

"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 Sixth Tone, if You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

Revealing to you the pre-eternal counsel,

Gabriel came and stood before you, O Maiden,

and greeting you, he said:

"Rejoice, earth that has not been sown!

Rejoice, burning bush that remains unconsumed!

Rejoice, unsearchable depth!

Rejoice, bridge that leads to Heaven!

Rejoice, ladder raised on high that Jacob saw!

Rejoice, divine jar of mana!

Rejoice, deliverance from the curse!

Rejoice, restoration of Adam.//

the Lord is with 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 appear to me in the form of a man,"
said the undefiled Maid to the chief of the Heavenly Hosts.
"How then do you speak to me of things that pass man's power?
You have said that God shall be with me
and shall take up His dwelling in my womb.
How shall I become the spacious habitation
and the holy place of Him Who rides upon the Cherubim?
Do not deceive me with trickery;
for I have not known pleasure,
I have not entered into wedlock.//
How then shall I bear a Child?"

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

Then the bodiless Angel replied:
"When God so wills, the order of nature is overcome,
and what is beyond man comes to pass.
Believe that my sayings are true,
O all-holy and immaculate Lady!"
And she cried aloud:
"Let it be to me according to your word,
and I shall bear Him Who is without flesh!
He shall borrow flesh from me,
that through this mingling
He may lead mankind up to its ancient glory.//
for He alone has power so to do."

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

Gabriel, the greatest of the spiritual powers,
shining with heavenly brightness,
who with the Hosts on High gazes upon the light of the Three-fold Sun,
came to the Virgin and announced to her the good news of the divine and
awesome mystery.//
and he intercedes for our souls.

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

The great mystery till then unknown to the Angels
and hidden from all eternity
has been confided to you alone, O Gabriel;
and you have come to Nazareth and entrusted it to her who alone is pure.//
Pray with her that our souls be granted peace and great mercy!

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

Gabriel, ever filled with light,
who do the will and fulfill the commands of the Ruler of All,
Leader of the Angels, most excellent,
preserve those who honor you with love.//
pray that our souls be granted peace and great mercy!

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

The Archangel Gabriel was sent from heaven,
to announce to the Virgin the good news of her conceiving.
And coming to Nazareth, he was filled with wonder at the miracle,
and reasoned within himself:
“How is it that He Who dwells on high,
Whom none can comprehend, is to be born of a Virgin?
How is He, Whose throne is Heaven and Whose footstool is the earth,
to be contained in the womb of a woman?
He upon Whom the six-winged Seraphim and the many-eyed Cherubim are not
able to gaze
is well-pleased to be made flesh from her at a single word.
It is the Word of God Who is to come.
Why then do I hesitate, and not say to the Maiden:
‘Rejoice, O Lady, full of grace, the Lord is with you!
Rejoice, pure Virgin!
Rejoice, Bride without Bridegroom!
Rejoice, Mother of the Life!//
Blessed is the Fruit of your womb!’”

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!

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

Today the good tidings of joy are proclaimed,

today is the festival of the Virgin;

things below are joined together with things on high.

Adam is made new;

Eve is freed from the primal grief;

and by the deification of the human nature that the Lord assumed,
the tabernacle of our substance has become a temple of God.

Oh, what a mystery!

The manner of His emptying cannot be known;

the manner of His conception is beyond speech.

An Angel ministers at the miracle; a virginal womb receives the Son;

the Holy Spirit is sent down; the Father on high is well pleased,

and according to their common counsel, a reconciliation is brought to pass
in which and through which we are saved.

For this reason let us unite our song with Gabriel's,

crying aloud to the Virgin:

“Rejoice, O Lady full of grace, the Lord is with you!

From you is our salvation, Christ our God,

Who, by assuming our nature, has led us back to Himself.//

Humbly pray to Him for the salvation of our souls!”

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 the Archangel – Tone 4

Gabriel, commander of the heavenly hosts,

we who are unworthy beseech you,

by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory,

and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry to you://

“Deliver us from all harm, for you are the commander of the powers on high!”

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

Troparion for the Annunciation – Tone 4

Today is the beginning of our salvation,

the revelation of the eternal mystery!

The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin

as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace.

Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos:

“Rejoice, O Full of Grace,//

the Lord is with you!”