

## "Lord I Call..." – Tone 8

*Reader:* In the Eighth Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

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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!*

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 Eighth Tone, If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

Filled with valiant wisdom and with courageous resolution,

you endured the cutting of your limbs and dismemberment of your body,

together with unbearable fire, starvation and death,

expecting the glory that does not fade with time,

but lies before you eternally,//

and foreseeing everlasting blessedness.

*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.*

You transcended every sense and directed your mind toward life on high.

With godly thoughts and great wisdom of soul,  
you scorned the baseness and lowliness of visible things//  
and courageously endured torture and burning for Christ, O Martyr.

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

By grace, you trampled down every assault of the Enemy  
and the attacks of your persecutors.

You were crowned with the wreath of victory, most wealthy one,  
given incorruptible gladness and ineffable and divine radiance//  
In the midst thereof, ask remission of sins for those who fittingly praise  
you!

*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.*

Refined by the fire of asceticism, and tempered like steel by the ascetic struggle,

and made sleek by the oil of many tortures,  
you became a two-edged sword cutting down hordes of demons, O  
Romanus.

You are the adornment of athletes,  
the divine boast of the sacred Church,  
the beauty of those who are perfected by death  
through the shedding of their own blood,//  
O martyr Romanus, worthy of all praise.

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

You were beaten and torn in pieces, and imprisoned,  
your tongue was cut out and your jaw was broken;  
You received a blessed end through violent strangulation.  
You were revealed to be unshakable and steadfast  
through the operation of the Divine Spirit; //  
therefore we faithfully praise you, O glorious Romanus.

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

A child speaks with eloquence and amazes the senseless ones.  
He is adorned with honorable resistance.  
Being slain, he shines with the glory and good fame of holy athletes  
whose zeal he acquired.

Pray with them, O truly wise Romanus,//  
that we be given remission of our sins!

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

The victories of your martyr are awesome and glorious, O Lord!  
For, imitating the boldness of the fishermen,  
by his words and deeds he tore mythology asunder,  
catching the foolishness of the philosopher Plato with the nets of  
theology.

When his skin was flayed, and he was beheaded,  
he choked the enemy with the outpouring of his blood.

Most blessed wonder-worker Plato,  
the adornment of the martyrs,  
you preached the great name of Christ with boldness!!  
Pray that great mercy may be granted to our souls!

*In the Eighth Tone, 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 ... (p. 16)

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### **Aposticha – Tone 8**

Descending from heaven to ascend the Cross,  
the Eternal Life has come for death  
to raise those who had fallen;  
to enlighten those in darkness!!  
O 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!*

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O 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.

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

*(Theotokion – Tone 8)*

O Unwedded Virgin,  
who ineffably conceived God in the flesh.  
O Mother of God most high,  
accept the cries of your servants, O blameless one!  
Grant cleansing of transgressions to all!//  
Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!

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

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*(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 the Martyrs – Tone 4)*

Your holy martyrs Plato and Romanus, O Lord,  
through their sufferings has 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.*

*(Resurrection 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.

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*Then, the dismissal (p. 26)*