

"Lord I Call..." Tone 5

Reader: In the Fifth 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!

By Your precious Cross, O Christ,
You have put the devil to shame.
By Your Resurrection, You have blunted the sting of sin
and saved us from the gates of death.//
We glorify You, the only begotten One.

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

Christ was led as a sheep to the slaughter
in order to grant Resurrection to the human race.
The princes of hell were frightened by this,
for the gates of sorrow were lifted.
Christ the King of glory had entered,
saying to those in chains: "Go forth!"//
And to those in darkness: "Come to the light!"

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

Oh, great wonder!
The Creator of the invisible suffered in the flesh in His love for mankind
and rose again immortal.
Come, O sons of nations,
let us worship Him,
for delivered from error by His compassion,//
we have learned to sing of one God in three Persons!

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

We offer You our evening worship,
O never setting Light,
Who came in these last days to the world in the flesh;
Who even descended to hell to dispel its darkness.
You have revealed the light of Resurrection to the nations.//
Glory to You, O Lord and Giver of light!

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

By facing many punishments with manly courage,
you brought down the enemy's pride, O blessed Martyrs,

confessing in the presence of the torturers,
Him Who for our sake appeared in the coarseness of the body
and willingly bore the immaculate sufferings//
and poured out fountains of forgiveness and mercy to the world.

*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.*

With Térence, the glorious Neoníla and the wonderful Nítas and
Sárvilos,
Phócas and wise Híerax,
shone brightly as they lawfully contended in martyrdom,
and they quenched the fire of the torments
by a divine dew of the Spirit,
becoming pillars of piety//
acceptable sacrifices, and most pure offerings.

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

Like a glorious sun united with the moon, O Terence,
you brought forth, by Neonila, a choir of seven stars,
martyrs, who, when reddened with blood, emitted a cheerful radiance
and made their abode in the place that knows no evening//
where the companies of all the victory-bearers have their dwelling.

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

God-bearing Father Stephen,
you strengthened your mind in splendor with divine thought.
You directed all the powers of your soul in righteousness,
with courage against anger and with chastity against desire.
With the love of wisdom
you fashioned an all-beautiful chariot of the virtues//
Mounting it, O glorious one, you ascended on high with joy.

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

God-bearing Father Stephen,
you enlightened your mind with theology,
directing your anger like a spear against the blaspheming heretics.
Desiring the food of heaven, O venerable Father,
you were granted to partake of it, wondrous one//
standing before the throne of the almighty King of all.

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

God-bearing Father Stephen,
you ever satisfied your mind with abstinence.
You made it hasten to the Prime Cause,

turning from the turmoil of the world and avoiding its confusion.
Indeed, you mingled purity of mind with the greatest desire!//
You are venerable and divinely wise, most discerning one.

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

In the Red Sea of old,
a type of the Virgin Bride was prefigured.
There Moses divided the waters;
here Gabriel assisted in the miracle.
There Israel crossed the sea without getting wet,
here the Virgin gave birth to Christ without seed.
After Israel's passage, the sea remained impassable;
after Emmanuel's birth, the Virgin remained a Virgin.
O ever-existing God, Who appeared as Man,//
O Lord, have mercy on us!

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: O Gladsome Light ... (p. 16)

Aposticha – Tone 5

We magnify You in songs of praise,
O incarnate Christ and Savior.
By accepting the Cross and death for our sake,
as the Lord and Lover of mankind,
You overthrew the gates of hell,//
and arose on the third day, saving our souls.

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

By being pierced in the side, O Lover of mankind,
You have poured out drops of life and salvation for all.
By accepting death in the flesh, You have granted us immortality.
You have freed us by being placed in the tomb,
and have resurrected us with Yourself in glory, as God.//
Glory to You, O Lord and Lover of mankind!

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

Your crucifixion and descent into hell are awesome, O Lover of
mankind.
You have captured it, releasing the ancient prisoners.
You have opened Paradise and given it to us.
Grant us purification of sins,
who glorify Your Resurrection on the third day!
Make us worthy of Paradise//
and save us, O Lover of mankind!

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

For our save, You accepted death in the flesh,
to rise from the dead on the third day.
Heal us from our earthly passions,
and restore us from our evil transgressions;//
and save us, O Lover of mankind!

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

Most precious Virgin,
you are the gate, the temple,
the palace, the throne of the King.
From You, my Redeemer, Christ the Lord, appeared to those asleep in
darkness.

He is the Sun of Righteousness,
Who desired to enlighten His image, whom He had created.
Since you possess motherly boldness before Him, all praised Lady,//
pray unceasingly that our souls may be saved!

St. Symeon's Prayer (p. 25)

Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

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

Troparion for the Martyrs – Tone 4

Your holy martyrs Terence, Neonila, and their children, O Lord,
through their suffering have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God.
For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons;//
Through their intercessions save our souls!

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

Resurrectional 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.

Then, the dismissal (p. 26)
