

"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

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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!

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

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

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

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

Glorious apostles,

Soldiers who fought with the prudence that is mighty strength:

You formed a united front against the enemy,

And putting on the full armor of the Spirit,

You destroyed all the forces of the devil

Who had stolen as spoils the souls of mankind./

Therefore we honor you throughout all ages!

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And putting on the full armor of the Spir - - it,

You destroyed all the for - ces of the dev - il Who had stolen as spoils the souls of man - kind.

Therefore we honor you through - out all a - - ges!

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.

Spreading out the net of faith in the form of the Cross, O Christ,

Your twelve apostles caught all the nations,

Drawing them towards knowledge of You.

They made the sea of the passions dry!  
 Therefore by their prayers that are most pleasing to You, //  
 Call me from the depths of my transgressions, I pray.

Spreading out the net of faith in the form of the Cross, O Christ,  
 Your twelve apostles caught all the na-tions, Draw-ing them towards knowl-edge of You.  
 They made the sea of the pas - sions dry!  
 Therefore by their prayers that are most pleas - ing to You,  
 Call me from the depths of my trans - gres - sions, I pray.

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

Today let us praise in song  
 The twelve apostles, elect of God:  
Peter and Paul, James, Luke and John,  
 Matthew, Thomas, Mark, Simon and Philip,  
 And Andrew, now glorified with wise and godly Bartholomew, //  
 And the rest of the Seventy apostles.

Today let us praise in song The twelve apostles, e - lect of God:

Pe-ter and Paul, James, Luke and John, Matthew, Thomas, Mark, Simon and Phil - ip,  
 And Andrew, now glorified with wise and god - ly Bar - tho - lo - mew,  
 And the rest of the Sev - en - ty a - pos - - tles.

*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.*

Let us hymn the company of the five martyrs  
 The wise Acindynus  
 With Pegasus and Elpidephorus,  
 Aphthonius and Anempodistus!  
 They are valiant athletes and fervent protectors.  
 They pour forth abundant grace and unfailing hope  
 Granting them freely to the faithful!

Let us hymn the company of the five mar - tyrs: The wise A - cin - dyn - us  
 With Peg - a - sus and El - pi - de - phor - us, Aph - tho - ni - us and A - nem - po - dis - tus!  
 They are va - li - ant ath - letes and fer - vent pro - tec - - tors.

They pour forth abundant grace and un - fail - ing hope,

Granting them freely to the faith - - ful!

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

Neither hunger nor tribulation,  
 Neither life nor death,  
 Nor boiling cauldrons nor the depths of the earth,  
 Nor even the mouths of wild beasts  
 Could separate your brave deeds of patient endurance from the love of Christ!  
 You continually directed your gaze towards Him  
 Desiring Him alone you vanquished the enemy!

Neither hunger, nor trib - u - la - tion, Neith - er life nor death,

Nor boil - ing caul - drons nor the depths of the earth,

Nor even the mouths of wild beasts

Could separate your brave deeds of patient en-dur-ance from the love of Christ!

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Desiring Him alone, you van - quished the en - e - my!

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

As you delight in sweetness and are filled with light,  
 Inheriting eternal life, divinely wise ones,  
 Deliver those who pray to you and honor your place of martyrdom  
 From misfortunes, bondage and imprisonment!  
 For you have boldness before God and great Mercy//  
 As true imitators and followers of Christ!

As you delight in sweetness and are filled with light,

Inheriting eternal life, divinely wise ones,

De - li - ver those who pray to you and honor your place of mar - tyr - dom

From misfortunes, bondage and im - pri - son - ment!

For you have boldness before God and great mer - cy

As true imitators and fol - low - ers of Christ!

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

Today the martyrs' choir of fivefold splendor  
 Illumines the faithful like a constellation of stars!  
 It summons all to mystical joy!  
 Today the servants of the spiritual sun  
 Lead all to righteousness:  
 They destroyed the traditions of the Persians  
 Who adored the material sun and worshipped fire!  
 They filled to overflowing the cup of their suffering;  
 They have been crowned with their blood shed for the sake of Christ!  
 They call us, lovers of piety, saying:  
 Come, feast as you behold our sufferings:  
 Look upon our crowns and honors!  
 For Christ has truly said:  
 He who endures to the end is saved!//  
 Come, share our crowns and take us as intercessors before the Lord!

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They filled to overflowing the cup of their suf - fer - ing;



They have been crowned with their blood shed for the sake of Christ!

They call us, lovers of piety, say-ing: Come, feast as you behold our suf-fer-ings:

Look upon our crowns and hon - ors! For Christ has tru - ly said:

He who endures to the end is saved!

Come, share our crowns and take us as in-ter-ces-sors be-fore the Lord!

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

You contained the uncontainable God in your womb,  
 And gave birth to the Savior and Redeemer of our souls:  
 Do not despise me, Pure One, for I am in travail;  
 Have mercy on me, //  
 And guard me from all enmity and the snares of the evil one!

You contained the uncontainable God in your womb,

And gave birth to the Savior and Re - deem - er of our souls:

Do not des - pise me, Pure One, for I am in tra - vail; Have mer - cy on me,

And guard me from all enmity and the snares of the e - vil one!

