SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025 Sunday of the Prodigal Son

"Lord I Call..." Tone 1

Lord, I call upon You, <u>hear</u> me! <u>Hear</u> me, O Lord! <u>Lord</u>, I call upon You, <u>hear</u> me! Re<u>ceive</u> the <u>voice</u> of my prayer, when I <u>call</u> up<u>on</u> You!// <u>Hear me</u>, O Lord! Let my <u>prayer</u> arise in Your sight as <u>in</u>cense, and <u>let</u> the lifting <u>up</u> of my hands be an <u>evening sac</u>rifice!// <u>Hear me</u>, O Lord!

Reader reads the rest of Psalm 140 and Psalm 141 in the pew book, then STICHERA:

V. (10) *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your Name!* **Tone 1** Accept our evening prayers, O <u>ho</u>ly Lord! Grant us re<u>mis</u>sion of sins,// for You alone have manifested the Resur<u>rec</u>tion to the world.

V. (9) *The righteous will surround me, for You will deal bountifully with me.* Encircle Sion and surround her, O people! Give glory in her to the One Who rose from the dead! For <u>He</u> is <u>our</u> God,// Who has delivered us from our trans<u>gres</u>sions!

V. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! <u>Come</u>, O <u>people</u>, let us hymn and fall <u>down</u> before Christ, <u>glo</u>rifying His Resur<u>rec</u>tion from the dead! For <u>He</u> is <u>our</u> God,// Who has delivered the world from the <u>En</u>emy's deceit!

V. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! Be glad, O heavens! Sound trumpets, O foun<u>da</u>tions of the earth! Sing in <u>gladness</u>, O <u>mountains</u>! Behold Emmanuel has <u>nailed</u> our <u>sins</u> to the Cross! Granting <u>life</u>, He has <u>slain</u> death.// He has resurrected Adam as the <u>Lov</u>er of man.

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

Let us praise Him Who voluntarily was crucified in the <u>flesh</u> for our sake. He <u>suffered</u>, was buried, but <u>rose</u> from the dead. By Orthodoxy con<u>firm</u> Your <u>Church</u>, O Christ.// Grant peace for our life as the gracious <u>Lov</u>er of man.

V. (5) For Your Name's sake I wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

We <u>stand</u> before Your life-bearing tomb unworthily, O <u>Christ</u> God, offering glory to Your ineffable com<u>pas</u>sion. You have ac<u>cept</u>ed the Cross and death, O <u>sin</u>less One// to grant Resurrection to the world as the Lover of man.

V. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!
Tone 1 <u>Rich</u> and fertile was the earth allotted to us, but all we planted were the <u>seeds</u> of sin.
We <u>reaped</u> the sheaves of evil with the sickle of <u>la</u>ziness; we failed to place them on the threshing <u>floor</u> of repentance.
Now we <u>beg</u> You, O Lord, eternal Master of the <u>har</u>vest:
"May Your love become the breeze to winnow the straw of our <u>worth</u>less deeds!// Make us like the precious wheat to be stored in heaven, and <u>save</u> us all!"

V. (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! 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. That good man embraced him and welcomed him; he killed the fatted calf and celebrated with heavenly joy. Let us learn from this example to offer thanks to the Father, Who loves all men,// and to the glorious Victim, the Savior of our souls!

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; **Tone 2** (from the Lenten Triodion) What great blessings have I forsaken, <u>wretch</u> that I am? From what kingdom have I miserably <u>fal</u>len? I have <u>squan</u>dered the riches that were <u>given</u> me; I have transgressed the com<u>mand</u>ments. Woe to me when I shall be condemned to <u>eter</u>nal fire! Cry out to <u>Christ</u>, O my soul, before the <u>end</u> draws nigh:// "Receive me as the Prodigal, O God, and have <u>mer</u>cy on me!"

