

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

TONE 4

21st Sunday after Pentecost (6th of Luke)

Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasus, Elpidophorus, Aphthonius and Anempodistus

"Lord I Call..." Tone 4

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 & 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 4*

We glorify Your Resurrection on the third day, O Christ God, / by always honoring Your life-creating Cross; / by it, You have renewed the corrupted nature of man, / O almighty One. / By it, You have renewed our entrance to heaven,//for You are good and the Lover of man.

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

You loosed the Tree's verdict of disobedience, O Savior, / by being voluntarily nailed to the tree of the Cross. / By descending to hell, O almighty God, / You broke the bonds of death. / Therefore, we adore Your Resurrection from the dead, singing in joy:// "Glory to You, O all powerful Lord!"

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

You smashed the gates of hell, O Lord, / and by Your death You demolished the kingdom of death. / You delivered the race of men from corruption,// granting the world life, incorruption and great mercy.

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

Come, O people, / let us sing of the Savior's Resurrection on the third day! / By it, we have been freed from the unbreakable bonds of hell. / By it, we have received life and incorruption. / Save us by Your Resurrection!//O Life-creating and almighty Savior, glory to You!

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

Angels and men sing of Your Resurrection on the third day, O Savior. / By it, the ends of the earth have been illuminated. / By it we have been delivered from bondage to the Enemy. / Save us by Your Resurrection!// O Life-creating and almighty Savior, glory to You!

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.*

You have shattered the gates of brass / and destroyed the chains of death, O Christ God. / You have raised the fallen human race.// O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

V. (4) *From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*
O Lord, Your begetting from the Father is timeless and everlasting. / Your incarnation from the Virgin is beyond words and understanding. / Your descent into hell is terrible for the Devil and his Angels. / You have trampled on death, / rising on the third day, // and granting men incorruption and great mercy.

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 4** (for the Martyrs) (As one valiant among the martyrs)*
Let us hymn the company of the five martyrs: / the wise Acíndynus / with Pegásius and Elpidéphórus, / Aphthónius and Anempódistus! / They are valiant athletes and fervent protectors. / They pour forth abundant grace and unfailing hope, // granting them freely to the faithful.

V. (2) *Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*
Neither hunger, nor tribulation, / nor boiling cauldrons, nor the depths of the earth, / neither life nor death, nor even the mouths of wild beasts, / could separate your brave deeds of patient endurance from the love of Christ. / You continually directed your gaze towards Him. // Desiring Him alone, you vanquished the Enemy.

V. (1) *For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*
As you delight in sweetness and are filled with light, / inheriting eternal life, O divinely wise ones, / deliver those who pray to you and honor your place of martyrdom / from misfortunes, bondage and imprisonment! / For, as true imitators and followers of Christ // you have boldness before God and great mercy.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; **Tone 6** (for the Martyrs)*
Today the martyrs' choir of fivefold splendor
illuminates the faithful like a constellation of stars.
It summons all to mystical joy.
Today the servants of the spiritual Sun
lead all to righteousness.
They destroyed the traditions of the Persians,
who adored the material sun and worshipped fire.
They filled to overflowing the cup of their suffering;
they have been crowned with their blood shed for the sake of Christ.
They call us, O lovers of piety, saying:
"Come, feast as you behold our sufferings;
look upon our crowns and honors,
for Christ has truly said:
'He who endures to the end is saved.' //
Come, share our crowns and take us as intercessors before the Lord!"

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

The Prophet David was a father of the Lord
through you, O Virgin.
He foretold in songs the One Who worked wonder in you:
“At Your right hand stood the Queen,”
Your Mother, the mediatrix of life,
since God was freely born of her without a father.
He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in passion,
so He took the lost sheep upon His shoulder
and brought it to His Father,
joining it to the heavenly pow’rs.//
Christ, Who has great and rich mercy, has saved the world, O Theotokos.

APOSTICHA

Tone 4 By ascending the Cross, O Lord, / You have annulled our ancestral curse. / By descending
to hell, You have freed the eternal prisoners, / granting incorruption to the human race.//
Therefore in songs we glorify Your life-creating and saving Resurrection.

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

By hanging upon the tree, O only powerful Lord,
You shook all of creation.
By being laid in the tomb You have raised those who dwelt in the tombs,
granting life and incorruption to the human race.//
Therefore in songs we glorify Your rising on the third day.

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

The lawless people, O Christ,
handed You over to Pilate, condemned to be crucified,
thus proving themselves ungrateful before their Benefactor.
But voluntarily You endured burial,
rising by Your own power on the third day as God,//
granting us life everlasting and great mercy.

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

With tears the women reached Your tomb,
searching for You, but not finding You.
They wept with wailing and lamented:
“Woe to us! Our Savior, King of all,
how were You stolen?
What place can hold Your life-bearing body?”
An Angel replied to them:
“Do not weep, but go and proclaim that the Lord is risen,//
granting us joy as the only compassionate One!”

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

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord
on the day of the commemoration of the passion-bearers!

Come, all who love the feasts of the Church,
let us give glory, offering them mystical praise:

“Rejoice, Acíndynus!

Rejoice, Pegásius and Anempódistus!

Rejoice, Elpidephórus!

Rejoice, Aphónius!

You drowned the deceits of idolatry in the depths of the sea;
you preached Christ the Lord openly in the arena.

Therefore, most blessed, greatly suffering ones, //
ever intercede for our souls!”

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

A new miracle surpasses all ancient miracles!

Who knows of a Mother who gave birth without a man,
who carried in her arms her Creator?

This birth is the will of God!

Since you carried Him as an infant in your arms, O most pure one,
and since you possess motherly boldness before Him,

do not cease praying for us who honor you, //
that He may be bountiful and save our souls!

TROPARIA

Tone 4 When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:

“Death is overthrown!

Christ God is risen, //

granting the world great mercy!”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Tone 2 Troparion (Martyrs)

Blessed is the earth that received your blood, passion-bearers of the Lord,
and holy is the dwelling place which received your spirits.

You triumphed over the enemy in the stadium,

and you preached Christ with boldness. //

Since He is good, we pray that you beseech Him to save our souls.

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Tone 2 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

All beyond thought, all most glorious, / are your mysteries, O Theotokos. / Sealed in purity,
preserved in virginity, / you were revealed to be the true Mother who gave birth to the True
God. // Entreat Him to save our souls.