

Lord, I Call (Tone 6)

Reader: In the Sixth 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!

Possessing victory over hell, O Christ,

since You are free among the dead,

You ascended the Cross

raising with Yourself those who sat in the shades of death.//

O Almighty Savior, Who drew life from Your own light, have mercy on us!

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

Today Christ tramples on death,

for He is risen as He said!

Let us all sing this song,

for He has granted joy to the world:

“O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life!//

Savior Almighty, have mercy on us!”

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

Where shall we sinners flee from You, for You are in all creation?

In heaven You dwell!

In hell You trampled on death!

In the depths of the sea?

Even there is Your hand, O Master!

To You we flee, and falling before You, we pray://

“As You rose from the dead, have mercy on us!”

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

In Your Cross, we glory, O Christ.

We sing and glorify Your Resurrection.

For You are our God,//

and we know no other than You.

v. (6) In the Sixth Tone, If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with You.

You were begotten from the Father before the Morning Star,

but Arius taught wrongly that You were created.

In his ignorance he designated You as a creature,

yet the Fathers of the Council in Nicea, O Lord,

proclaimed that You are the Son of God,//

co-enthroned with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

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.

O honored Fathers,

you skillfully stitched together the garment of Christ,
which had been divided and torn apart by barking dogs.

You found it unbearable to see His nakedness,
as, of old, Shem and Japheth could not bear to see the nakedness of their father.
You put to shame the wretchedness of Arius and those who agreed with him, //
and who professed the madness that bears his name.

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

The Macedónians and Nestórians, the Eutýchians and Dióscorenes,
the Appolinárians, Sabéllians, and Séverans,
who were revealed as oppressive wolves in sheep's skins,
you, as true shepherds, drove far away from the Savior's flock,
having stripped the thrice-wretched ones of their sheep's skins. //
Therefore, we call you blessed, O holy Fathers.

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

Oh, the marvelous wonder!

An athlete in piety appears at Sarov;

he has become a fervent intercessor with God for us.

Rejoice, monks of Sarov who possess the relics of the holy monk!

Rejoice, Orthodox faithful!

You possess the most holy Seraphim as your defender in affliction.

Cry out to him: “Rejoice, light of the Russian land!

You quenched the darkness of the Enemy. //

Entreat the Lord to grant our souls peace and great mercy!”

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

Oh, the marvelous wonder!

Behold, in the monastery of Sarov a firm pillar of goodness,

the blessed Seraphim, appears in truth to us.

Therefore the assemblies of those who are wise in God cry out, exulting in Spirit:

“O Saint, and Father Seraphim. //

entreat the Lord to grant our souls peace and great mercy!”

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

Great are Your mysteries, O Christ our God!

You have given us the holy monk Seraphim to be a light for us,

a strong defender against the Enemy,

intercessor before God for monastics and all the Orthodox faithful,

his own monastery's strength and boast.

For now he intercedes with You, O Lord, //

asking for our souls peace and great mercy.

In the Sixth Tone, 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.
Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin?
Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing?
The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,
but from you He was ineffably incarnate.
God by nature, He became Man for our sake,
not divided into two persons but manifest as One in two natures.
Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//
to have mercy on our souls!

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

*Choir: O Gladsome Light ... Then Prokeimenon of the Day, Three Readings (see additional
handout)*

Aposticha – Tone 6

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,
the Angels in heaven sing!
Enable us on earth//
to glorify You in purity of heart!
v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!
Destroying the gates of hell,
breaking the chains of death,
You resurrected the fallen human race as almighty God!//
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You!
v. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.
Desiring to return us to Paradise,
Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb.
The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, crying,
“Woe to us, O Savior!
How do You deign to descend to death?
What place can hold Your life bearing body?
Come to us as You promised!
Take away our wailing and tears!”
Then the Angel appeared to them:
“Stop your lamentations!
Go, proclaim to the Apostles:
‘The Lord is risen,//
granting us purification and great mercy!’”
v. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!
Having been crucified as You willed,
by Your burial You captured death, O Christ,
and rose on the third day as God in glory,//
granting the world unending life and great mercy!

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

Today we celebrate the annual memorial
of the God-bearing Fathers who assembled in Nicea.
They laid low the godless doctrines of Arius,
driving him from the unity of the Catholic Church,
and teaching us how to confess the consubstantial and co-eternal Son of God.
They expressed this clearly in the Symbol of Faith,
and we follow their divine doctrines,
believing in and serving the Son with the Father and the all-Holy Spirit,//
the consubstantial Trinity and one Divinity.

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

Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 6

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You took hell captive,//
not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life.//
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Troparion for the Holy 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.

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!