

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

TONE 6

31st Sunday after Pentecost / Ven. Xenophon, his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arcadius and John, of Constantinople

“Lord I Call...” Tone 6

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 in the pew book, then STICHERA:

v. (10) *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your Name! Tone 6*

Possessing victory over hell, O Christ,
since You are free among the dead,
You ascended the Cross
raising with Yourself those who sat in the shades of death.//
Drawing life from Your light, O almighty Savior, have mercy on us!

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

Today Christ tramples on death,
for He is risen as He said!
Let us all sing this song,
for He has granted joy to the world:
O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life!//
O Savior almighty, have mercy on us!

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

Where shall we sinners flee from You, Who are in all creation?
In heaven You dwell!
In hell You trampled on death!
In the depths of the sea?
Even there is Your hand, O Master!
To You we flee, and falling before You, we pray://
O You Who rose from the dead, have mercy on us!

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

In Your Cross, we glory, O Christ.
We sing and glorify Your Resurrection.
For You are our God, // and we know no other than You.

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

We will always bless the Lord
by singing of His Resurrection!
For He endured the Cross, //
trampling down death by death.

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.

Glory to Your might, O Lord,
for You overthrew the prince of death,
by Your Cross renewing us, //
granting us life and incorruption.

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

Your burial destroyed the bonds of hell, O Lord.
Your Resurrection from the dead enlightened the world. //
O Lord, glory to You!

*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 2** (for Ven. Xenophon) (Joseph of Arimathea)*

The glory of your soul shone brilliantly,
for you illumined yourself with faith and almsgiving.
You rejoiced to distribute your wealth to the poor.
Your righteousness abides forever in the unfading light
which shone out from you, O Father.
There you behold your children and her that gave them birth, //
dwelling in the heavenly city.

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

You turned away from corruptible glory
and were counted worthy of the glory that is incorruptible and divine.
Having trampled down all the pleasures of life, O God-bearers,
you indeed desired greatly the all-beautiful Christ.
He saved you from the triple waves and tempest of the world //
and guided you to the calm and radiant life, O most wealthy ones.

v. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

You killed the passions of the flesh / and clothed yourselves in the garments of dispassion / woven
from the purity of your life. / While yet in the body you manifested a life equal to the Angels. / You
were great in wisdom / and have been counted worthy of the glory of the Angels on high, //
where you delight in the radiance of God.

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

Tone 6 Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin?
Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing?
The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,
but from you He was ineffably incarnate.
God by nature, yet Man for our sake,
not two persons, but one known in two natures.
Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//
to have mercy on our souls!

APOSTICHA

Tone 6 Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,
the Angels in heaven sing!
Enable us on earth//
to glorify You in purity of heart!

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

Destroying the gates of hell,
breaking the chains of death,
You resurrected the fallen human race as almighty God!//
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You!

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

Desiring to return us to Paradise,
Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb.
The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, crying,
“Woe to us, O Savior!
How do You deign to descend to death?
What place can hold Your life bearing body?
Come to us as You promised!
Take away our wailing and tears!”
Then the Angel appeared to them:
“Stop your lamentations!
Go, proclaim to the Apostles:
‘The Lord is risen,//
granting us purification and great mercy!’”

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

Having been crucified as You willed,
by Your burial You captured death, O Christ,
rising on the third day as God in glory,//
granting the world unending life 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.

Tone 6 My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord,
was born of you, O most pure Virgin.
By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his ancient curse.
Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mother of God!
Rejoice, O celestial Joy!
Rejoice, O Lady://
the Protection, Intercession and Salvation of our souls!

TROPARIA

Tone 6 The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You captured hell, not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, //
glory to You.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Tone 4 Troparion (Ven. Xenophon)
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 Venerable Xenophon* and his family!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Tone 4 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion
The mystery hidden from 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.

* Pronounced "ZEN-o-phon"