

Lord, I Call (Tone 4)

Reader: In the Fourth 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!//

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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 glorify Your Resurrection on the third day, O Christ God,

by always honoring Your life-creating Cross;

by it You have renewed the corrupted nature of mankind, O almighty One.

By it You have renewed our entrance to heaven,//

for You are good and the Lover of mankind.

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

You loosed the Tree's verdict of disobedience, O Savior,

by being voluntarily nailed to the tree of the Cross.

By descending to hell, O almighty God,

You broke the bonds of death.

Therefore, we adore Your Resurrection from the dead, singing in joy://

“Glory to You, O all powerful Lord!”

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

You smashed the gates of hell, O Lord,

and by Your death You demolished the kingdom of death.

You delivered the human race from corruption,//

granting the world life, incorruption and great mercy.

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

Come, O people,

let us sing of the Savior's Resurrection on the third day!

By it, we have been freed from the unbreakable bonds of hell.

By it, we have received life and incorruption.

Save us by Your Resurrection!//

Life-creating and almighty Savior, glory to You!

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

When your mother came to the Church of God even before your birth,
you cried out in her womb three times, giving glory to the Trinity.

O godly-wise Father Sergius,

you knew God before you knew the world.

You were known by God, O blessed man.

The light of His grace shone from you to those who sought it.

The radiance of your face showed your spiritual and bodily purity.

You were a chosen vessel of Christ our God.//

Entreat Him to save and enlighten our souls!

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!

When the love of God descended on you,
O divinely-wise and most blessed Father Sergius,
then you despised the world and loved only Christ in your soul.
Following His life-bearing steps, you reached the wilderness,
and cultivated it with the seeds of your labors,
irrigating it with streams of tears,
multiplying the fruits of good works.
Having nourished your children with these, you brought them to Christ God.//
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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!

O divinely wise Father Sergius,
when you heard a divine voice that said to you:
“Behold, the coming of the Most Pure One!”
you began to make yourself worthy of this visitation,
with many spiritual labors and fervent prayer.
Light brighter than the sun illuminated you,
showing your spiritual and bodily eyes the Mother of God.
You heard her words to you:

“I shall not abandon this place, and your monastery shall not be in want.”//
Entreat her to save and enlighten our souls!

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

When the time came for your departure to God,
as a brightly shining star you entered the heavenly mansions,
where you stand with the choir of saints before the throne of the consubstantial Trinity.
After your body lay hidden in the earth for many years,
it was revealed, manifesting wonders for those who venerate your relics, O Sergius.
Grant victories to Orthodox Christians over their adversaries;
pray to Christ our God to grant the faithful remission of sins,//
and entreat Him to save and enlighten our souls!

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

Come, O faithful sons and daughters of the Russian Church,
and let us rejoice in this solemn feast!

Come, O priests and monastics and behold the Church of God,
filled and adorned with the sound of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs!
The venerable and glorious monastery of our Father Sergius rejoices,
exulting in the revelation of his relics.

It calls the world to sing to God with gladness.

O Christ and Master, you have granted the people of Russia a mighty warrior;
an invincible weapon against invisible and visible enemies,
an unfailing treasure of gifts for the people of Christ!//

By his prayers, grant our souls great mercy!

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

The Prophet David was a Father of the Lord through you, O Virgin.

He foretold in songs the One Who worked wonders in you:

“At Your right hand stood the Queen,”

Your Mother, the mediatrix of life,
since God was freely born of her without a father.

He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in passion,
so He took the lost sheep upon His shoulder
and brought it to His Father, joining it to the heavenly pow’rs//

Christ who has great and rich mercy has saved the world, O Theotokos.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: O Gladsome Light ...

Prokeimenon of the Day, three readings – see handout

Aposticha – Tone 4

By ascending the Cross, O Lord,
You have annulled our ancestral curse.

By descending to hell, You have freed the eternal prisoners,
granting incorruption to the human race.//

Therefore in songs we glorify Your life-creating and saving Resurrection.

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

By hanging upon the tree, O only powerful Lord,
You shook all of creation.

By being laid in the tomb You have raised those who dwelt in the tombs,
granting life and incorruption to the human race.//

Therefore in songs we glorify Your rising on the third day.

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

The lawless people, O Christ,
handed You over to Pilate, condemned to be crucified,
thus proving themselves ungrateful before their Benefactor.

But voluntarily You endured burial,
rising by Your own power on the third day as God,//
granting us life everlasting and great mercy.

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

With tears the women reached Your tomb,
searching for You, but not finding You.

They wept with wailing and lamented:

“Woe to us! Our Savior, King of all,
how were You stolen?
What place can hold Your life-bearing body?”
An Angel replied to them:
“Do not weep but go and proclaim that the Lord is risen,//
granting us joy as the only compassionate One!”

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

We honor you, O Sergius our father,
the instructor of a multitude of monks.
We have indeed learned to walk rightly in your footsteps.
You are blest, for having labored for Christ,
you denounced the power of the enemy.
You were a conversor with the Angels and a companion of the venerable and
righteous ones.//

Together with them, entreat the Lord that He may grant mercy to our souls!

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

Unwedded Virgin,
you 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

Dismissal Troparion – Tone 4

When the women Disciples of the Lord
learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the Apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen,//
granting the world great mercy!”

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

Troparion for the St. Sergius – Tone 8

From your youth you received Christ into your soul, O ven'erable one,
and above all desired to leave behind the turmoil of the world.
You courageously settled in the wilderness,
where you raised children in obedience, the fruits of humility.
Thus, as an abode of the Trinity,
you enlightened all who approached in faith and granted healing to all.//
Our Father Sergius, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved!
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 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!