

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

Dedication is to be honored, decreed the Old Law;

even more should the New Law be honored through dedication;

for as Isaiah proclaims: “The islands are dedicated to God.”

By this we understand the Churches now built by the nations,

which receive a firm foundation from God.//

Therefore let us spiritually celebrate this present feast!

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.

Be dedicated anew, O people!

Putting away the old man, live in newness of life,

placing a bridle on everything from which death may come!

Let us chasten all our members,

hating every evil fruit of the tree!

Mindful of this, let us avoid our ancient errors,

that mankind may thus be restored!//

Thus this day of dedication is honored!

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

O Christ, the pre-eternal Word,

You set up Your Church as a tower of strength,

founding it upon the rock of the faith.

Therefore it abides in You unshaken forever,

For, without undergoing change, You became Man in these latter times for its sake.

Therefore we give thanks to You and praise You in hymns, saying:

“You are our King since before time began;//

now and forever — glory to You!”

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

Rejoice, O Life-bearing Cross,

the invincible trophy of godliness,

door to Paradise, firm support of the faithful,

a wall that encompasses the Church!

Through you corruption has been destroyed and abolished.

The power of death has been swallowed up, and we are raised from earth to Heaven.

You are a weapon that cannot be vanquished,

the adversary of demons,

the glory of the martyrs, the true adornment of saints,//

and the haven of salvation//

that grant the world great mercy.

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

Rejoice, O Cross of the Lord,

through which mankind has been delivered from the curse!

You are a sign of true joy,

you that shatter our enemies by your Elevation.

O Cross, worthy of all honor,

you are our help, You are the strength of kings.

You are the power of the righteous.

You are the majesty of priests.

All who sign themselves with you are freed from danger.

O rod of strength, under which we like sheep are tended,

you are a weapon of peace around which the Angels stand in fear.

You are the divine glory of Christ,//

Who grants the world great mercy.

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

Rejoice, O guide of the blind,

physician of the sick and resurrection of all the dead;

you have raised us up when we were fallen into mortality, O precious Cross!

Through you corruption has been destroyed,

and incorruption has blossomed forth.

We mortals have been deified, and the Devil is completely overthrown.
Today, as we see you exalted by the hands of bishops,
we exalt Him Who was lifted up upon you,
and we fall down in worship before you, //
drawing rich streams of great mercy.

In the Sixth tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
Celebrating the memory of the dedication, O Lord,
and glorifying You, the Giver of holiness,
we ask that You hallow the senses of our souls,
through the supplications of the glorious passion-bearers, //
O good and almighty One!

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 ...

Prokeimenon, Three readings

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!
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 Second Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
We glorify You, O Lord,
as we celebrate the dedication of the most holy temple of Your Resurrection.
You sanctified it and perfected it with Your all-perfect grace.
You are adorned in it by the faithful
with sacrifices that are sanctifying, mystical and holy,
receiving them bloodless and all-pure from the hands of Your servants.
To all those who rightly make offering,//
You give great mercy and cleansing from sins.

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

The Cross of the Giver of life,
a divine treasure hidden in the ground,
was shown in the heavens to the pious emperor,
spiritually revealing a decree of victory over the enemy.
Joyfully and divinely hastening to see it on high with faith and love,
he zealously lifted it from the bosom of the earth,//
for the deliverance of the world and the 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 Dedication – Tone 4

You have revealed the beauty of the holy dwelling place of Your glory on earth
to be like the splendor of the heavenly firmament, O Lord.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos,
strengthen it for ever and ever
and accept our supplication
which we ceaselessly offer to You therein,
the life and resurrection of all!

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Forefeast of the Elevation – Tone 4

We offer in supplication
the life-creating Cross of Your goodness, O Lord,
which You have granted to us
although we are unworthy.
Through the Theotokos, save all Orthodox Christians, O only
Lover of mankind!