

"Lord I Call..." (Tone 3)

Reader: In the Third 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 Cross, O Christ our Savior,
death's dominion has been shattered;
the devil's delusion destroyed.
The race of men, being saved by faith,//
always offers You a song.

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

All has been enlightened by Your Resurrection, O Lord.
Paradise has been opened again.//
All creation, praising You, always offers You a song.

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

I glorify the power of the Father and the Son.
I praise the authority of the Holy Spirit:
the undivided, uncreated Godhead,//
the consubstantial Trinity which reigns forever.

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

We bow down in worship before Your precious Cross, O Christ,
and we glorify and praise Your Resurrection,//
for by Your wounds we have all been healed.

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.
He established and recorded their teachings;
he also presented these Fathers to the Lord
as watchful intercessors for our salvation//
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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.

How can we not wonder

at your mystical childbearing, O exalted Mother?

For without receiving the touch of man,

you gave birth to a Son in the flesh, O immaculate Virgin.

The Son born of the Father before eternity

was born of you at the fullness of time, O honored Lady.

He underwent no mingling, no change, no division,

but preserved the fullness of each nature.

Entreat Him to save the souls, O Lady and Virgin, and Mother,

of those who confess you in the Orthodox manner //

to be the Theotokos.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

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

Prokeimenon of the Day, Three Readings

Then, the Augmented Litany (p. 18)

Aposticha – Tone 3

The sun was darkened by your Passion, O Christ,

but all creation was enlightened by the light of Your Resurrection://

Accept our evening song, O Lover of mankind!

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

Your life-bearing Resurrection, O Lord,

enlightened the whole universe, recalling Your creation.

Delivered from Adam's curse, we sing://

"Almighty Lord, glory to You!"

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

You are the changeless God,

Who, suffering in the flesh, were changed.

Creation could not endure seeing You on the Cross.

It was filled with fear while praising Your patience.

By descending to hell and rising on the third day, //

You have granted to the world life and great mercy.

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

You endured death, O Christ,

to deliver the race of man from death.

You rose from the dead on the third day,

raising with yourself those who knew You as God//

and enlightening the world. Glory to You!

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

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-arranged 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 (p.25)

Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice!
Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.
He has trampled down death by death.
He has become the first born of the dead.
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world//
great mercy.

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!

Then, the dismissal (p. 26)
