

**Readings and Hymns**  
**Spetember 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Martyr Callistratus and 49 companions**

**Troparion, Resurrection - Tone 7**

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death!  
To the thief thou didst open paradise!  
For the myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy!  
And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,  
to proclaim that Thou art risen, //  
granting the world great mercy!

**Troparion, Martyr Callistratus - Tone 3**

In contest thou wast strengthened by the Holy Spirit, O Martyr  
Callistratus,  
and wast glorious in casting down the Enemy.  
Thou didst offer a noble army of athletes  
as sweet-smelling incense to Christ. //  
With them pray for us who praise thee with hymns.

**Kontakion, Resurrection - Tone 7**

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,  
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers!  
Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry:  
The Savior has come to those in faith! //  
Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

*verse:* **Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**Kontakion, Martyr Callistratus - Tone 4**

Like stars ye hast shone upon the world,  
shedding the light of your contests and miracles upon all who cry  
to you: //

Rejoice, Martyr Callistratus and fellow company of martyrs!

*verse:* **now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

**Theotokion - Tone 6**

Steadfast Protectress of Christians,

Constant Advocate before the Creator, / despise not the cry of us sinners,  
but in thy goodness come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith.  
Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, / O Theotokos, //  
For Thou dost always protect those who honor thee!



Martyr Callistratus



*Christ Blessing. 13<sup>th</sup> C. Sopoćani, Serbia*

### **The Prokeimenon – Tone 7**

The Prokeimenon in the 7<sup>th</sup> Tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace! (*Sunday*) (*Ps 28 [29]: 11*)

*verse:* Offer to the Lord, a you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (*Ps 28 [29]: 1*)

### **Epistle**

§ 181: 2 Corinthians 6: 1 – 10 (*Sunday*)

**The reading from the [Second] Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.**

BRETHREN, WE as workers together with Him beseech you also not to receive the grace of God in vain.

For He saith:

“I have heard thee in a time accepted,  
and in the day of salvation have I helped thee.” *Isaiah 49:8*

Behold, now is the accepted time;  
behold, now is the day of salvation.

We give no offense to any man, that our ministry may not be blamed.

But in all things we commend ourselves as the ministers of God:

in much patience, in tribulations, in necessities, in distresses,  
in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors,

in keeping vigils, in fastings;

by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness,

by the Holy Spirit, by love unfeigned,

by the word of truth, by the power of God,

by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report;

as deceivers, and yet true;

as unknown, and yet well known;  
as dying, and behold, we live;  
as chastened, and yet not killed;  
as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich;  
as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

### **The Alleluia - Tone 7**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*verse:* It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High!  
(*Sunday*) (*Ps 91 [92]: 1*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*verse:* To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night! (*Ps 91 [92]: 2*)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **Gospel**

*§ 17; Luke 5: 1-11 (Sunday, First of Luke)*

AT THAT TIME, JESUS stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

<sup>2</sup> And saw two ships standing by the lake:

but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

<sup>3</sup> And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's,

and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land.

And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

<sup>4</sup> Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon,

Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

<sup>5</sup> And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night,  
and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

<sup>6</sup> And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes:  
and their net brake.

<sup>7</sup> And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship,  
that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships,  
so that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying,  
Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup> For he was astonished, and all that were with him,  
at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:

<sup>10</sup> And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee,  
which were partners with Simon.

And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

<sup>11</sup> And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.