

"Lord I Call..." (Tone 8)

Reader: In the Eighth 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!

We offer to You, O Christ,

our evening song and reasonable service,

for You willed to have mercy on us//

by Your Resurrection.

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

Lord, Lord, do not cast us away from Your face!

For You willed to have mercy on us//

by the Resurrection.

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

Rejoice, holy Zion!

Mother of the churches, the abode of God!

For you were the first to receive remission of sins//

by the Resurrection.

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

The Word of God the Father,

begotten before the ages,

in the latter times willed to be incarnate of the Virgin

and endured crucifixion unto death.

He has saved mortal man//

by His Resurrection.

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

O pure Theotokos, fount of wisdom, and great help to those in distress,
you are a speedy aid, protectress, and support of the world.

We, the faithful, sing in praise of her who is a sea of compassion,

ineffably praising her radiant omophorion:

"Rejoice, O Maiden, full of grace,

the Lord is with you,//

granting the world great mercy through you!"

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.

The wondrous Isaiah prophesied:

"In the latter days," said he, "it will come to pass

that the mountain of the Lord shall be manifest,
and the house of the Lord shall be upon the summit of the mountain.”

And of this, O sovereign Lady,
we have seen, in you, the true fulfillment,
for the mountains and hills are adorned with churches
that bear the many names of your festivals.

Therefore, joyfully we sing to you:

“Rejoice, O highly favored Maiden, the Lord is with you, //
granting the world great mercy through you!”

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

Oh, how marvelous an adornment are you to all the faithful!
You are the true fulfillment of the prophecies,
the glory of the Apostles and the beauty of the Martyrs,
the boast of virginity and the marvelous protection of the whole world.
O sovereign Lady, protect, with the omophorion of your tender mercy,
all the people who cry out to you:

“Rejoice, O Virgin, full of grace,
the Lord is with you, //
granting the world great mercy through you!”

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

The melodious harp of the Divine Spirit, the flute of the Church,
the nightingale, the cicada, chanting the hymns of God,
places his melodious compositions before us all, //
gladdening those who are wise in God.

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

The most radiant and shining lampstand,
the sweetly-sounding harp
whose strings are the words of the Spirit, true in meaning,
sings and teaches to the ends of the earth, //
glorifying the brightness of God with never-ceasing hymns.

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

Now you stand with boldness, O Father, before the Master of all.
Pray that we who celebrate your memory and splendid feast
may be delivered from misfortunes and dangers, //
O divinely blessed Romanus!

In the Eighth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Today the Powers of Heaven rejoice with us,
and the souls of the just are spiritually assembled
to behold the Queen and Mother glorified by the faithful.

They witness the vision of the Mother of God:
her arms outstretched upon the clouds in prayer,
entreating peace for the world.//
strength for Orthodox Christians, and salvation for our souls.

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

The King of heaven, because of His love for man,
appeared on earth and dwelt with men.

He took flesh from the pure Virgin

and after assuming it, He came forth from her.

The Son is one: in two natures, yet one Person.

Proclaiming Him as perfect God and perfect Man,

we confess Christ our God!//

Entreat him, O unwedded Mother, to have mercy on our souls!

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: O Gladsome Light ... *Prokeimenon of the Day, Three Readings*

Aposticha – Tone 8

Descending from heaven to ascend the Cross,

the Eternal Life has come for death

to raise those who are fallen;

to enlighten those in darkness.//

Jesus, our Savior and illuminator, glory to You!

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

We glorify Christ, who rose from the dead.

He accepted the human body and soul,

and freed both from sufferings.

His most pure soul descended to Hades, which He spoiled.

His holy body did not see corruption in the tomb.//

He is the Redeemer of our souls.

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

In psalms and songs we glorify Your Resurrection from the dead, O
Christ.

By it, You have freed us from the tortures of hell//

and as God have granted us eternal life and great mercy.

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

Master of all, incomprehensible Creator of heaven and earth,
by Your suffering on the Cross You have gained passionlessness for
me.

Accepting burial and arising in glory,

You resurrected Adam with Yourself by Your almighty hand.

Glory to Your rising on the third day!

By it You have granted us eternal life and cleansing of sins//

as the only compassionate One.

In the Sixth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
O Romanus, our father,
you showed yourself to be the first-fruits of good works,
a starting point of salvation;
for, composing angelic songs, you revealed your life to be divine.
Entreat Christ God
that He may deliver from dangers and tribulations//
those who sing praises to you!

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

(Theotokion – Tone 2)

The Church of God is adorned as with a shining crown
by your precious veil, O Theotokos.
Today she shines with joy,
celebrating mystically and crying to you:
“Rejoice, precious raiment and crown of the glory of God!
Rejoice, only fulfillment of glory and eternal joy!
Rejoice, haven of those who run to you,//
our deliverance and our salvation!”

St. Simeon’s Prayer

Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 8

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

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

Troparion for St. Romanus – Tone 4

You gladdened Christ’s Church by your melodies
like an inspired heavenly trumpet.
You were enlightened by the Mother of God
and shone on the world as God’s poet.//
We lovingly honor you, righteous Romanus.

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

Troparion for the Protection – Tone 4

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy,
illuminated by your coming, O Mother of God.
Beholding your pure image, we fervently cry to you:
“Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection;
deliver us from every form of evil
by entreating Christ, your Son and our God,//
that He may save our souls.”