

"Lord I Call..." (Tone 2)

Reader: In the Second 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 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.

We have come to know you, O Father,

as a divinely radiant beacon,

enlightening the world with spiritual light,

dispelling the darkness of the evil tumult of demons.//

Therefore we celebrate your brilliant memory with faith, O blessed one.

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 were resplendent in your former life, O Father Thomas, with riches and power.

You clothed yourself in the monastic habit, O venerable one, emulating the poverty of Him Who became incarnate for our sake.//

Therefore He made you rich with many spiritual gifts!

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

God openly guided you to salvation, O Father, with a pillar of fire leading you to the calm harbor; to the mountain of dispassion.

By your prayer, you caused water to spring forth,// you made the blind to see and the lame to walk!

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.

You mortified the cravings of your flesh by abstinence and enlivened your soul through fasting and the exercise of virtues.

Therefore, you were shown to be alive even after your repose, for death came only as a dream to you as you passed over to God// Who placed your soul in His hands, O glorious Acacius.

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

You lulled to sleep the stirrings of the passions, O Acacius, by obedience, humility and all-night vigilance in prayer.

Your knowledge of the divine Scriptures kept your mind untroubled and your heart pure.

Therefore, you became a receptacle of the Holy Spirit,// shining with rays of miracles upon all the ends of the earth.

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

You utterly disdained all worldly attachments and became a vessel of passionlessness.

By your love of divine wisdom, O glorious one, you achieved to the ultimate Desire by your active ascent and beheld with mystical vision the incomprehensible and divine beauty of the invisible God,//

O all-wise and blessed Father Acacius.

In the Second Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, 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 ... (p. 16)

Aposticha – Tone 2

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!

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

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 (p. 25)

(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,

(Troparion for the Saints – Tone 4)

O God of our Fathers,
always act with kindness towards us;
take not Your mercy from us,
but guide our lives in peace //
through the prayers of Saints Thomas and Acacius!
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)