

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

TONE 8

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / The Protection of our All-Holy Lady Theotokos & Ever-Virgin Mary

**“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!

**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 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 1** *(for the Protection)* **(Oh, the Marvelous Wonder)**

O pure Theotokos, fount of wisdom,  
and great help to those in distress,  
you are a speedy aid, protectress, and support of the world.  
We the faithful sing in praise of her who is a sea of compassion,  
ineffably praising her radiant omophorion:  
“Rejoice, O Maiden, full of grace,  
the Lord is with you//  
granting the world great mercy through 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.*

The wondrous Isaiah prophesied:

“In the latter days,” said he, “it will come to pass that the mountain of the Lord shall be revealed, and the house of the Lord shall be upon the summit of the mountain.”

And of this, O sovereign Lady, we have seen in you the true fulfillment.

For the mountains and hills are adorned with churches that bear the many names of your festivals.

Therefore, joyfully we sing to you:

“Rejoice, O highly favored Maiden,

the Lord is with you, //

granting the world great mercy through you!”

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

Oh, how marvelous an adornment are you to all the faithful!

You are the true fulfillment of the prophecies,

the glory of the Apostles and the beauty of the Martyrs,

the boast of virginity and the marvelous protection of the whole world.

O sovereign Lady, protect with the omophorion of your tender mercy

all the people who cry out to you:

“Rejoice, O Virgin, full of grace,

the Lord is with you, //

granting the world great mercy through 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 4** (for the Protection) (As one valiant among the martyrs)*

You are like the divinely planted Paradise, O Theotokos,

the place where the Tree of Life was watered by the Holy Spirit.

We acknowledge that you gave birth to the Creator of all

Who feeds the faithful with the Bread of Life.

Together with the Forerunner, entreat Him on our behalf; //

and by your precious omophorion protect your people from all attacks!

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

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the place where the Tree of Life was watered by the Holy Spirit.

We acknowledge that you gave birth to the Creator of all

Who feeds the faithful with the Bread of Life.

Together with the Forerunner, entreat Him on our behalf; //

and by your precious omophorion protect your people from all attacks!

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

Heaven and earth are sanctified; / the Church is radiant, and all the people celebrate, / for behold, the Mother of God enters invisibly with the armies of the Angels, / the Forerunner, and the Theologian, / the Prophets, and the Apostles! / She prays to Christ for Christians / and entreats Him to have mercy on this land and its people, // who glorify the feast of her Protection.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; **Tone 8** (for the Protection)*

Today the Powers of Heaven rejoice with us,  
and the souls of the just are spiritually assembled  
to behold the Queen and Mother glorified by the faithful.  
They witness the vision of the Mother of God:  
her arms outstretched upon the clouds in prayer,  
entreating peace for the world, //  
strength for Orthodox Christians, and salvation 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.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**The Reading is from Genesis. [28:10-17]**

Jacob went out from the well of the oath and journeyed towards Harran. And he lighted on a place and slept there, for the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of the place and put it at his head; and he slept in that place, and he dreamed. And behold, a ladder set up on the earth, whose head reached to heaven; and the Angels of God were going up and going down upon it. But the Lord stood above it and said: I am the God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac, do not be afraid. The land on which you are sleeping I shall give to you and to your seed. And your seed will be like the sand of the earth, and it will be spread abroad to the Sea and Liva and North and East; and in you and in your seed all the tribes of the earth will be blessed. And behold, I am with you, guarding you on every road on which you may journey; and I shall bring you back again to this land, because I shall never abandon you until I have done all that I have said to you. And Jacob arose from his sleep and said: The Lord is in this place, but I did not know it. And he was afraid, and said: How fearful is this place! This is none other than the house of God, this is the gate of heaven.

**The Reading is from the Prophecy of Ezekiel. [43:72, 44:1]**

It shall be from the eighth day and upwards, the Priests shall make your holocausts upon the altar, and those for your salvation; and I shall accept you, says the Lord. And he turned me back by the way of the outer gate of the Holy Place, which looks towards the east, and it was shut. And the Lord said to me: This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no one shall pass through it, because the Lord, the God of Israel, will enter through it, and it shall be shut. Therefore this prince shall sit in it to eat bread. By the way of the Elam of the gate he shall enter, and by that way he shall go out. And he brought me by the way of the gate towards the North, opposite the House; and I saw, and behold the whole house of the Lord was full of glory.

**The Reading is from Proverbs. [9:1-11]**

Wisdom has built herself a house. She has slaughtered her beasts and mixed her wine in the mixing bowl, and prepared her table. She her sent out her servants, to invite with a loud proclamation upon the mixing bowl: Whoever is foolish, let him turn to me. And to those who lack wisdom she said: Come, eat my bread, and drink the wine that I have mixed for you. Abandon folly, and you will live; and seek understanding that you may have life, and set aright your understanding with knowledge. One who corrects the wicked will gain dishonour for himself. One who rebukes the impious will get blame for himself; for to the impious rebukes are blows. Do not rebuke the wicked, lest they hate you. Rebuke a wise man and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man and he will be wiser; teach a just man and he will increase learning. The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord, and the counsel of Saints, understanding. While to know the law is the part of a good mind. For by this means you will live for a long time, and years will be added to your life.

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**Tone 3** Today the radiant feast of your protecting veil has come,

O most pure Virgin.

You enlighten, more than the sun,

those who in faith and purity of heart confess you as the true Mother of God,

and who cry out to your Son:

“O Christ God, by the prayers of the Ever-Virgin,

who in purity and without corruption gave birth to You,

preserve Your inheritance from the enemies that war against it, //

and since You are merciful, preserve our souls in peace!”

**Tone 4** Your Son’s people are unable to praise you fittingly as they desire, / O most pure Lady; / for you always defend all the faithful, / protecting them with your precious veil, / and praying for the salvation of all who with faith honor you, // the pure and true Theotokos.

**Tone 2** Let us the faithful assemble today  
to praise the all-immaculate Queen of all,  
the most pure Virgin, the Mother of Christ our God,  
for she mercifully ever stretches out her hand to her Son!  
And it is she whom glorious Andrew beheld in the air  
protecting the people with her precious veil.  
Let us sing to her with tenderness of heart://  
Rejoice, O protectress, defender, and salvation of our souls!

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

**Tone 2** Having cleansed our hearts and minds,  
let us with the Angels splendidly keep festival,  
as we sing the song of David to the Virgin,  
the bride of the King of All, Christ our God:  
“Arise, O Lord, into Your resting place;  
You and the ark of Your holiness”;  
for You have adorned her as a beautiful palace, O Master,  
and have made her an inheritance for Your city,  
so that, by her prayers and Your mighty power,//  
she might defend it from pagan adversaries.

*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 her holy protection 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 Trihmeethous,  
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 her holy protection 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. (x1)

**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 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; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 2** The Church of God is adorned as with a shining crown / by your precious veil, O Theotokos. / Today she shines with joy, / celebrating mystically and crying to you: / “Rejoice, precious raiment and crown of the glory of God! / Rejoice, only fulfillment of glory and eternal joy! / Rejoice, haven of those who run to you, // our deliverance and our salvation!”

## **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, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 4** Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy, / illumined by your coming, O Mother of God. / Beholding your pure image, we fervently cry to you: / “Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection; / deliver us from every form of evil / by entreating Christ, your Son and our God, // that He may save our souls.”

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

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** The blessing and mercy of the Lord come upon you with his grace and love for mankind, always, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

**Priest:** Glory to You, Christ God our Hope, glory to You.

**Choir:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. Father, bless!

**Priest:** He who accepted...

Through the prayers...

**Choir:** Amen.