

### Lord, I Call (Tone 3)

*Reader:* In the Second 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 human race, 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 Second Tone, If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

We praise the Savior incarnate of the Virgin,  
for He was crucified for our sake and resurrected on the third day,//  
granting us great mercy.

*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.*

Christ descended to hell proclaiming the glad tidings:  
“Be bold! Now I have triumphed!  
I am the Resurrection, I will lead you out,//  
for I have shattered the gates of death!”

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

Let us all honor Cyrus with hymns,  
and with him the magnificent John,

the two martyrs who possessed the radiance of the Trinity,  
the foundation of the Faith!

They are flowers sending forth the true fragrance of the understanding of  
Christ, //

who always pray to the Lord for us.

*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!*

You were radiant with fasting and the glory of life,

and later you adorned your souls with suffering, O glorious Cyrus.

In wisdom, O John, you forsook an earthly army

and found the army of heaven.

As you entreat the Savior, O blessed ones, //

pray for those who bless your memory!

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

O blessed ones, you were revealed as physicians of the sick,

and never-fading lamps of the divine Father.

You uttered your confession together and shared in the lot of martyrs.

Having truly received crowns from Christ, O glorious Cyrus and wise

John, //

ever pray to the Savior for those who hymn you with faith!

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

Two martyrs are revealed to us today,

healing the pain of our souls:

Cyrus and John, the two wonder-workers.

The one, embracing the angelic life and persevering to the end,

united himself to Christ by the blood of martyrdom,

while the other, brilliant in the ranks of the army,

is now enrolled in the armies of heaven.

Therefore, they grant healing to those who celebrate their memory in faith, //  
ever praying for our souls.

*In the Third Tone, 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, 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, O Lady and Virgin, and Mother,

to save the souls of those who, in the Orthodox manner, confess you //  
to be the Theotokos.

*Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!*

*Choir: O Gladsome Light ...*

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### **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 human race 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!

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

Come, O assembly of the faithful,  
today let us crown Cyrus and John with hymns,  
the soldiers of grace and generous givers to those who ask.  
In many ways they were revealed to all as most radiant physicians,//  
and they now intercede for our souls.

*In the Same Tone, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

A new miracle surpasses all ancient miracles!  
Who knows of a Mother who gave birth without a man,  
who carried in her arms her Creator?  
This birth is the will of God!  
Since you carried Him as an infant in your arms, O most pure one,  
and since you possess motherly boldness before Him,  
do not cease praying for us who honor you,//  
that He may be bountiful and save our souls!

*St. Symeon's Prayer*

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*Dismissal 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 Unmercenarys Cyrus and John – Tone 5*

You have given us the miracles of Your martyrs, Cyrus and John,  
as an invincible rampart, O Christ God;  
through their prayers, frustrate the plans of the heathens,  
and strengthen the faith of the Orthodox Christians,//  
for you alone are good and love mankind.

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

*Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion – Tone 5*

Rejoice, Impassable Gate of the Lord!  
Rejoice, Wall and Protection of those who run to you!  
Rejoice, Unshakable Refuge!  
Rejoice, you who knew not wedlock,  
who gave birth in the flesh to your Creator and God!//  
Do not cease praying for those who praise and worship your Son!