

## "Lord I Call..." – Tone 2

*Reader:* In the Second 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!*

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

Let us joyfully sing the praises of Chrysostom,

the golden trumpet, the divinely-inspired organ,

the inexhaustible sea of doctrine,

the pillar of the Church, the heavenly mind,

the abyss of wisdom, the gilded vase.

He pours forth sweet streams of dogma like honey //

for the refreshment of 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.*

Let us worthily honor John Chrysostom:  
he is the ever-shining star,  
illuminating all nations with the rays of true teaching.  
He is the preacher of repentance;  
the golden sponge wiping away the despair of sadness.  
His words are a refreshing dew //  
reviving hearts that are worn by sin.

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

With joyful hymns let us praise Chrysostom,  
an earthly angel and a heavenly man!  
He is a sweet and well-tuned harp, a treasury of virtues;  
an immovable rock, a model of the faithful,  
an imitator of the martyrs, a dweller with the holy Angels, //  
and a companion of the Apostles.

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

Let us form a sacred chorus,  
for the golden crown of the Church of Christ comes today in royal glory  
from Comana to the Imperial City!  
In his return he shines with the radiance from on high;  
he leads the faithful into the spiritual kingdom  
and unites all to the King.

Therefore let us cry aloud:

“O Father of golden name, divine and golden Chrysostom,//  
entreat Him to save and enlighten our souls!”

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

As the radiant sky of the Church descends towards the west, O Chrysostom,  
you underwent a most cruel imprisonment;  
but now you rejoice and shine as an unsetting sun upon creation.  
You warm it, adorned with the stars of miracles, O wise one;  
you bear Christ, Who outshines the sun in His form.  
He now enlightens your return.

Therefore we cry aloud:

“O all-wise and most radiant golden mouth of radiant preaching,//  
entreat Him to save and enlighten our souls!”

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

Heaven and Angels now join chorus,  
and the assemblies of men rejoice with creation,  
for he who is on earth points the way to see all with heavenly thoughts.  
By the divine ladder of his honorable words,  
he ascends on high by divinely trodden rungs.  
Like a new Jacob, he points out God's Angels  
who now rejoice in his translation.

Therefore we cry aloud:

“O most blessed one of golden preaching,

converser with the bodiless Angels,//  
entreat God that our souls may be saved!”

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

It was not right, O Chrysostom, that you should have departed from the royal  
city and dwell in Comania.

Therefore, the royal court, inspired by God,  
summoned you back again to the Imperial City.

And the Church rejoiced when she saw you,  
rendering thanks and saying:

“My glory magnifies the Lord, Who has given me back my bridesman,  
the confirmation of the Faith, the good repute of my dignity,  
the peace of my mind, the height of humility,  
the depth of almsgiving and mercy,  
the wealth of poverty, and the height of repentance.”

Therefore, we entreat you, O ven’rable Father,//  
to pray that our souls be granted peace and great mercy.

*In the Second Tone, 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 ... (p. 16) Prokeimenon of the Day, Three Readings*

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

O venerable, thrice-blessed, most holy Father,  
good shepherd and Disciple of Christ, the Chief Shepherd,  
you laid down your own life for the sheep;  
And now, by your supplications, O all-praiseworthy John Chrysostom,//  
pray that we may be granted great mercy!

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

*(Theotokion – Tone 6)*

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord,  
was born of you, O most pure Virgin.  
By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his ancient curse.  
Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mother of God!  
Rejoice, O celestial Joy!  
Rejoice, O Lady://  
the Protection, Intercession and Salvation of our souls!

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

*(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 Saint – Tone 2)*

Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe.  
It has shown to the world the riches of poverty;  
it has revealed to us the heights of humility.  
Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom,//  
Intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls!

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

*(Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion – Tone 8)*

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

*Then, the dismissal (p. 26)*