

"Lord I Call..." (Tone 2)

Reader: In the Second Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

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Hear me, O Lord!

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!

Hear me, O Lord!

Reader: (Reads text from service book)

v. (10) *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!*

Come, let us worship the Word of God

begotten of the Father before all ages,

and incarnate of the Virgin Mary!

Having endured the Cross, He was buried as He himself desired.//

And having risen from the dead, He saved me, the erring one.

v. (9) *The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.*

Christ our Savior nailed to the Cross the bond against us,

He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death.//

We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.

v. (8) *Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

With the Archangels let us praise the Resurrection of Christ!

He is our Savior, our Redeemer.

He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power//

to judge the world which He made.

v. (7) *Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

The Angel proclaimed You as the crucified and buried Master.

He told the women: "Come, see the place where He lay!

He is risen as He said, for He is almighty."

We worship You, only immortal One.//

O Christ, the Giver of life, have mercy on us!

v. (6) *If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

Nicholas, living in Myra,

you were anointed with spiritual myrrh,

and were revealed to be truly myrrh, O bishop of Christ.

You make fragrant with myrrh those who keep your memorial with faith and love,

freeing them from misery, danger and affliction//

by your intercessions to Christ, O holy Father.

v. (5) *For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

Holy Nicholas, the servant of Christ,

as a true namesake of victory,

you were shown to the faithful people to be strong amid temptations and grief.

Called from all places, you are swift to come to those who turn with love to
your protection.

Appearing by day and night to the faithful,//
you save them from dangers and temptations.

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope
on the Lord!*

You appeared in a dream to the Emperor Constantine and his counselor Avlabius,
speaking to them, and putting them in fear:

“Set free at once those you hold unjustly bound in prison,
for they are not guilty of lawless murder!

And if you do not listen to my words, O King,//

I will beseech the Lord and intercede against you!”

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He
will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

Glorious Nicholas, the holy preacher of Christ,
you are the great and fervent protector of those in danger,
those on land and sea, far off or near;

for you are a most compassionate and mighty intercessor.

Therefore, as we assemble, we cry aloud://

“Pray to the Lord that we may be delivered from all danger!”

v. (2) In the Second Tone, Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

What crowns of praise shall we weave the Bishop?

Although he lived in Myra,

he reaches out in spirit to all who sincerely love him.

He is the consolation of all in affliction, the refuge of all in danger,

the tower of godliness, the champion of the faithful,//

for whose sake the greatly merciful Christ has laid low the arrogance of the
Enemy.

*v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures
forever.*

What songs of praise shall we sing to the Bishop?

He wrestled against godlessness

and was the champion of godliness,

a great leader, shield and teacher of the Church,

who put all inglorious heresy to shame,

the destroyer and fierce opponent of Arius,

whose arrogance was overthrown by Christ,//

Who grants to the world great mercy.

In the Sixth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

You that love the feasts,

let us gather and sing the praises of the fair ornament of bishops,

the glory of the Fathers, the fount of wonders and the great protector of the faithful.

Let us say: “Rejoice, guardian of the people of Myra,

their chief and honored counselor and the pillar that cannot be moved!
Rejoice, light filled with brightness!
You make the ends of the world shine with wonders.
Rejoice, divine delight of the afflicted,
the fervent advocate of those who suffer from injustice!
And now, all-blessed Nicholas, never cease praying to Christ our God//
for those who honor the high feast of your memorial with faith and love!"

In the Second Tone, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came;
as the Bush burned, yet was not consumed,
so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin.
Instead of a pillar of flame, the Righteous Sun has risen.//
Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: O Gladsome Light ...

Prokemonon of the Day, Three Readings

Aposticha – Tone 2

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,
has enlightened the whole universe,
calling back Your creation.//
Glory to You, O almighty Lord!

v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

O Savior, by the Tree You destroyed the curse of the Tree.
By Your burial You mortified the majesty of death.
You have enlightened our race by Your Resurrection.//
O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!

v. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.

O Christ, when You were seen nailed to the Cross,
You restored the beauty of Your creatures.
The soldiers showed their inhumanity when they pierced Your side with a spear.
The Hebrews not knowing Your power asked that Your tomb might be sealed,
but through the mercy of Your compassion,
You accepted the tomb and rose on the third day!//
O Lord, glory to You!

v. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!

O Christ, the Giver of life,
for the sake of the dead You voluntarily endured death,
descending into hell as the Mighty One
to save those who awaited Your coming,
granting them the life of paradise instead of hell.
Grant also to us who glorify Your Resurrection on the third day//
cleansing of our sins and great mercy!

In the Sixth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

O man of God and faithful servant,
minister of the Lord and man of desires,
chosen vessel, pillar and foundation of the Church,
inheritor of the Kingdom,//
let your supplication for us to the Lord be unceasing!

In the Same Tone, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Unwedded Virgin, from where have you come?
Who has given you birth?
Who is your mother?
How can you carry your Creator in your arms?
How is your womb free from corruption?
Most holy one, we see great and fearful mysteries upon earth fulfilled in you;
we adorn the cave as a house worthy of you;
we ask the heavens to send us a star,
for behold, the Magi proceed from the East to the West,
desiring to see the Salvation of mortal men//
shining in your arms as a Pillar of Flame.

St. Symeon's Prayer

Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 2

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Troparion for St. Nicholas – Tone 4

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith,
an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence;
your humility exalted you;
your poverty enriched you.
Hierarch Father Nicholas,
entreat Christ our God//
that our souls may be saved!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Resurrection Dismissal Theotokion – Tone 4

The mystery of all eternity,
unknown even by Angels,
through you, Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:
God incarnate by union without confusion.
He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,
by which He resurrected the first-created man,//
saving our souls from death.