

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

Reader: In the Second Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me!
Lord, I call upon You, hear me! Let my prayer arise
Hear me, O Lord! in Your sight as incense,
Lord, I call upon You, hear me! and let the lifting up of my hands
Receive the voice of my prayer, be an evening sacrifice!
when I call upon You! Hear me, O Lord!
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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, an erring man.

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

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, O only immortal One.//

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

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

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were brought together under one canon in good order
by Patriarch Germanus the New.

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as watchful intercessors for our salvation//

and as fellow-shepherds of the fold.

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.

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

The book of the Law instructed the sons of Israel that the seventh day was to be honored, and they devoted themselves to a shadow and reverenced it.

But, O Fathers, who came together in the Seventh Council, at the behest of God,

Who fashioned the universe in six days and blessed the seventh day// you have made the seventh more honorable by laying down a definition of the Faith.

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

You have enabled all men, O thrice-blessed Fathers,

to come to the knowledge of the Trinity as the Cause of the world's generation;

for by your mystical reasoning

you established three and four Councils,

and you appeared as champions of Orthodoxy,

for you showed that, while there are four elements//

it is the Trinity Who created them and made the world.

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

It would have been enough for Elisha the Prophet

to have bent down only once to give life to the dead son of the woman;

but he knelt and bent seven times.

And in his foresight he prophesied your gathering,

by which you breathed life into the slaying of God the Word//

by putting to death Arius and his profane companions.

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

In your wisdom, O venerable Fathers,

you mended the garment of Christ, rent by howling dogs;

for you could not bear looking upon the nakedness of His Body,

but as Shem and Japheth of old who hid their father's nakedness,

you put to shame that slayer of his father, the wretched Arius//

and those who foolishly follow his teachings.

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

Today let us praise the mystical trumpets of the Spirit,
the God-bearing Fathers, who stand in the midst of the Church, singing
true theology,

praising the changeless Trinity.

They laid low the errors of Arius and upheld the Orthodox Faith://

They always entreat the Lord to have mercy on our souls.

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.

The righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame//

Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: O Gladsome Light ...

Prokeimenon of the Day, Three Readings

Aposticha – Tone 2

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,

has enlightened the whole universe,

recalling Your creation://

Glory to You, O almighty Lord!

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

By the Tree You destroyed the curse of the Tree O Savior,

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.

When You were seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ,

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 compassions,

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 Hades as the Mighty One

to save those who awaited Your coming,

granting him 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 Fourth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Come, all Orthodox Churches,
let us celebrate today in faith and true worship
the yearly commemoration of the divinely-arrayed Fathers
who gathered at Nicea from throughout the world!
There they refuted the godless teaching of Arius,
banishing him from the catholic Church by a decree of the council.
They taught all to confess openly the Son of God,
consubstantial and co-eternal with the Father,
proclaiming this with precision and true worship in the Symbol of Faith.
Therefore, as we faithfully follow their divine doctrines,
let us worship the Father, the Son and the most Holy Spirit,//
the consubstantial Trinity in one Godhead!

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

Look on the entreaties of your servants, O Blameless One!
Stop all the terrible attacks against us,
freeing us from every affliction,
for we have only you as our sure and firm anchor!
Lady, do not let us be put to shame,
for we call on you for our intercession!
Hasten to pray for those who call in faith:
“Rejoice, Lady, Help of all://
the Joy and Shelter and Salvation of our souls!”

St. Symeon’s Prayer

Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 2

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You slew Hades 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 the Fathers – Tone 8

You are most glorious, O Christ our God!
You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

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

Resurrection Dismissal Theotokion – Tone 8

For our sake You were born of the Virgin and endured crucifixion, O Good One,
destroying death by death and revealing the Resurrection as God.
Do not despise the work of Your hand!
Reveal Your love for mankind, O Merciful One!//
Accept the Theotokos who is praying for us, and save the despairing
people, O our Savior!