

"Lord I Call..." – Tone 4

Reader: In the Fourth 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!

We glorify Your Resurrection on the third day, O Christ God,

by always honoring Your life-creating Cross;

by it You have renewed the corrupted nature of man

O almighty One.

By it You have renewed our entrance to heaven,//

for You are good and the Lover of man.

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

You loosed the Tree's verdict of disobedience, O Savior,

by being voluntarily nailed to the tree of the Cross.

By descending to Hades, O almighty God,

You broke the bonds of death.

Therefore, we adore Your Resurrection from the dead, singing in joy://

"Glory to You, O all powerful Lord!"

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

You smashed the gates of Hades, O Lord,

and by Your death You demolished the kingdom of death.

You delivered the human race from corruption,//

granting the world life, incorruption and great mercy.

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

Rejoice, O Life-bearing Cross,

the invincible trophy of godliness,

door to Paradise, firm support of the faithful,

a wall that encompasses the Church!

Through you corruption has been destroyed and abolished.

The power of death has been swallowed up, and we are raised from earth to Heaven.

You are a weapon that cannot be vanquished,

the adversary of demons,

the glory of the martyrs, the true adornment of saints,//

and the haven of salvation,//

which grant the world great mercy.

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

Rejoice, O Cross of the Lord,

through which mankind has been delivered from the curse!

You are a sign of true joy,

you that shatter our enemies by your Elevation.

O Cross, worthy of all honor,

you are our help, You are the strength of kings.

You are the power of the righteous.

You are the majesty of priests.

All who sign themselves with you are freed from danger.

O rod of strength, under which we like sheep are tended,

you are a weapon of peace around which the Angels stand in fear.

You are the divine glory of Christ, //

Who grants the world great mercy.

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.

Rejoice, O guide of the blind,

physician of the sick and resurrection of all the dead;

you have raised us up when we were fallen into mortality, O precious Cross!

Through you corruption has been destroyed,

and incorruption has blossomed forth.

We mortals have been deified, and the Devil is completely overthrown.

Today, as we see you exalted by the hands of bishops,

we exalt Him Who was lifted up upon you,

and we fall down in worship before you, //

drawing rich streams of great mercy.

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

Arrayed in the armor of piety, O passion-bearer Nicetas,

you were shown to be a champion of Christ, the King of All.

As almighty Gideon of old, //

you destroyed the foreign enemies by your noble boldness.

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

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

O godly-wise martyr who endured suffering,

you conquered all that was foreign by your all-powerful faith in Christ.

Thus, you converted the pagans to the Creator and Master of all, //

and they piously glorified Him.

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

O martyr, the first fruits of the pagans who died for the Trinity,

you were shown to be a godly sufferer, bringing glory to Christ.

Therefore, you have indeed received a crown, O glorious one, //

and shine with splendor in the world like a beacon.

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

O light-giver of the martyrs, Nicetas,

forsaking the glory of earthly rank

and despising the godlessness of your father,

you shattered the false gods and put the pagans to shame.
A warrior of the God of Heaven,
you confessed Christ and suffered martyrdom.//
Entreat the Benefactor of All that He take pity on us and save our souls!
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Prophet David was a Father of the Lord
Through you, O Virgin.
He foretold in songs the One Who worked wonder in you:
“At Your right hand stood the Queen,” Your Mother, the mediatrix of life,
since God was freely born of her without a father.
He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in passion,
so He took the lost sheep upon His shoulder
and brought it to His Father,
joining it to the heavenly pow’rs.
Christ who has great and rich mercy//
has saved the world, O Theotokos.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

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

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By ascending the Cross, O Lord,
You have annulled our ancstral curse.
By descending to hell, You have freed the eternal prisoners,
granting incorruption to the human race.//
Therefore in songs we glorify Your life-creating and saving Resurrection.
v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

By hanging upon the tree, O only powerful Lord,
You shook all of creation.
By being laid in the tomb You have raised those who dwelt in the tombs,
granting life and incorruption to the human race.//
Therefore in songs we glorify Your rising on the third day.
v. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.

The lawless people, O Christ,
handed You over to Pilate, condemned to be crucified,
thus proving themselves ungrateful before their Benefactor.
But voluntarily You endured burial,
rising by Your own power on the third day as God,//
granting us life everlasting and great mercy.
v. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!

With tears the women reached Your tomb,
searching for You, but not finding You.
They wept with wailing and lamented:
“Woe to us! Our Savior, King of all,
how were You stolen?
What place can hold Your life-bearing body?”
An Angel replied to them:

“Do not weep but go and proclaim that the Lord is risen,//
granting us joy as the only compassionate One!”

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

You showed yourself to be the namesake of victory,
O most honored martyr Nicetas.
Proclaiming Christ our God throughout your struggle,
you confessed Him before Kings and tormentors.
Therefore, never cease to pray to Him, Who loves mankind,
that He will deliver from all wrath and distress//
those who faithfully keep your memory.

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

The voice of Your prophet Moses, O God,
has been fulfilled, for he said:
“You will see your life hanging before your eyes.”
Today the Cross is lifted up and the world is set free from error.
Today the church of Christ’s Resurrection celebrates its dedication,
and the ends of the earth rejoice,
with cymbals, like David, offering You a hymn and saying:
“You have worked salvation in the midst of the earth, O God –
Your Cross and Resurrection,
through which You have set us free, as You are good and love mankind.
O Almighty Lord, glory to You!

St. Symeon’s Prayer (p. 25)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 4)

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel
the joyous message of Your Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the Apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ our God is risen,//
granting the world great mercy!”

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

(Troparion for the Greatmartyr – Tone 3)

You defeated error and triumphed in martyrdom,
Nicetas, namesake of victory;
for you conquered the ranks of the enemy
and ended your contest by fire.//
Pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy!

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

(Troparion of the Cross – Tone 1)

O Lord, save Your people,
and bless Your inheritance!
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians
over their adversaries;
and by virtue of Your Cross,//
preserve Your habitation!

Then, the dismissal (p. 26)