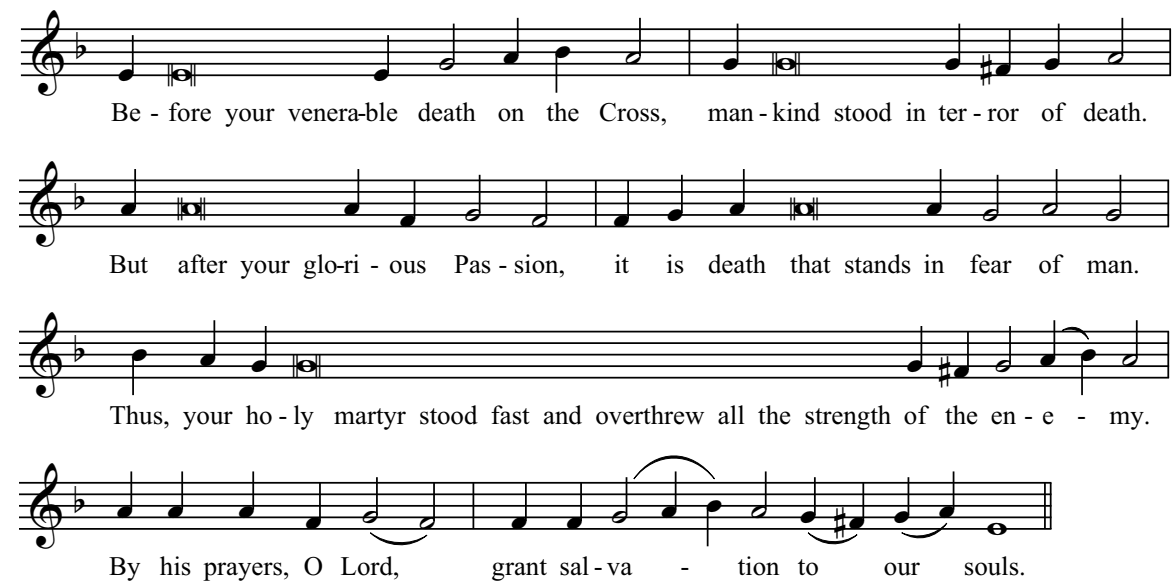

  
 O mar-tyr Gym-na - si - us\*, be-head-ed by the sword, you drowned the  
 treach-erous Pharaoh in the streams of your own blood. You pour forth healing

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


  
 for the faithful who approach your temple, 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 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).*