

"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) *In the Second Tone, Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

Our Light that enlightens all

comes to be baptized.

The Forerunner sees Him and rejoices in His soul.

His hand trembles as he shows Him to the people:

“Behold, the Redeemer of Israel,

the One Who frees us from corruption.”//

O sinless One, Christ our God, glory to You!

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

A servant baptized our Redeemer,

and the coming of the Spirit bore witness to Him.

The hosts of Angels saw this and shook with fear.

And the voice of the Father was heard from heaven:

“This One on Whom the Forerunner lays his hand,

He is My beloved Son; I am well pleased in Him.”//

O Christ our God, glory to You!

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.*

The streams of the Jordan received You, their Source,
and the Comforter descended in the form of a dove.

He Who bowed the heavens now bows His head.

The Clay cries aloud to the Potter:

“Why do you command me to do what is beyond me;
for I rather should be baptized by You?”//

O sinless One, Christ our God, glory to You!

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

O righteous Father, holy Gregory:

flute played by the breath of the Comforter,

filled with the clear melody of godliness,

candlestick enlightening many with divine light,

herald of truth, foundation of theology,

fountain of heavenly doctrine,

torrent of teaching sweet as honey,

lyre, playing songs written by God,

gladdening the hearts of the faithful!

Wise one, pray without ceasing to Christ,

Who was baptized in the streams of Jordan for the renewal of the world,//

that He may save our souls!

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

O righteous Father, all praised Gregory,

battle axe hewing down the assaults of heresy,

two-edged sword of the Comforter,

dagger piercing the heart of false doctrine,

fire consuming the brushwood of error,

winnowing fan able to separate the chaff of vanities from the kernel of doctrine,

ruler measuring the way to salvation with precision,

pray without ceasing to Christ,

Who was baptized in the streams of Jordan for the renewal of the world,//

that He may save our souls!

v. (2) *In the First Tone, Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

He, who once threatened to destroy the whole earth,

and boasted that he would blot out all the sea,

is shown today to be mocked by the faithful as a sparrow,

and more the butt of scorn than the little gnat,

whose shape was stripped away like that of a scarecrow//

and is trampled underfoot by the servant of Christ.

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

Today, O faithful,

Dometian calls us to a holy feast most pleasing to God.

Let us gather joyfully and with cheerful spirit
celebrate his wonderful achievements,//

entreating the Savior of our souls That He grant peace to the world!

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

O Gregory of Nyssa,

you were adorned with wise words and valiant deeds.

You gladden the faithful with your God-proclaiming voice;

you enlighten us with knowledge

explaining the unity of the Trinity.

You defeated alien teachings with true doctrine;

you established the faith with strength.

Now you stand before Christ with His bodiless servants://

pray that He may grant peace and great mercy to our souls!

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 ...

Prokeimenon of the Day, Three Readings

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 Fourth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
O God-revealing Gregory,
you passed your life in godliness.
You made your actions radiant through contemplation;
you desired divine wisdom for your love;
you were enriched with graces flowing from the Spirit.
Your words drip with sweetness, like honey from the comb;
you gladden the Church of God with your divine thoughts.
Now you gaze upon the Lord in heaven.//
Never cease to pray for us who honor your memory!

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

By fire and the Spirit,
You wash away the sin of the world.
When the Baptist saw You coming, he was afraid.
He trembled and cried out, saying:
“I dare not hold Your spotless head.//
Sanctify me with Your Epiphany, O Master Who love mankind!”

St. Symeon's Hymn

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 SS Gregory and Dometian – Tone 4

O God of our Fathers,
always act with kindness towards us;
take not Your mercy from us,
but guide our lives in peace//
through the prayers of the hierarchs Gregory and Dometian!
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Troparion of the Feast – Tone 1

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest.
For the voice of the Father bore witness to You,
calling You His Beloved Son;
and the Spirit in the form of a dove
confirmed the truthfulness of His word.
O Christ our God, You have revealed Yourself,//
and have enlightened the world, glory to You!