

**“Lord I Call...” Tone 3**

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 3*

By Your Cross, O Christ our Savior,  
 death’s dominion has been shattered;  
 the devil’s delusion destroyed.  
 The race of man, being saved by faith,//  
 always offers You a song.

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

All has been enlightened by Your Resurrection, O Lord.  
 Paradise has been opened again.  
 All creation, praising You,//  
 always offers You a song.

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

I glorify the power of the Father and the Son.  
 I praise the authority of the Holy Spirit:  
 the undivided, uncreated Godhead,//  
 the consubstantial Trinity which reigns forever.

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

We bow down in worship before Your precious Cross, O Christ,  
 and we glorify and praise Your Resurrection,//  
 for by Your wounds we have all been healed.

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

We praise the Savior incarnate of the Virgin,  
 for He was crucified for our sake and resurrected on the third day,//  
 granting us great mercy.

*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.*

Christ descended to hell proclaiming the glad tidings:

“Behold! Now I have triumphed!

I am the Resurrection, I will lead you out, //

for I have shattered the gates of death!”

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

**Tone 4** (for the Theotokos) (You have given a sign)

You are compassionate, O Lover of man,

giving Your Mother to Your servants as an aid.

Through her You have worked Your ineffable and awesome dispensation,

restoring our initial life, which was divine.

Therefore, as we honor her all-holy feast, we hymn Your might, //

O almighty Jesus, the Savior of our souls.

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

Protect with your precious robe, O all-praised one,

the people who honor and fittingly glorify you.

Preserve them from godless enemies, O immaculate one,

and from famine, earthquake and civil war.

Therefore we all glorify you, unwedded Virgin and holy Bride of God, //

helper of all mankind!

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

O Lady full of divine grace,

you have given your city your precious robe:

a treasure that cannot be diminished;

a shelter, glory, and impregnable wall;

a treasure of healings and ever-flowing fountain of wonders;

a constant haven and salvation for those tossed by storms. //

Therefore we hymn you, all-praised and pure Lady.

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

Come, O people,

and draw forth the healing of our body and soul

at the shrine where lays the precious robe of the Ever-Virgin Lady,

from which pour forth the streams of wonders

that wash away the darkness of our hearts

and the defilement of the passions, //

sanctifying the souls of the faithful with divine grace!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; Tone 2 (for the Theotokos)*

Cleansed in heart and mind, let us keep the feast together with the Angels,  
joyfully addressing the song of David  
to the Maiden Bride of Christ our God, the King of all.  
Let us say: "Arise, O Lord, into Your resting place,  
You and the ark of Your holiness,  
for You have adorned her as a palace of delight.  
You have given her, O Master, as an inheritance to Your people,  
to preserve and shelter them by Your mighty power from their enemies//  
through her supplications."

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Tone 3 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

How can we not wonder  
at your mystical childbearing, O exalted Mother?  
For without receiving the touch of man,  
you gave birth to a Son in the flesh, O immaculate Virgin.  
The Son born of the Father before eternity  
was born of you at the fullness of time, O honored Lady.  
He underwent no mingling, no change, no division,  
but preserved the fullness of each nature.  
Entreat Him, O Lady and Virgin and Mother,  
to save the souls of those who, in the Orthodox manner, confess you//  
to be the Theotokos.

## LITY

*(If the rector desires the Litya, following the sticheron to the Patron Saint of the Temple, these stichera are sung)*

**Tone 2** Christ our God has revealed you to your flock, O Bishop Nicholas,  
as an example of faith and an image of meekness.  
For you brought a sweet fragrance into Myra,  
shining brightly by your divine acts of virtue,  
as the advocate of orphans and widows//  
Therefore never cease to intercede that our souls may be saved!

**Tone 1** *(for the Theotokos)* *(O all-praised martyrs)*

You alone are the living palace of God  
and have given us your precious robe  
to be preserved as a treasure in your holy house  
as a sanctification and invincible protection for the faithful,  
through which we are saved, O Mother of God,//  
as we sing and praise your divine power.

You have given to us your precious robe,  
which clothed your honored and holy body, O pure one.  
It is a fountain flowing with the eternal waters of grace,  
and we celebrate its deposition for us.  
We honor you, O Theotokos, // for you are the most honored of all of God's creation.

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

**Tone 1** Your temple preserves your holy robe, O Lady,  
as a treasure of holiness,  
rightly sanctifying those come before you with faith.  
Therefore, we ever bless and honor you//  
as the strength and hope and the steadfast protection of our souls.

*When the singers have completed the stichera, the deacon says:*

God, save your people and bless your inheritance, watch over your world in mercy and compassions, lift up the horn of right-glorifying Christians and send down upon us your rich mercies, through the intercessions of our all-pure lady the Birthgiver of God and ever-virgin Mary, whose remembrance of the placing of her honorable robe we also fulfill, by the power of the precious and life-creating Cross, by the protections of the honorable bodiless powers of heaven, through the supplications of the honorable, glorious prophet, forerunner and baptist John, of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable apostles, of our fathers among the saints, great hierarchs and teachers of the world Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John the Golden-mouth; Athanasius, Cyril, and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria, Nicholas of Myra and Spyridon the bishop of Trih~~me~~ethous, the wonderworkers; of the holy glorious and right-victorious martyrs, of the holy glorious great martyrs George the trophy-bearer, Demetrios the myrrh-streamer, Theodore the Recruit and Theodore the Commander, of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers, of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and of all your saints, we implore you, only Lord full of mercy, hear us the sinners who pray to you and have mercy on us.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Again we pray for our rulers, that the Lord our God works together with them and makes them prosper in all.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Again we pray for our Archbishop and father (name).

