

"Lord I Call..." – Tone 2

Reader: In the Second Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me!
Lord, I call upon You, hear me! Let my prayer arise
Hear me, O Lord! in Your sight as incense,
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!
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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 worship the Word of God
begotten of the Father before all ages,
and incarnate of the Virgin Mary!
Having endured the Cross,
He was buried as He himself desired.//
And having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.

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

Christ our Savior
nailed to the Cross the bond against us,
He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death.//
We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.

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

With the Archangels
let us praise the Resurrection of Christ!
He is our Savior, our Redeemer.
He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power//
to judge the world which He made.

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

The Angel proclaimed You
the crucified and buried Master.
He told the women: "Come, see the place where He lay!
He is risen as He said,
for He is almighty."

We worship You, O only immortal One.//
Have mercy on us O Christ, the Giver of life!

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

Rich and fertile was the earth allotted to us,
but all we planted were the seeds of sin.
We reaped the sheaves of evil with the sickle of laziness;
we failed to place them on the threshing floor of sorrow.
Now we beg You, O Lord, eternal Master of the harvest:
"May your love become the breeze to winnow the straw of our worthless deeds!"

Make us like the precious wheat to be stored in heaven,//
and save us all!”

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!*

Brothers, our purpose is to know the power of God's goodness.
For when the Prodigal Son abandoned his sin,
he hastened to the refuge of his father.
That good man embraced him and welcomed him;
he killed the fatted calf and celebrated with heavenly joy.
Let us learn from this example
to offer thanks to the Father, Who loves all men,//
and to the glorious Victim, the Savior of our souls!

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

In fulfillment of the written Law,
the Lover of mankind is now brought into the Temple.
And Simeon the Elder receives Him in his aged arms,
crying: “Now let me depart to the blessedness of the world beyond,
for today I have seen You, wrapped in mortal flesh://
the Lord of life and Master over death.”

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

As a Light to enlighten the Gentiles,
You have appeared, O Lord:
the Sun of Righteousness, seated on a light cloud,
bringing to completion the shadow of the Law,
and making manifest the beginning of the new Grace.
Therefore, when Simeon saw You, he cried://
“Set me free from corruption, for I have seen You today!”

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

In Your Godhead You were not parted from the bosom of Your Father,

but You had become incarnate, according to Your will,
held in the arms of the Virgin,
You were given into the hands of the God-receiver Simeon,
though You hold all creation in Your hand.
So Simeon cried out, full of joy:
“Now let me, Your servant, depart in peace,
for I have seen You, O Master!”

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

What great blessings have I forsaken, wretch that I am?
From what kingdom have I miserably fallen?
I have squandered the riches that were given me;
I have transgressed the commandments.
Woe to me when I shall be condemned to eternal fire!
Cry out to Christ, O my soul, before the end draws nigh://
“Receive me as the Prodigal, O God, and have mercy on me!”

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

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came;
as the bush burned, yet was not consumed,
so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin.
The righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame//
Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: O Gladsome Light ...

Aposticha

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,
has enlightened the whole universe,
recalling Your creation.//
Glory to You, O almighty Lord!

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

By the Tree You destroyed the curse of the Tree O Savior,
By Your burial You mortified the majesty of death.
You have enlightened our race by Your Resurrection.//
O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!

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

When You were seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ,
You restored the beauty of Your creatures.
The soldiers showed their inhumanity when they pierced Your side with
a spear.
The Hebrews not knowing Your power
asked that Your tomb might be sealed,

but through the mercy of Your compassions,
You accepted the tomb
and rose on the third day!//
O Lord, glory to You!

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

O Christ, the Giver of life,
for the sake of the dead You voluntarily endured death,
descending into Hades as the Mighty One
to save those who awaited Your coming,
granting him the life of paradise instead of hell.
Grant also to us who glorify Your Resurrection on the third day//
cleansing of our sins and great mercy!

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

I, a wretched man, hide my face in shame:
I have squandered the riches my Father gave to me;
I went to live with senseless beasts;
I sought their food and hungered, for I had not enough to eat.
I will arise, I will return to my compassionate Father;
He will accept my tears, as I kneel before Him, crying://
“In Your tender love for all men, receive me as one of Your servants and
save me!”

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

The holy Virgin brought the Holy One to the priest in the sacred Temple.
Simeon, extending his arms, received Him with joy, and cried out:
“Now, Master, let your servant depart in peace,//
according to Your word, O Lord!”

St. Symeon’s Prayer

Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 2

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You slew Hades with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

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

Festal Troparion – Tone 2

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!
From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God,
enlightening those who sat in darkness.
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,
you accepted in your arms the ^Redeemer of our souls,
Who grants us the Resurrection!