

"Lord I Call..." (Tone 8)

Reader: In the Eighth 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!

We offer to You, O Christ,

our evening song and reasonable service,

for You willed to have mercy on us//

by Your Resurrection.

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

Lord, Lord, do not cast us away from Your face!

For You willed to have mercy on us//

by the Resurrection.

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

Rejoice, holy Zion!

Mother of the churches, the abode of God!

For you were the first to receive remission of sins//

by the Resurrection.

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

The Word of God the Father,

begotten before the ages,

in the latter times willed to be incarnate of the Virgin

and endured crucifixion unto death.

He has saved mortal man//

by His Resurrection.

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

But there is forgiveness with You.

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were brought together under one canon in good order

by Patriarch Germanus the New.

He established and recorded their teachings;

he also presented these Fathers to the Lord

as watchful intercessors for our salvation//

and as fellow-shepherds of the fold.

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.

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

The book of the Law instructed the sons of Israel
that the seventh day was to be honored,
and they devoted themselves to a shadow and reverenced it.
But, O Fathers, who came together in the Seventh Council,
at the behest of God,

Who fashioned the universe in six days and blessed the seventh day//
you have made the seventh more honorable by laying down a definition of the Faith.

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 have enabled all men, O thrice-blessed Fathers,
to come to the knowledge of the Trinity
as the Cause of the world's generation;
for by your mystical reasoning
you established three and four Councils,
and you appeared as champions of Orthodoxy,
for you showed that, while there are four elements//
it is the Trinity Who created them and made the world.

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

It would have been enough for Elisha the Prophet
to have bent down only once to give life to the dead son of the woman;
but he knelt and bent seven times.

And in his foresight he prophesied your gathering,
by which you breathed life into the slaying of God the Word//
by putting to death Arius and his profane companions.

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

In your wisdom, O venerable Fathers,
you mended the garment of Christ, rent by howling dogs;
for you could not bear looking upon the nakedness of His Body,
but as Shem and Japheth of old who hid their father's nakedness,
you put to shame that slayer of his father, the wretched Arius//
and those who foolishly follow his teachings.

In the Same 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.

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

The King of heaven,

because of His love for man,

appeared on earth and dwelt with men.

He took flesh from the pure Virgin

and after assuming it, He came forth from her.

The Son is one: in two natures, yet one Person.

Proclaiming Him as perfect God and perfect Man,

we confess Christ our God.//

Entreat him, O unwedded Mother, to have mercy on our souls!

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: O Gladsome Light ...

Prokeimenon of the Day, Three Readings

Aposticha – Tone 8

Descending from heaven to ascend the Cross,

the Eternal Life has come for death

to raise those who are fallen;

to enlighten those in darkness.//

Jesus, our Savior and illuminator, glory to You!

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

We glorify Christ, who rose from the dead.

He accepted the human body and soul,

and freed both from suffering.

His most pure soul descended to hell, which He spoiled.

His holy body did not see corruption in the tomb.//

He is the Redeemer of our souls.

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

In psalms and songs we glorify Your Resurrection from the dead, O Christ.

By it, You have freed us from the tortures of hell//

and as God have granted eternal life and great mercy.

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

Master of all, incomprehensible Creator of heaven and earth,

by Your suffering on the Cross You have gained passionlessness for me.

Accepting burial and arising in glory,

You resurrected Adam with Yourself by Your almighty hand.

Glory to Your rising on the third day!

By it You have granted us eternal life and cleansing of sins//

as the only compassionate One.

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

(Fathers – Tone 4)

Come, all Orthodox Churches,

let us celebrate today in faith and true worship

the yearly commemoration of the divinely-arrayed Fathers

who gathered at Nicea from throughout the world!
There they refuted the godless teaching of Arius,
banishing him from the catholic Church by a decree of the council.
They taught all to confess openly the Son of God,
consubstantial and co-eternal with the Father,
proclaiming this with precision and true worship in the Symbol of Faith.
Therefore, as we faithfully follow their divine doctrines,
let us worship the Father, the Son and the most Holy Spirit,//
the consubstantial Trinity in one Godhead!

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

(Theotokion – Tone 4)

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. Simeon’s Prayer

Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 8

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

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

Troparion for the 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.

Resurrection 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!