

Lord, I Call (Tone 7)

Reader: In the Seventh 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!*

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord,

Who destroyed the dominion of death!

Let us sing to Him with the bodiless hosts,

for He enlightened the human race!//

Our Maker and Savior, glory to You!

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

You endured the Cross and burial for our sake.

By Your death, You destroyed death as God.

We fall down before Your Resurrection on the third day,//

O Savior, glory to You!

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

When the Apostles beheld the Resurrection of the Maker,

they were amazed and sang the angelic praise.

This is the glory of the Church.

This is the richness of the Kingdom.//

O Lord, crucified for our sake, glory to You!

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

You were held by lawless men, O Christ,

but to me, You are God, and I am not ashamed.

You were smitten on the cheek, but I do not deny You.

You were nailed to the Cross and I do not conceal it,

for I glory in Your Resurrection: Your death is my life.//

Almighty Lord and Lover of mankind, glory to You!

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

Today Your precious Cross, O Savior Christ,

shone forth radiantly like the sun,

set up and elevated on the all-glorious Place of the Skull:

on Your all-holy mountain,

openly revealing that by it, O all-powerful One,//

You have raised our nature to the heavens,//

for You are the Lover of mankind.

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.*

Today, O unapproachable One,
the heavens declare your glory to men.
The image of the Cross, shining forth in radiance,
with unapproachable light,
has denounced the evil nature of God's enemies.
Therefore, we glorify Your loving dispensation, //
O almighty Jesus, the Savior of our souls.

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

Stretching forth his hands, Moses vanquished Amalek,
prefiguring the image of the Cross.
Now we, bowing down before the Tree of the Cross,
trample the cunning plots of the enemy underfoot,
since we have Christ as our champion,
Who was lifted up on it in the flesh, //
slaying the serpent and saving mankind. //

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 were called from on high, not by men, O Eustathius,
for Christ Himself, the Lover of mankind, appeared to you
and captured you in the nets of faith, O blessed one,
He washed away your sins with your baptism and the trials of life.
As Master, He extends patience to you, //
showing you to be a renowned conqueror.

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

Rejoicing in your youth, O Eustathius,
you received instruction in the virtues.
Bereft of your children and spouse, you valiantly endured captivity,
suffering humiliating slavery.
But your courage in battle made you loving and radiant, //
O ever-memorable saint.

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

You offered yourself to God as divine incense,
rendered most fragrant in the fire:
A beautiful burnt offering, an acceptable sacrifice,
a living and perfect oblation,
bearing fruit with all your household.
Therefore the mansions of heaven and the armies of the saints
have now received you and yours, //
O truly wondrous Eustathius.

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

Eustathius sets himself before us as a second Job in his life,
in his sufferings and his struggles.

He is a model of the virtues and tower of patience,
truly surpassing Job in that virtue,
together with his spouse and his children,
faithful in life and unshaken in trials,
a victor in the midst of sufferings.

We set him forth in supplication before Christ, //
that He may grant enlightenment to our souls and cleansing for our sins.

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

No tongue can speak of your wonderful childbearing,
for the order of nature was overruled by God.
You were revealed to be a Mother above nature,
for you remained a Virgin beyond reason and understanding.
Your conception was most glorious, O Theotokos!
The manner of your giving birth was ineffable, O Virgin!
Knowing you to be the Mother of God,
devoutly we pray to you://

“Beseech Him to save our souls!”

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: O Gladsome Light ...

Aposticha – Tone 7

As the Savior of the world You arose from the tomb.
As God You resurrected the human race with Your flesh. //
O Lord, glory to You!

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

Come, let us worship the One Who rose from the dead,
and enlightened all creation!

By His death, He has saved us from the torments of hell. //
By His Resurrection He has granted us eternal life and great mercy.

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

You descended into hell, capturing death, O Christ.
In three days You arose again, resurrecting us who glorify Your Resurrection, //
O Lord and Lover of mankind.

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

When You were placed in the tomb as one asleep,
the sight was great and awesome.
But when You rose on the third day as almighty God,
You resurrected Adam with Yourself. //
Glory to Your Resurrection, only Lover of mankind!

In the Sixth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

How can we fittingly praise you,
who were adamant in your soul?
Deprived of your wife, children and possessions, you transcended nature,
uttering the blessed and ever-memorable cry of Job:
“The Lord gave and the Lord took away.
As the Lord willed, so has it been.”
God Whom you loved and Whom you ferverently desired
again gave you your most cherished ones,;
for whom you thoughtfully cared as they suffered with you.
Reaching the end of manifold torments with them,
receiving them as your fellow intercessors,
O long-suffering Eustathius,//
pray that we may be delivered from our sins!
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Cross of Christ,
hope of Christians, guide for the lost,
haven of the storm-tossed, victory in battles,
strength and confirmation for the world,
physician of the sick, Resurrection of the dead;//
have mercy on us!

St. Symeon's Prayer

Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 7

By Your Cross You destroyed death.
To the thief You opened Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that You are risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

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

Troparion for St. Eustathius – Tone 4

Your holy martyr Eustáthius and his wife and sons, O Lord,
through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God.
For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//
Through their intercessions, save our souls!

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

Troparion for the Elevation of the Cross – Tone 1

O Lord, save Your people
and bless Your inheritance!
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians
over their adversaries;
and by virtue of Your Cross,//
preserve Your habitation!
saving our souls from death.