

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

TONE 2

3rd Sunday after Pentecost / Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

“Lord I Call...” Tone 2

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

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!

**After “Lord I Call...” the Reader reads the rest of Ps. 140 & Ps. 141 on pgs 31 in the pew book, then:
STICHERA**

v. (10) *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your Name! Tone 2*

Come, let us worship the Word of God / begotten of the Father before all ages, / and incarnate of the Virgin Mary! / Having endured the Cross, / He was buried as He Himself desired.// And having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.

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

Christ our Savior / nailed to the Cross the bond against us, / He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death.// We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.

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

With the Archangels / let us praise the Resurrection of Christ! / He is our Savior, our Redeemer. He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power//to judge the world which He made.

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

The Angel proclaimed You, / the crucified and buried Master. / He told the women: “Come, see the place where He lay! / He is risen as He said, / for He is almighty.” / We worship You, O only immortal One.// Have mercy on us, O Christ, the Giver of life!

v. (6) *If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You. Tone 6 (for the Fathers) (Despairing for her life)*

You were begotten from the Father before the Morning Star, / but Arius taught wrongfully that You were created: / in his ignorance he designated You as a creature, / yet the Fathers of the Council proclaimed You as Son of God, // co-enthroned with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

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.*

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

O honored Fathers, / you skillfully stitched together the garment of Christ, / which had been divided and torn apart by barking dogs. / You found it unbearable to see His nakedness, / as of old Shem and Japheth could not bear to see the nakedness of their father. / You put to shame the wretchedness of Arius and those who agreed with him, // and who professed the madness that bears his name.

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!

The Macedónians and Nestórians, the Eutýchians and Dióscorenes, / the Appolinárians, Sabélians, and Séverans, / who were revealed as oppressive wolves in sheep's skins, / you, as true shepherds, drove far away from the Savior's flock, / having stripped the thrice-wretched ones of their sheep's skins. // Therefore, we call you blessed, O holy Fathers.

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

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; Tone 6 (for the Fathers)

Today let us praise the mystical trumpets of the Spirit, / the God-bearing Fathers, / who stand in the midst of the Church, singing true theology, / praising the changeless Trinity! / They laid low the errors of Arius / and upheld the Orthodox Faith. // They always entreat the Lord to have mercy on our souls.

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Tone 2 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came; / as the Bush burned, yet was not consumed, / so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin. / The Righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame. // Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Reading is from Genesis. [14,14-20]

Now when Abram heard that Lot his nephew had been taken captive, he numbered his own home-born servants three hundred and eighteen, and pursued the enemy as far as Dan. And he fell upon them by night, he and his servants, and smote them and pursued them as far as Chobal, which is on the left of Damascus. And he brought back all the cavalry of Sodom, and he brought back Lot his nephew and all his goods and the women and the people. And the king of Sodom came out to meet him, after his return from the slaughter of Chodologomor and the kings with him, to the valley of Sabi; this was the plain of Kings. And Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine; he was Priest of the Most High. And he blessed Abram and said: Blessed is Abram by the most high God, who created the heaven and the earth. And blessed is the most high God, who has delivered your enemies into your hand.

The Reading is from Deuteronomy. [1,8-11 & 15-17^b]

Moses said to the sons of Israel: See, I have delivered the land before you; go in and inherit the land which I swore to your fathers, to Abraham and to Isaac and to Jacob, to give it to them and to their seed after them. And I spoke to you at that time saying: I alone shall not be able to bear you. The Lord your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are to-day as the stars of heaven in multitude. May the Lord the God of our fathers multiply you a thousand times more than you are, and bless you as he has spoken to you. And I took from you wise and understanding and prudent men, and I set them to rule over you, captains of thousands and hundreds and fifties and tens and recorders for your judges. And I commanded your judges at that time, saying: Hear cases between your brethren, and judge rightly between a man and his brother and the stranger who is with him. You shall not have respect to persons in judging. You shall hear the small as well as the great. You shall not shrink before any man's person; for the judgement is God's.

The Reading is from Deuteronomy. [10,14-18 & 20-21]

Moses said to the sons of Israel: Behold the heaven and the highest heaven belong to the Lord your God, the earth and all that is in it. the Lord preferred your fathers, to love them: and he chose their seed after them, you above all nations, as it is at this day. So circumcise the hardness of your heart and stiffen your neck no longer. For the Lord your God is God of Gods and the Lord of Lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality, who takes no bribe. He executes judgement for the stranger, the orphan and the widow; and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing. You shall fear the Lord your God and serve him, and to him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in his name. He is your boast, he your God, who has done for you the great and wonderful things which your eyes have seen.

APOSTICHA

Tone 2 Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior, / has enlightened the whole universe, / recalling Your creation.// Glory to You, O almighty Lord!

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

By the Tree You destroyed the curse of the Tree, O Savior. / By Your burial You mortified the majesty of death. / You have enlightened our race by Your Resurrection.// O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!

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

When You were seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ, / You restored the beauty of Your creatures. / The soldiers showed their inhumanity when they pierced Your side with a spear. / The Hebrews, not knowing Your power, / asked that Your tomb might be sealed, / but through the mercy of Your compassion, / You accepted the tomb / and rose on the third day!// O Lord, glory to You!

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

O Christ, the Giver of life, / for the sake of the dead You voluntarily endured death, / descending into hell as the Mighty One / to save those who awaited Your coming, / granting them the life of paradise instead of hell. / Grant also to us who glorify Your Resurrection on the third day// cleansing of our sins and great mercy!

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

Tone 4 Come, all Orthodox Churches,
let us celebrate today in faith and true worship
the yearly commemoration of the divinely-arranged Fathers
who gathered at Nicea from throughout the world!
There they refuted the godless teaching of Arius,
banishing him from the catholic Church by a decree of the council.
They taught all to confess openly the Son of God,
consubstantial and co-eternal with the Father,
proclaiming this with precision and true worship in the Symbol of Faith.
Therefore, as we faithfully follow their divine doctrines,
let us worship the Father, the Son, and the most Holy Spirit,//
the consubstantial Trinity in one Godhead!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Tone 4 (Theotokion)

Look on the entreaties of your servants, O Blameless One!
Stop all the terrible attacks against us,
freeing us from every affliction,
for we have only you as our sure and firm anchor!
Do not let us be put to shame, O Lady,
for we call on you for our intercession!
Hasten to pray for those who call in faith:
"Rejoice, O Lady, Help of all://
the Joy and Shelter and Salvation of our souls!"

TROPARIA

Tone 2 When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, / You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. / And when from the depths You raised the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out:// "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Tone 8 Troparion (Fathers)

You are most glorious, O Christ our God!
You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

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!