

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

TONE 6

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross/Leavetaking of the Exaltation of the Cross

"Lord I Call..." Tone 6

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!

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 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!*

**Tone 6** *(Having placed all their hope)*

As the Cross is lifted on high,  
it urges all of creation  
to praise the undefiled Passion of Christ, Who was lifted up on it.  
For by the Cross He killed the one who killed us,  
and brought us back to life when we were dead.  
He adorned us in beauty,  
and in His compassion made us worthy to live in heaven.  
Therefore we rejoice and exalt His Name, //  
and magnify His infinite condescension.

**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!*

Moses prefigured you, O precious Cross, / when he stretched out his hands on high, / and put the tyrant Amalek to flight. / You are the boast of the faithful, the support of those who suffer, / the glory of the Apostles, the champion of the Righteous, / and the preservation of all the Saints. / Therefore, beholding you raised on high, / creation rejoices and celebrates, / glorifying Christ Who has joined together through you that which was divided // in His infinite goodness.

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

O most venerable Cross,  
attended by ranks of rejoicing angels,  
as you are exalted today at the divine command,  
may you lift up again  
all those who through the stolen food  
had been cast out and were sunk in death.  
Therefore, as we venerate you in faith with heart and lips,  
we draw sanctification from you and cry aloud:  
“Exalt Christ, the God transcendent in goodness,//  
and venerate His divine footstool!”

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

Come, all you nations,  
let us fall down in worship before the blessed Tree,  
by which eternal justice has come to pass!  
For he who deceived Adam by a Tree  
is caught by the lure of the Cross;  
and he who held under his tyranny the creature endowed by God with royal dignity  
is brought down in a headlong fall.  
The serpent’s venom is washed away by the blood of God,  
and the curse of just condemnation is undone  
when the Just One is condemned by an unjust judgment.  
For it was fitting that the tree should be healed by a Tree,  
and that by the Passion of the passionless God  
what was wrought on the Tree should destroy the passions of man, who was condemned.  
But glory to Your dread dispensation for our sakes, O Christ the King,  
through which You have saved us all,//  
since You are good and the Lover of man!

*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 8** Your precious Cross, O Christ God, / which Moses of old prefigured in his own person / when he overthrew Amalek and put him to flight; / which David commanded to be worshipped, / calling it Your footstool: / this same Cross we sinners worship today with unworthy lips. / We praise You Who were pleased to be nailed upon it, / and we cry to You: // "With the thief, make us worthy of Your Kingdom, O Lord!"

## **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 1      Troparion    (Feast)**

O Lord, save Your people,  
and bless Your inheritance!

Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians  
over their adversaries;  
and by virtue of Your Cross, //  
preserve Your habitation!

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