

"Lord I Call..." – Tone 8

Reader: In the Eighth Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

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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!

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) In the Second Tone, Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Our Light that enlightens all

comes to be baptized.

The Forerunner sees Him and rejoices in His soul.

His hand trembles as he shows Him to the people:

"Behold, the Redeemer of Israel,

the One Who frees us from corruption."//

O sinless One, Christ our God, glory to You!

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

A servant baptized our Redeemer

and the coming of the Spirit bore witness to Him.

The hosts of Angels saw this and shook with fear.

And the voice of the Father was heard from heaven:

"This One on Whom the Forerunner lays his hand,

He is My beloved Son; I am well pleased in Him."//

O Christ our God, 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.

The streams of the Jordan received You, their source,
and the Comforter descended in the form of a dove.

He Who bowed the heavens now bows His head.

The Clay cries aloud to the Potter:

“Why do you command me to do what is beyond me;
for I rather should be baptized by You.”//

O sinless One, Christ our God, glory to You!

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

The glorious Hermýlus and the divinely wise Stratónicus,
the wondrous pair who confessed the uncreated Trinity,
after many wounds and tortures vanquished the falsehood of idolatry.
Crowned with wreaths of victory,//
they intercede that peace and great mercy be granted, to the ends of
the earth.

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

After becoming a servant of the Word, O Hermýlus,
by the election of the Holy Spirit,
you colored the vesture of priesthood with the stain of blood,
making it truly more sacred and more radiant.
Now you have passed over to the spiritual kingdom,//
becoming a most fervent intercessor for those who honor you.

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

You struggled with great power, O saints,
patiently enduring the assaults of the barbarians.
Valiantly laying down your lives, you readily endured being slain by
swords.

Weaving for yourselves the crowns of Martyrs,
you worthily became co-dwellers with the Angels.
Long was your endurance, and greater still your spiritual gifts.//
Intercede for the salvation of our souls!

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

O saints of Christ, you fought for the prize,
willingly disregarding the transient things of life;
with valor, you brought into subjection the arrogance of the flesh.
Being made perfect in Christ by the sword,
you deservedly went to dwell with the Angels.
And now as we celebrate your memorial,//
we humbly ask that you intercede for the salvation of our souls.

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

O holy fathers, having meditated day and night in the Law of the Lord,
you were deemed worthy to be united to the Tree of Life,
and your fruit flowered forth the crowns of your contest.
As you have boldness to approach God, the Judge of the contest,//
ask that we be granted cleansing, forgiveness and great mercy!

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 ... (p. 16)

Aposticha – Tone 8

Descending from heaven to ascend the Cross,
the Eternal Life has come for death
to raise those who had fallen;
to enlighten those in darkness.//
O 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 sufferings.
His most pure soul descended to Hades, 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 us eternal life and great mercy.

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

O 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,

Having lived an angelic life through ascetic works,
enslaving the body through abstinence, O venerable fathers,
you made it subject to your spirit.

By becoming doers of the commandments of the Lord
you preserved the original beauty of the image,
and out of monastic labors you brought to perfection the struggles of
martyrdom.

Being adorned with double crowns, //
pray earnestly to the Savior that we may be saved!

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

Today the armies of Angels are amazed,
seeing You stand naked in Jordan's waters, O Savior,
bowing Your pure head to be baptized by John.

By your voluntary poverty,
You have filled the universe with riches./
O Lord, glory to You!

St. Symeon's Prayer (p. 25)

(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 Martyrs – Tone 4)

Your holy martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus, O Lord,
through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You,
our God.

For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//
Through their intercessions save our souls!

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

(Troparion for the Feast – Tone 1)

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest.

For the voice of the Father bore witness to You,
calling You His Beloved Son;

and the Spirit in the form of a dove
confirmed the truthfulness of His word.

O Christ our God, You have revealed Yourself, //
and have enlightened the world, glory to You.

Then, the dismissal (p. 26)