

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

TONE 8

33rd Sunday after Pentecost / Ven. Maximus the Confessor / Martyr Neophytus of Nicaea

“Lord I Call...” Tone 8

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!
Hear me, O Lord!
Lord, I call upon You, hear me!
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 the rest of Psalm 140 and Psalm 141 on pgs 31 & 32 in the pew book, then:
STICHERA**

v. (10) *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your Name! Tone 8*

We offer to You, O Christ, / our evening song and reasonable service, / for You willed to have mercy on us//by Your Resurrection.

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

Lord, Lord, do not cast us away from Your face! / For You willed to have mercy on us// by Your Resurrection.

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

Rejoice, O holy Sion: / Mother of the churches, the abode of God, / for you were the first to receive remission of sins//by the Resurrection.

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

The Word of God the Father, / begotten before the ages, / in the latter times willed to be incarnate of the Virgin / and endured crucifixion unto death. / He has saved mortal man//by His Resurrection.

v. (6) *If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You. Tone 4 (for Ven. Maximus) (As one valiant among the martyrs)*

O blessed Maximus, you proclaimed to all / the One Who was well-pleased to become man in His compassion, / and is comprehended in two wills and energies. / You stopped the gaping mouths of the most evil ones, / who, through the wantonness of the devil, the fabricator of all wickedness,// wrongly proclaimed Christ as having only one will and one energy.

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.*

By the strength of your doctrines, O Father Maximus, / you choked the evil-minded Pyrrhus, who spoke vain and foolish things. / You underwent persecutions and sorrows, O blessed one: / you were badly beaten, and your tongue was cut out; / your divine hand, which you raised to God, was cut off,// yet with it you wrote the most sublime doctrines, O righteous one.

V. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!
Your tongue became as the pen of a ready scribe,
sharpened by the Spirit, O Father Maximus,
inscribing the writing of divine virtues with grace upon the tablets of our hearts,
and conveying the doctrine of the incarnation of Christ, //
Who willed to be made manifest to all mankind in two natures and one Person.

*V. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities. **Tone 8** (for St. Neophytus) (Oh, most glorious wonder)*
Oh, most glorious wonder!
A dove descends from on high
and speaks in a human voice to Neophytus the Martyr,
illuminating him with an angel's way of life,
and sending the youth to contend most mightily.
Oh, what godly deeds were done by the Martyr!
He excelled in every contest. //
By his prayers, save our souls, O Christ, since You are compassionate!

V. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!
Oh, most glorious wonder!
From his youth the wise Neophytus performs miracles
by the strength of the Spirit.
By his prayers water pours out from a rock;
he raises his dead mother back to life.
Oh, what godly deeds were done by the Martyr!
He excelled in every contest. //
By his prayers, save our souls, O Christ, since You are compassionate!

V. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.
Oh, most glorious wonder!
As Neophytus suffers bravely for Christ,
he amazes his enemies with astonishing miracles.
Thrown into the fire, he quenches it;
he causes savage beasts to cower in fear.
Oh, invincible might by which the athlete was made wondrous! // By his prayers, O God, save us!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; **Tone 6** (for Ven. Maximus)*
The sound of your teachings has gone out into all the earth,
O venerable Father Maximus.
Therefore you have found the reward of your labors in the heavens.
You destroyed the hosts of demons
and reached the ranks of Angels, whose life you blamelessly followed.
Since you have boldness before Christ our God, //
entreat peace for our souls!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Tone 8 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

The King of heaven, because of His love for man,
appeared on earth and dwelt with men.
He took flesh from the pure Virgin
and after assuming it, He came forth from her.
The Son is one: in two natures, yet one Person.
Proclaiming Him as perfect God and perfect Man,
we confess Christ our God!//
Entreat Him, O unwedded Mother, to have mercy on our souls.

APOSTICHA

Tone 8 Descending from heaven to ascend the Cross,
the eternal Life has come for death
to raise those who are fallen;
to enlighten those in darkness.//
O Jesus, our Savior and illuminator, glory to You!

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

We glorify Christ, who rose from the dead.
He accepted the human body and soul,
and freed both from suffering.
His most pure soul descended to hell, which He spoiled.
His holy body did not see corruption in the tomb.//
He is the Redeemer of our souls.

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

In psalms and songs we glorify Your Resurrection from the dead, O Christ.
By it, You have freed us from the tortures of hell//
and as God have granted eternal life and great mercy.

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

O Master of all, incomprehensible Creator of heaven and earth,
by Your suffering on the Cross You have gained passionlessness for me.
Accepting burial and arising in glory,
You resurrected Adam with Yourself by Your almighty hand.
Glory to Your rising on the third day!
By it You have granted us eternal life and cleansing of sins//
as the only compassionate One.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; Tone 8 (for Ven. Maximus)

We honor you, O Maximus our father,
as the instructor of a multitude of monks.
We have indeed learned to walk rightly in your footsteps.
Blessed are you, for having labored for Christ,
you denounced the power of the enemy.
You were a converser with the Angels and a companion of the venerable and righteous.//
Together with them, entreat the Lord that He grant mercy to our souls!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Tone 8 (Theotokion)

O unwedded Virgin,
who ineffably conceived God in the flesh,
O Mother of God most high,
accept the cries of your servants, O blameless One!
Grant cleansing of transgressions to all!//
Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!

TROPARIA

Tone 8 You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Tone 8 Troparion (Ven. Maximus)

O Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship,
the enlightener of the universe and the adornment of hierarchs;
all wise Father Maximus, your teachings have gleamed with light upon all things.//
Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Tone 8 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

For our sake You were born of the Virgin
and endured crucifixion, O Good One, destroying death by death.
Revealing the Resurrection as God, do not despise the work of Your hand!
Reveal Your love for man, O Merciful One, and accept the Theotokos praying for us,//
and save the despairing people, O our Savior!