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Again we pray for every Christian soul distressed and weary, in need of God's mercy and help, for the protection of this holy house and those who dwell in it, for the peace and stillness of the whole world, for the stability of the holy Churches of God, for the salvation and help of our fathers and brothers who with diligence and fear of God labor and serve, for those who are absent and those who are abroad, for the healing of those who lie in infirmity, for the repose, blessed memory and remission of sins of all our right-glorifying fathers and brethren gone before us, who piously lie asleep here and everywhere, for deliverance of the imprisoned, and for our brethren who are in ministries, and for all who serve and have served in this holy house, let us say:

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Again we pray that this holy house, and every monastery, city, and countryside be kept from pestilence, famine, earthquake, flood, fire, sword, invasion of enemies, civil war, and sudden death; that our good God who loves mankind be gracious, favorable, and conciliatory, and turn away and dispel all the wrath and illness stirred up against us, and deliver us from his looming righteous threat, and have mercy on us.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Again we pray that the Lord God will hear the voice of our supplication, of the sinners, and have mercy on us.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (x3)

**Priest:** Hear us, God, our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of those who are far off upon the sea; and be gracious, Master, be gracious to us, upon our sins, and have mercy on us. For you are a merciful God and love mankind, and to you we send up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

**Priest:** Peace to all.

**Choir:** And to your spirit.

**Deacon:** Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

**Choir:** To You, O Lord.

*All bow their heads as the priest says the following prayer aloud:*

Master full of mercy, Lord Jesus Christ our God, through the intercessions of our all-pure Lady the Birthgiver of God and ever-virgin Mary whose remembrance of the placing of her honorable robe we also fulfill, by the power of the precious and life-creating Cross, by the protections of the honorable bodiless powers of heaven, through the supplications of the honorable, glorious prophet, forerunner and baptist John, of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable apostles, of our fathers among the saints, great hierarchs and teachers of the world Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John the Golden-mouth; Athanasius, Cyril, and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria, Nicholas of Myra and Spyridon the bishop of Trimythous, the wonderworkers; of the holy glorious and right-victorious martyrs, of the holy glorious great martyrs George the trophy-bearer, Demetrios the myrrh-streamer, Theodore the Recruit and Theodore the Commander, of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers, of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and of all your saints, make our supplication acceptable, grant us remission of our trespasses, shelter us in the shelter of your wings, drive away from us every enemy and adversary, make our life peaceful, Lord, have mercy on us and on your world and save our souls, for you are good and love mankind.

**Choir:** Amen.

**Priest:** Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, for you have borne the Savior of our souls. (*α1*)

**Choir:** Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, for you have borne the Savior of our souls. (*twice*)

*The priest takes one of the loaves from the five loaves and with it makes the sign of the cross over the loaves.*

**Deacon:** Let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** Lord Jesus Christ our God, who blessed the five loaves in the wilderness and with them fed the five thousand, yourself also bless these loaves, the wheat, the wine and the oil, and multiply them in this city and in the whole world; and sanctify your faithful servants who will partake of them. For it is you who bless and sanctify all things, Christ our God, and to you we send up glory, together with your unoriginate Father and your all-holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

*The priest takes one of the loaves and sings in Tone 7:*

**Priest:** Rich men have turned poor \* and gone hungry; \* but they that seek the Lord \* shall not be deprived of any good thing. (*once*)

**Choir:** Rich men have turned poor \* and gone hungry; \* but they that seek the Lord \* shall not be deprived of any good thing. (*twice*)

## APOSTICHA

**Tone 3** The sun was darkened by Your Passion, O Christ, but all creation was enlightened by the light of Your Resurrection.//  
Accept our evening song, O Lover of man!

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

Your life-bearing Resurrection, O Lord, enlightened the whole universe, recalling Your creation.  
Delivered from Adam's curse, we sing://  
O Almighty Lord, glory to You!

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

You are the changeless God,  
Who, suffering in the flesh, were changed.  
Creation could not endure seeing You on the Cross.  
It was filled with fear while praising Your patience.  
By descending to hell and rising on the third day, //  
You have granted to the world life and great mercy.

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

You endured death, O Christ,  
to deliver the race of men from death.  
You rose from the dead on the third day,  
raising with Yourself those who knew You as God//  
and enlightening the world. Glory to You!

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

**Tone 2** Today the Church of God adorns itself, O all-pure Theotokos,  
putting on your precious robe as a most splendid crown.  
It rejoices and dances in spirit, crying out to you, O Mistress:  
“Rejoice, precious diadem and crown of divine glory!  
Rejoice, only perfection of glory and eternal gladness!  
Rejoice, haven and deliverance of those who run to you//  
and our salvation!”

### **TROPARIA**

**Tone 3** Let the heavens rejoice!  
Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.  
He has trampled down death by death.  
He has become the first born of the dead.  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,  
and has granted to the world//  
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 8** Ever-Virgin Theotokos, protectress of mankind, you have given your people a powerful  
legacy: the robe and sash of your most honored body, which remained incorrupt throughout your  
seedless childbearing; for through you time and nature are renewed!// Therefore we implore you:  
“Grant peace to your people and to our souls great mercy!”