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Tone 1** (Theotokion – Dogmatikon) Let us <u>praise</u> the Virgin <u>Mary</u>! The gate of heaven, the <u>glory</u> of the world! The <u>song</u> of the angels, the beauty of the <u>faith</u>ful! She was born of <u>man</u>, yet gave <u>birth</u> to God! She was re<u>vealed</u> as the heaven, as the temple of the <u>God</u>head! She destroyed the wall of <u>en</u>mity! She com<u>menced</u> the peace; she opened the <u>King</u>dom! Since she is <u>our</u> foundation of faith, our de<u>fen</u>der is the <u>Lord</u> Whom she bore! Courage! Courage! O <u>Peo</u>ple of God! For <u>Christ</u> will destroy our <u>en</u>emies// since He is all <u>pow</u>erful.

APOSTICHA

Tone 1 We have been <u>freed</u> from <u>sufferings</u> by Your <u>suffering</u>, O Christ. <u>We</u> have been delivered from cor<u>rup</u>tion by Your <u>Res</u>ur<u>rec</u>tion.// O Lord, <u>glo</u>ry to You!

V. *The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!* Let cre<u>a</u>tion rejoice! Let the <u>heav</u>ens be glad! Let the <u>na</u>tions clap their hands with <u>glad</u>ness, for Christ our Savior has <u>nailed</u> our <u>sins</u> to the Cross. Slaying <u>death</u>, He has given <u>life</u>.//He has resurrected fallen Adam as the <u>Lov</u>er of man. V. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.

As <u>King</u> of <u>heaven</u> and earth, / You were voluntarily crucified in Your <u>love</u> for man. / <u>Hell</u> was angered when it <u>met</u> You below. / Adam rose seeing You, the Cre<u>a</u>tor, <u>un</u>der the earth. / O <u>won</u>der! How has the Life of all <u>tast</u>ed death? / You enlightened the <u>world</u> which cries:// O Lord, Who rose from the dead, <u>glory</u> to You!

V. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore! The <u>myrrh</u>bearing women came with <u>haste</u> to Your tomb, bearing myrrh and la<u>ment</u>ing. Not <u>find</u>ing Your most pure <u>bo</u>dy, they learned from the angel of the new and <u>glo</u>rious <u>won</u>der. They <u>told</u> the A<u>pos</u>tles:// "The Lord is risen, granting the world great <u>mercy</u>."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; **Tone 6** (from the Lenten Triodion) I, a wretched man, hide my face in shame: I have squandered the riches my Father gave to me; I went to live with <u>sense</u>less beasts; I sought their food and hungered, for I had not enough to eat. I will arise, I will return to my compassionate <u>Father</u>; He will accept my tears, as I kneel before Him, <u>cry</u>ing:// "In Your tender love for all men, receive me as one of Your servants and save me!"

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Tone 6** (Theotokion) My Maker and Redeemer, <u>Christ</u> the Lord, was born of you, O most pure <u>Virgin</u>. By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his <u>an</u>cient curse. Unceasingly we magnify you as the <u>Moth</u>er of God! Rejoice, O ce<u>les</u>tial Joy! Rejoice, O <u>La</u>dy:// the Protection, Intercession and Sal<u>va</u>tion of our souls!

TROPARIA

Tone 1 When the <u>stone</u> had been sealed by the <u>Jews</u>, / while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure <u>body</u>, / You <u>rose</u> on the third day, O <u>Sav</u>ior, / granting <u>life</u> to the world. / The <u>pow</u>ers of heaven therefore cried to You, O <u>Giv</u>er of Life: / "Glory to Your Resur<u>rec</u>tion, O Christ! / <u>Glory</u> to Your <u>Kingdom!//Glory</u> to Your dispensation, O <u>Lov</u>er of mankind!"

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.Tone 1Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

When <u>Ga</u>briel announced to you, O Virgin, saying "Rejoice!" / with that word the Master of all was incarnate in <u>you</u>, / the holy Ark, spoken of by the righteous <u>David!</u> / Your <u>womb</u> became more spacious than the <u>heavens</u>, / for you carried your Creator. / <u>Glory to Him Who took abode</u> in you! Glory to Him Who came <u>forth</u> from you!//Glory to Him Who freed us by being <u>born</u> of you!