

"Lord I Call..." (Tone 4)

Reader: In the Fourth 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 glorify Your Resurrection on the third day, O Christ God,

by always honoring Your life-creating Cross;

by it You have renewed the corrupted nature of mankind, O almighty One.

By it You have renewed our entrance to heaven,//

for You are good and the Lover of mankind.

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

You loosed the Tree's verdict of disobedience, O Savior,

by being voluntarily nailed to the tree of the Cross.

By descending to hell, O almighty God,

You broke the bonds of death.

Therefore, we adore Your Resurrection from the dead, singing in joy://

"Glory to You, O all powerful Lord!"

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

You smashed the gates of hell, O Lord,

and by Your death You demolished the kingdom of death.

You delivered the human race from corruption,//

granting the world life, incorruption and great mercy.

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

Come, O people,

let us sing of the Savior's Resurrection on the third day!

By it, we have been freed from the unbreakable bonds of hell.

By it, we have received life and incorruption.

Save us by Your Resurrection!//

Life-creating and almighty Savior, glory to You!

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

Angels and mortals sing of Your Resurrection on the third day, O Savior.

By it, the ends of the earth have been illuminated.

By it we have been delivered from bondage to the Enemy.

Save us by Your Resurrection!//

Life-creating and almighty Savior, 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.

You have shattered the gates of brass

and destroyed the chains of death, O Christ God.

You have raised the fallen human race.//

O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

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

O Lord, Whom nothing can contain or grasp,
from all eternity You shone forth from the Father
before the morning star.

The Prophets, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
foretold that You would take flesh and assume the form of a child,
from her who is ever-virgin.

You lived among men;

You were seen by material creation.

Through the prayers of the prophets, O compassionate One,
make us worthy to receive Your light, //
for we sing praises to Your glorious Resurrection!

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

The Prophets bore the fruit of eternal life;
they prepared the way of the Lord.

By their words they proclaimed You; by their deeds they honored You:
they would not worship creation instead of You, the Creator.

As Your Gospel commands, they renounced the world.

They foretold Your passion by suffering themselves.

Through their prayers, O Lord, //

enable us to pass over the battlefield of Lent without sin!

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

You are infinite in Your divine nature, O Master;

in these latter days You accepted the limitations of the flesh.

By assuming our body, You accepted all its weaknesses.

Therefore we make images of Your form;

we venerate them, having You in mind.

We fall down before You in love;

by so doing we follow the tradition of the Apostles //

and are given the grace of healing.

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

Today the Church of Christ receives honorable adornment:

the holy icons of Christ our Savior, the Theotokos, and all the Saints.

The Church exults in their grace.

We lift them up with joy and gladness.

We glorify God, the Lover of man, //

Him Who patiently suffered for our sake.

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

Grace and truth have shone forth.

The predictions of old have been clearly fulfilled.

Behold, the Church adorns herself with the form of Christ incarnate!

The icons of the new creation transcend the adornments of the old.

As the Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God,

so now the icons reveal the presence of the One we adore.

By honoring them we will never go astray.

It is our glory to fall down and worship Christ in the flesh.

Come, O faithful, venerate His image and cry out://
“O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance!”

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

The Prophet David was a Father of the Lord through you, O Virgin.
He foretold in songs the One Who worked wonders in you:
“At Your right hand stood the Queen,”
Your Mother, the mediatrix of life,
since God was freely born of her without a father.
He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in passion,
so He took the lost sheep upon His shoulder
and brought it to His Father, joining it to the heavenly pow’rs//
Christ who has great and rich mercy has saved the world, O Theotokos.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: O Gladsome Light ...

Aposticha – Tone 4

By ascending the Cross, O Lord,
You have annulled our ancestral curse.
By descending to hell, You have freed the eternal prisoners,
granting incorruption to the human race.//
Therefore in songs we glorify Your life-creating and saving Resurrection.

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

By hanging upon the tree, O only powerful Lord,
You shook all of creation.
By being laid in the tomb You have raised those who dwelt in the tombs,
granting life and incorruption to the human race.//
Therefore in songs we glorify Your rising on the third day.

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

The lawless people, O Christ,
handed You over to Pilate, condemned to be crucified,
thus proving themselves ungrateful before their Benefactor.
But voluntarily You endured burial,
rising by Your own power on the third day as God,//
granting us life everlasting and great mercy.

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

With tears the women reached Your tomb,
searching for You, but not finding You.
They wept with wailing and lamented:
“Woe to us! Our Savior, King of all,
how were You stolen?
What place can hold Your life-bearing body?”
An Angel replied to them:
“Do not weep but go and proclaim that the Lord is risen,//
granting us joy as the only compassionate One!”

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

Advancing from false doctrine to true faith,

illuminated with the light of knowledge,
let us clap our hands and offer grateful praise to God in song!
With due honor let us venerate the holy icons of Christ,
of the all-pure Virgin, and of all the saints,
depicted on walls or panels or sacred vessels,
rejecting the godless teaching of the heretics!
For as Saint Basil says:
“The honor shown to the image passes to its prototype.”
By the prayers of Your pure Mother and of all the saints, //
we beseech You, O Christ our God, to grant us great mercy!
that He may be bountiful and save our souls!

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

(Theotokion – Tone 2)

A new miracle surpasses all ancient miracles!
Who knows of a Mother who gave birth without a man,
who carried in her arms her Creator?
This birth is the will of God!
Since you carried Him as an infant in your arms, O most pure one,
and since you possess motherly boldness before Him,
do not cease praying for us who honor you, //
that He may be bountiful and save our souls!

St Symeon's Prayer

Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 4

When the women Disciples of the Lord
learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the Apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen, //
granting the world great mercy!”

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

Troparion for the Sunday of Orthodoxy – Tone 2

We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One;
and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God.
Of Your good will You were pleased to ascend the cross in the flesh
and deliver Your creatures from bondage to the Enemy.
Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to You:
“You have filled all with joy, O our Savior, //
for You alone have come to save the world.”

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

Resurrection Dismissal Theotokion – Tone 2

All beyond thought, all most glorious,
are your mysteries, O Theotokos.
Sealed in purity, preserved in virginity,
you were revealed to be the true Mother who gave birth to the True God. //
Entreat Him to save our souls!