

## "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.//

Drawing life from Your light, O Almighty Savior, 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!//

O 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://

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

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

Joachim and Anna celebrate the feast,

for they gave birth to the only Theotokos,

the beginning of our salvation.

Together with them we also celebrate today:

we bless the pure Virgin who sprang from the root of Jesse.

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

The Maiden who held God, the pure Theotokos,

the glory of the Prophets, the daughter of David,

is born today of Joachim and chaste Anna.//

The curse of Adam that lay upon us is annulled by her childbearing.

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.*

She who before was as a barren field  
gives birth to the fertile ground.  
She brings forth a holy fruit from her fruitless womb  
and nurtures her with milk.

Oh, great marvel!

The nourisher of Life, who received the Bread of Heaven in her womb,//  
is fed with milk at her mother's breasts!

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

Come, O lovers of the feasts of the Church,  
let us rejoice in song and celebrate in faith  
the memory of the blessed ancestors, Joachim and Anna,  
the honored couple who gave birth to the holy Virgin Mother of God for us!  
Now that they have left behind this passing life for the eternal mansions,//  
they ceaselessly pray that we may be saved.

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

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

Today all creation rejoices with gladness,  
uniting to celebrate the annual memory of your ancestors, O all-praised  
Theotokos.

Joachim and Anna sing of the wonder together.

They have been filled with joy by your birth.

From them our hope has blossomed://

the Mother of Light and the nourisher of our Life!

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

Today Anna's spirit leaps for joy.

She exults, having attained her desire;

just as her namesake believed and was blessed with children in days of old,  
she has borne the fruit of the promise, the divine blessing:

the all-pure Mary, who gave birth to our God.//

From her the Sun has risen to those who sat in darkness.

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

O blessed couple,

you are exalted above all other parents.

She, who is above all creation, blossomed from you.

Joachim, you are happy indeed to be called the father of such a child.

Joy is yours, O Mother Anna:

from your womb came the Mother of our life.

Blessed are her breasts, which nourish Him Who feeds everything that  
breathes!//

Pray to Him to have mercy on our souls, O all-blessed ones!

*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 yet Man for our sake,

Not two persons but One known 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 ... (p. 16)

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### Aposticha

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!’”

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

O Joachim and Anna, holy couple,  
from your barrenness a holy root has sprung.  
From her shone Christ our God, the Savior of the world.  
You have gone to dwell in the heavenly mansions,  
to join the most pure Virgin, your daughter.  
You dance with the Angels as you pray for the world.  
We gather this day to praise in song your righteousness.  
Through all-holy Mary, the child of God,  
you became the ancestors to Christ.//  
Intercede with Him to save our souls!

*Then, St. Symeon's Prayer (p. 25)*

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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;*

*(Troparion for the Ancestors – Tone 1)*

Since you were righteous under the law of grace, O Joachim and Anna,  
you gave birth to the God-given infant for our sake.  
Therefore, the divine Church radiantly keeps feast today,  
Joyfully celebrating your honorable memory and giving glory to God,//  
Who has raised up a horn of salvation from the house of David.

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

*(Troparion for the Feast – Tone 4)*

Your nativity, O Virgin,  
has proclaimed joy to the whole universe!  
The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God,  
has shone from you, O Theotokos.  
By annulling the curse,  
He bestowed a blessing.//  
By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

*Then, the dismissal (p. 26)*

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