

"Lord I Call..." – Tone 6

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

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!

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Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!

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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!*

Possessing victory over Hades, O Christ,

since You are free among the dead,

You ascended the Cross

raising with Yourself those who sat in the shades of death.//

Drawing life from Your light, O Almighty Savior, have mercy on us!

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

Today Christ tramples on death,

for He is risen as He said!

Let us all sing this song,

for He has granted joy to the world:

"O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life!//

O Savior Almighty, have mercy on us!"

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

Where shall we sinners flee from You, for You are in all creation?

In heaven You dwell!

In Hades You trampled on death!

In the depths of the sea?

Even there is Your hand, O Master!

To You we flee, and falling before You, we pray://

"O You Who rose from the dead, have mercy on us!"

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

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.

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

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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.

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.
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he killed the fatted calf and celebrated with heavenly joy.
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to offer thanks to the Father, Who loves all men, //
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v. (3) In the Fifth Tone, For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Rejoice, O holy and light-bearing head,
venerated by the Angels!
Of old, you were cut off by the sword,
for you had cut through the shameful deeds with sharp reproaches.
Like a fountain refreshing the faithful with wonders,
you declared the saving coming of the Savior,
and perceived the coming of the Spirit,
Who took up His abode in you,
as you stood between the grace of the Old and New Covenants. //
Entreat Christ God to grant our souls great mercy!

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

The head of the Forerunner is made manifest.
Once it was concealed in an earthen vessel;
now it is openly given up from the depths of the earth,
pouring forth streams of healing.
For he washed in the waters the head of the One
Who even now covers the chambers of the firmament with waters
and rains down divine forgiveness for mankind.
Then let us bless this truly praiseworthy head
and joyfully celebrate its finding, //
entreating Christ to grant our souls great mercy!

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

The head that proclaimed the Lamb of God Who appeared in the flesh
declared to all the ways of saving repentance with divine precepts,
before it had denounced the lawlessness of Herod
and therefore was severed from its body.
It was concealed for a time

and has risen to us as a shining sun,
crying out: “Repent and with compunction of soul submit to the Lord//
Who grants the world great mercy!”

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

Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin?
Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing?
The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,
but from you He was ineffably incarnate.
God by nature yet Man for our sake,
Not two persons but One known in two natures.
Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//
to have mercy on our souls!

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: O Gladsome Light ... (p. 16)

Prokeimenon of the Day, Three Readings

Aposticha – Tone 6

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,
the Angels in heaven sing!
Enable us on earth//
to glorify You in purity of heart!

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

Destroying the gates of hades,
breaking the chains of death,
You resurrected the fallen human race as almighty God!//
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You!

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

Desiring to return us to Paradise,
Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb.
The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, crying,
“Woe to us, O Savior!
How do You deign to descend to death?
What place can hold Your life bearing body?
Come to us as You promised!
Take away our wailing and tears!”
Then the Angel appeared to them:
“Stop your lamentations!
Go, proclaim to the Apostles:
‘The Lord is risen,//
granting us purification and great mercy!’”

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

Having been crucified as You willed,
by Your burial You captured death, O Christ,

and rose on the third day as God in glory,//
granting the world unending life and great mercy!

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

Your head, O all-praised John,
the all-revered shrine of divine thoughts,
has shone forth today from the secret places of the earth.
From your mother's womb it clearly foresaw the mystery of Ineffable Being
and has made the whole earth fragrant,
pouring forth the sweet oil of sanctification,
spiritually preaching the way of repentance,//
and entreating the Savior of all on behalf of our souls.

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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!"

Then, St. Symeon's Prayer (p. 25)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 6)

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You captured Hades,
not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life.//
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

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

(Troparion for St. John – Tone 6)

The head of the Forerunner has shone from the earth,
sending forth rays of incorruption and healings to the faithful.
It gathers together a multitude of Angels above
and summons the human race below//
to send up glory with one voice to Christ our God.

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

(Resurrection Dismissal Theotokion – Tone 4)

The mystery of all eternity,
unknown even by Angels,
through you, Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:
God incarnate by union without confusion.
He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,
by which He resurrected the first-created man,//
saving our souls from death.

Then, the dismissal (p. 26)
