

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Tone 7

16th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Protomartyr Thecla / St. Silouan of Athos

“Lord I Call...” Tone 7

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 7
Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, / Who destroyed the dominion of death!
Let us sing to Him with the bodiless hosts, / for He enlightened the human race!//
Our Maker and Savior, glory to You!

v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.
You endured the Cross and burial for our sake.
By Your death, You destroyed death as God.
We fall down before Your Resurrection on the third day,//
O Savior, glory to You!

v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!
When the Apostles beheld the Resurrection of the Maker,
they were amazed and sang the angelic praise.
This is the glory of the Church.
This is the richness of the Kingdom.//
O Lord, crucified for our sake, glory to You!

v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
You were held by lawless men, O Christ,
but to me, You are God, and I am not ashamed.
You were smitten on the cheek, but I do not deny You.
You were nailed to the Cross and I do not conceal it,
for I glory in Your Resurrection: Your death is my life.//
Almighty Lord and Lover of mankind, glory to You!

v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.
Tone 8 O Lord, Thecla stood at a window transfigured by love of You, / While in her heart she
stood in the heights before Your throne! / She marvelled at Your incomparable majesty,// Shown
forth in Your love for mankind, Savior of our souls!

v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

O Lord, Thecla was involuntarily separated from her teacher, Paul,
While during her time of struggle she was not separated from You!
Being stripped of her garments,
She was clothed with Your glory!//
Crowned by Your hand, she is the defender of our souls!

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

O Lord, Thecla made haste to the bound apostle Paul,
While she rejected the bond of attachment to earthly things!
With the chain of the might of Your love,//
She bound herself fast to You, 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. **Tone 1***

Let us now praise with hymns of gladness the new offspring of Athos,
rightly added unto the congregation of the saints,
being a perfect image of their virtues:
Silouan, vouchsafed to see God,//
whose grace he sought and made manifest.

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

From childhood you sought after God, O Silouan our father,
and held Him fast, not by knowledge alone,
but by the ineffable power of the Spirit;
and you offer up your fervent prayer, //
that all the peoples be filled with the gift of God's grace.

v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.

The kingdom of God is within man,
so spoke our Lawgiver Who cannot lie;
and you, O Silouan, closely searched His words,//
and find them to be as dew upon the earth of your heart, bringing increase of seed.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; **Tone 6***

In the struggles of your contest,
You trampled the enemy underfoot, most blessed Thecla!
As an athlete, you crushed his wiles!
You fled from Thamaris and were wedded to your truly beloved Christ.
Companion of Paul and fellow-sufferer with Stephen:
Since you have boldness, first martyr of Christ among women,
Deliver our souls from danger,//
As we celebrate your all-glorious memorial in faith!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Tone 7 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

No tongue can speak of your wonderful childbearing,
for the order of nature was overruled by God.
You were revealed to be a Mother above nature,
for you remained a Virgin beyond reason and understanding.
Your conception was most glorious, O Theotokos!
The manner of your giving birth was ineffable, O Virgin!
Knowing you to be the Mother of God,
devoutly we pray to you://
“Beseech Him to save our souls!”

APOSTICHA

Tone 7 As the Savior of the world You arose from the tomb.
As God You resurrected the human race with Your flesh.//
O Lord, glory to You!

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

Come, let us worship the One Who rose from the dead,
and enlightened all creation!
By His death, He has saved us from the torments of hell.//
By His Resurrection He has granted us eternal life and great mercy.

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

You descended into hell, capturing death, O Christ.
In three days You arose again,
resurrecting us who glorify Your Resurrection,//
O Lord and Lover of man.

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

When You were placed in the tomb as one asleep,
the sight was great and awesome.
But when You rose on the third day as almighty God,
You resurrected Adam with Yourself.//
Glory to Your Resurrection, only Lover of mankind!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; Tone 8

Receive this hymn of praise, O most compassionate father, / and reject it not: / for though it be little, yet it is full of love. / For what words would suffice me to laud your wondrous life, O saint? / For you have attained the height of the ascetics of old, / and like the morning star you lead unto the knowledge of God / souls gone astray in the dark night of sin; / and you teach the world of the Holy Spirit, / not through reasoning, but by your life. / Wherefore, we are filled with wonder at the sight of you, O Silouan, / and we bless the land that bore you, / and likewise your spiritual homeland where you were filled with holiness. / Make intercession unto the Lord for us, we beseech you // O new and great glory of Mount Athos.

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Tone 8 (Theotokion)

O Unwedded Virgin,
who ineffably didst conceive God in the flesh.
O Mother of God most high,
accept the cries of thy servants, O blameless one!
Grant cleansing of transgressions to all!//
Receive our prayers and pray that our souls may be saved.

TROPARIA

Tone 7 By Your Cross You destroyed death.
To the thief You opened Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that You are risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4 You were enlightened by the words of Paul, O bride of God, Thecla,
And your faith was confirmed by Peter, chosen one of God.
You became the first sufferer and martyr among women,
By entering into the flames as into a place of gladness.
For when you accepted the cross of Christ,
The demonic powers were frightened away.//
All-praised one, intercede before Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Tone 4
By prayer you received Christ for your teacher in the way of humility,
and the Spirit bore witness to salvation in your heart.
Wherefore, all peoples called unto hope
rejoice in this day of your memorial, O sacred Father Silouan.//
Pray unto Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

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

Tone 4 The mystery hidden from all eternity,
unknown even by Angels,
through you, Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:
God incarnate by union without confusion.
He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,
by which He resurrected the first-created man,//
saving our souls from death.