

## "Lord I Call..." (Tone 6)

Reader: In the Sixth 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!*

Possessing victory over hades, O Christ,

since You are free among the dead,

You ascended the Cross

raising with Yourself those who sat in the shades of death.//

O Almighty Savior, Who drew life from Your own light, have mercy on us!

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

Today Christ tramples on death,

for He is risen as He said!

Let us all sing this song,

for He has granted joy to the world:

"O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life!//

Savior Almighty, have mercy on us!"

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

Where shall we sinners flee from You, for You are in all creation?

In heaven You dwell!

In hades You trampled on death!

In the depths of the sea?

Even there is Your hand, O Master!

To You we flee, and falling before You, we pray://

"As You rose from the dead, have mercy on us!"

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

In Your Cross, we glory, O Christ.

We sing and glorify Your Resurrection.

For You are our God,//

and we know no other than You.

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

The Cross is exalted;

the demons are driven away.

The thief opens the gates of Paradise;  
death is slain and openly despised, as Christ is magnified.  
Therefore, rejoice, all those born on earth, //  
for the curse has been lifted.

*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.*

Come, all who love God,  
beholding the exaltation of the precious Cross,  
let us magnify it together,  
giving glory to the one Deliverer and God as we cry aloud:  
“As You were crucified on the wood of the Cross, //  
do not turn from us who pray to You!”

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

In days of old, Moses changed bitterness into sweetness.  
He delivered Israel, prophetically inscribing the image of the Cross.  
As we, the faithful, ever make the sign of the Cross mystically in our  
hearts, //  
we are saved by its might.

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

The virgin maidens, bound to one another by the law of nature,  
manifestly made stronger by love of the Creator,  
loosed the bonds of deception with faith.  
They valiantly trampled the Enemy  
and were radiantly adorned with fair crowns of victory. //  
Now they rejoice, dwelling in the heavenly bridal chamber.

*v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

The all-praised Faith and glorious Love  
together with divinely wise Hope,  
revealed themselves to be namesakes of the most splendid virtues.  
As athletes, they overthrew the Evil One  
who had deceived our First Mother with guile.  
Now they are deified and dwell in Paradise //  
where they fervently pray for us all.

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

Faith, Hope and Love, the daughters of Sophia,  
sought with faith the beauty of the Bridegroom.

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They united themselves to Him, adorning themselves with divine wounds;

they despised the fire, manifold tortures and a shameful death.//  
Through their prayers, O Lord, deliver us from evils!

*In the First Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

The Tree of true life was planted in the place of the skull,  
and upon it, eternal King, You have worked salvation in the midst of the earth.

Exalted today, it sanctifies the ends of the world.

Angels in heaven greatly rejoice,  
and men upon earth make glad,  
crying aloud with David and saying:

“Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His footstool,//  
for He is holy and grants the world great mercy!”

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

Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin?

Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing?

The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,  
but from you He was ineffably incarnate.

God by nature, He became Man for our sake,  
not divided into two persons but manifest as One in two natures.

Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//

to have mercy on our souls!

*Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!*

*Choir: O Gladsome Light ...*

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### **Aposticha – Tone 6**

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,

the Angels in heaven sing!

Enable us on earth//

to glorify You in purity of heart!

*v: The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!*

Destroying the gates of hades,

breaking the chains of death,

You resurrected the fallen human race as almighty God!!!

O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You!

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

Desiring to return us to Paradise,

Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb.

The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, crying,

“Woe to us, O Savior!”

How do You deign to descend to death?  
What place can hold Your life bearing body?  
Come to us as You promised!  
Take away our wailing and tears!”  
Then the Angel appeared to them:  
“Stop your lamentations!  
Go, proclaim to the Apostles:  
‘The Lord is risen,//  
granting us purification and great mercy!”

*v: Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!*

Having been crucified as You willed,  
by Your burial You captured death, O Christ,  
and rose on the third day as God in glory,//  
granting the world unending life and great mercy!

*In the First Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Prefiguring Your Cross, O Christ,  
the Patriarch Jacob, when blessing his descendants,  
laid his hands crosswise upon their heads.  
And today, O Savior, as we exalt Your Cross, we cry:  
“Give victory to the Orthodox Christians, as You did to Constantine!”

*St. Symeon’s Hymn*

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*Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 6*

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;  
the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Your grave,  
seeking Your most pure body.  
You captured hades,  
not being tempted by it.  
You came to the Virgin, granting life.//  
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

*Troparion for the Cross – Tone 1*

O Lord, save Your people  
and bless Your inheritance!  
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians  
over their adversaries;  
and by virtue of Your Cross,//  
preserve Your habitation!  
saving our souls from death.