Choir: O Gladsome Light ... (p. 46)

**APOSTIKHA – Tone 4**  
(Stikhera to the Apostles)

Christ, by the Holy Spirit you enlightened the Choir of Apostles;  
For their sake wash away the filth of our sins, O God, //  
And have mercy on us!

Christ, by the Holy Spirit you enlightened the Choir of A - pos - tles;  
For their sake wash away the filth of our sins, O God, And have mer - cy on us!

*v. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us, for we have had our fill of contempt, our soul has been filled to overflowing. Let reproach be for the prosperous, and contempt of the proud.*

The Holy Spirit lifted up your disciples, O Christ God,  
Revealing the unlearned to be teachers!  
As the All Powerful One, you put an end to error, //  
By the harmony coming from the notes of the many tongues!

The Holy Spirit lifted up your disciples, O Christ God,  
Revealing the unlearned to be teach-ers! As the All Pow-er-ful One, you put an end to er-ror,  
By the harmony coming from the notes of the ma - ny tongues!

(To the martyrs)

*v. I lift up my eyes to You, enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He has mercy on us.*

O martyrs of the Lord:  
Living sacrifices and reasonable offerings;  
Perfect incense burnt to God;

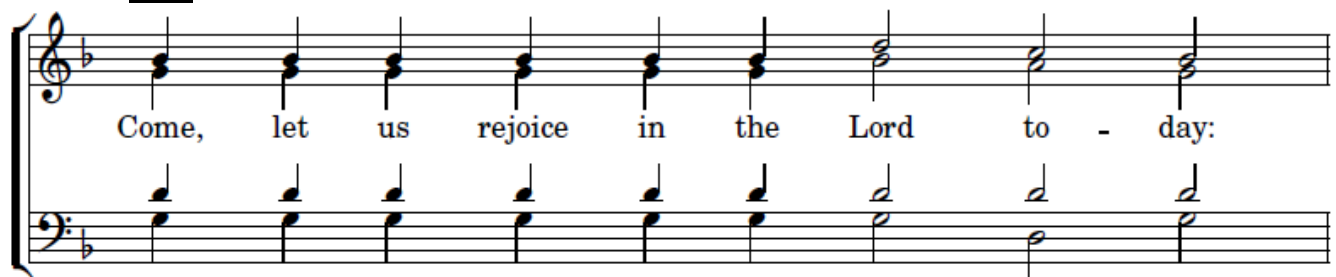
Sheep that know God and are known by Him,  
 Into whose folds the wolves cannot break!//  
 Pray that we may be led with you to rest beside the still waters.



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 Per - fect in - cense burnt to God; Sheep that know God and are known by Him,  
 Into whose folds the wolves can - not break!  
 Pray that we may be led with you to rest beside the still wa - ters.

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

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord today:  
 The day of the commemoration of the passion-bearers!  
 Come, all who love the feasts of the Church!  
 Let us give glory, offering them mystical praise:  
 Rejoice, Acindynus!  
 Rejoice, Pegasus and Anempodistus!  
 Rejoice, Elpidephorus!  
 Rejoice, Athonius!  
 You drowned the deceits of idolatry in the depths of the sea;  
 You preached Christ the Lord openly in the arena!  
 Therefore, most blessed, greatly suffering ones, //  
 Ever intercede for our souls!



Come, let us rejoice in the Lord to - day:

The day of the commemoration of the passion bear - ers!

Come, all who love the feasts of the church!

Let us give glory, offering them mys - ti - cal praise:

Re - joice, A - cin - dyn - us! Re - joice, Peg - a - sus and A - nem - po - dis - tus!

Re - joice, El - pi - de - phor - us! Re - joice, Aph - tho - ni - us!

You drowned the deceits of idolatry in the depths of the sea;

You preached Christ the Lord openly in the a - ren - a!

Therefore, most blessed, greatly suf-fer-ing ones, Ev-er in-ter-cede for our souls!

*(Theotokion)*

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

As a fruitful olive tree,  
 The Virgin bore you, the Fruit of Life,  
 Who brought forth the fruit of great and rich mercy for the world.

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Who brought forth the fruit of great and rich mer - cy for the world.

*Then, St. Symeon's Prayer (p. 58)*

**Tone 2****Troparion***(Martyrs of Persia)**(Troparion for the Martyrs – Tone 2)*

Blessed is the earth that received your blood, Passion-Bearers of the Lord,  
 And holy is the dwelling place which received your spirits.  
 You triumphed over the enemy in the stadium  
 And you preached Christ with boldness.  
 Since He is good, we pray that you beseech Him to save our souls.

Soprano  
Alto

Bless-ed is the earth that received your blood, Pas-sion -

Tenor  
Bass

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sta - di - um and you preached Christ with bold-ness. Since He

is good, we pray that you be-seech Him to save our souls.

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

Through you, ever-virgin Theotokos,  
We have become partakers of the Divine nature,  
For you gave birth to the incarnate God for our sake.//  
Therefore we all devoutly magnify you!

Through you, ever-virgin The-o - to - kos, We have become partakers of the Divine na-ture,

For you gave birth to the in - car - nate God for our sake.//

There - fore we all de - vout - ly mag - ni - fy you!

*Then, Augmented Litany (p. 60)*