"Lord I Call..." (Tone 5) Reader: In the Fifth Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me! Let my prayer arise Lord, I call upon You, hear me! in Your sight as incense, Hear me, O Lord! Lord, I call upon You, hear me! and let the lifting up of my hands Receive the voice of my prayer, be an evening sacrifice!// when I call upon You!// Hear me, O Lord! 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! By Your precious Cross, O Christ, You have put the devil to shame. By Your Resurrection, You have blunted the sting of sin and saved us from the gates of death.// We glorify You, the <u>only</u> begotten One. v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me. Christ was led as a sheep to the slaughter in order to grant Resurrection to the human race. The <u>princes</u> of hell were <u>fright</u>ened by this, for the gates of sorrow were lifted. Christ the King of glory had entered, saving to those in chains: "Go forth!"// And to those in <u>darkness</u>: "Come to the light!" v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Oh, great wonder! The Creator of the invisible suffered in the flesh in His love for mankind and rose again immortal. Come, O sons of nations, let us worship Him, for de<u>livered</u> from error by His compassion,// we have learned to sing of one God in three Persons! v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! We offer You our evening worship, O never setting Light, Who <u>came</u> in these last days to the <u>world</u> in the flesh;

You have revealed the light of Resurrection to the <u>nations</u>.// Glory to You, O <u>Lord</u> and <u>Giver</u> of light!

Who even descended to hell to dispel its darkness.

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

Now, as we celebrate the <u>prefeast</u>, let all human nature <u>leap</u> with joy,

for the Tree of the Cross, the assurance of healing,

which gives release from all sickness, <u>suffering</u> and af<u>fliction</u>,//will be set before all the <u>faithful!</u>

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.

<u>Come</u>, O faithful, let us behold the strange <u>won</u>der: How the Tree of the Cross quenches the fire of every in<u>firm</u>ity and ex<u>ting</u>uishes the burning heat of the <u>pass</u>ions in those who <u>celebrate</u> its <u>pre</u>feast with faith// and honor the <u>celebration</u>!

v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope on the Lord All the living celebrate the prefeast with those who have died.

For the Tree of Life, the protector of all, the Resurrection of the dead, which killed hell,//

now comes to give true grace and healing to all.

- v. (3) In the Eighth Tone, For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.
- O <u>bless</u>ed, divinely-wise Ev<u>do</u>kimus,* your pure soul, shining with Orthodox under<u>standing</u>, and shedding the light of the <u>radiance</u> of <u>vir</u>tue, illumined the fullness of the <u>faith</u>ful, and dispelled the darkness of <u>de</u>mons.

 Therefore, we all <u>hon</u>or you, O <u>won</u>drous one,// for you share in ever-<u>pre</u>sent grace.
- v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples! Possessed of a compassionate soul, a chaste mind, a vigilant heart, unwavering faith and truly sincere love, you passed over from earth to the heavens, and made your abode with the choirs of the righteous. Therefore, we all honor you with sacred hymns// and call you blessed, O holy Evdokimus.
- v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever. Strengthened by divine teachings, you drove carnal passions away from your soul and became a pure abode of the Holy Trinity.

 Therefore, you have departed into divine delight,

since God has preserved your <u>body</u> incorrupt by godly judgments <u>known</u> to <u>Him</u> alone,//

Who clearly glorifies you, O Evdokimus.

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

How can we not wonder at your goodness and wisdom?

How can we fail to praise your angelic life,

your pure thoughts, meekness, humility and inner stillness,

your constant almsgiving, O <u>ven</u>erable Ev<u>do</u>kimus?

For you were adorned with all the virtues, O blessed one.//

Therefore, ineffable joy and the Kingdom of Heaven await you.

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

In the Red Sea of old,

a type of the Virgin Bride was prefigured.

There Moses divided the waters;

here Gabriel assisted in the miracle.

There Israel crossed the sea without getting wet,

here the Virgin gave birth to Christ without seed.

After <u>Is</u>rael's passage, the sea remained im<u>pas</u>sable;

after Emmanuel's birth, the Virgin remained a <u>Virgin</u>.

O ever-existing God, Who appeared as Man,//

O Lord, have mercy on us!

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: O Gladsome Light ...

Aposticha - Tone 5

We magnify You in songs of praise,

O incarnate Christ and Savior.

By accepting the Cross and death for our sake,

as the Lord and Lover of mankind,

You overthrew the gates of hell,//

and arose on the third day, saving our souls.

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

By being <u>pierced</u> in the side, O <u>Lov</u>er of mankind,

You have poured out drops of life and salvation for all.

By accepting death in the flesh, You have granted us immortality.

You have freed us by being placed in the tomb,

and have resurrected us with Yourself in glory, as God.//

Glory to You, O Lord and Lover of mankind!

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

Your crucifixion and descent into hell are awesome, O Lover of mankind.

You have captured it, releasing the ancient prisoners.

You have opened Paradise and given it to us.

Grant us purification of sins,

who glorify Your Resurrection on the third day!

Make us worthy of Paradise//

and save us, O Lover of mankind!

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

For our <u>sake</u>, You accepted <u>death</u> in the flesh, to rise from the dead on the <u>third</u> day.

Heal us from our earthly passions,

and restore us from our evil transgressions;//

and save us, O Lover of mankind!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(For the Cross - Tone 2)

You are my mighty protection, O three-branched Cross of Christ.

Sanctify me with your power,//

that I may bow down and glorify you with faith and love!

St. Simeon's Prayer

Resurrectional Troparion - Tone 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,

co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,

born for our salvation from the Virgin;

for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,

to en<u>dure</u> death,

and to <u>raise</u> the dead//

by His glorious Resurrection.

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

Troparion for St. Evdokimus - Tone 4

He Who called you from earth to heaven

keeps your body unharmed after death, holy Evdokimus;

for you lived a sober and holy life

and did not defile your flesh;

so with boldness intercede with Christ that we may be saved!

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

Troparion for the Cross - Tone 1

O <u>Lord</u>, save Your <u>people</u>,

and bless Your inheritance!

Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians

over their adversaries;

and by virtue of Your Cross,

preserve Your habitation!