

SUNDAY, JULY 31

TONE 6

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Forefeast of the Procession of the Honorable and Lifegiving Cross
Righteous Eudocimus of Cappadocia

"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!

v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your Name!

Tone 6 *(for the Resurrection)*

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!

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

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.

Tone 1 *(for the Cross)* *(Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)*

Now, as we celebrate the prefeast,
let all human nature leap with joy,
for the Tree of the Cross, the assurance of healing,
which gives release from all sickness, suffering and affliction,//
will be set before all the faithful!

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.

Come, O faithful, let us behold the strange wonder:
how the Tree of the Cross quenches the fire of every infirmity
and extinguishes the burning heat of the passions
in those who celebrate its prefeast with faith//
and honor the celebration!

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

All the living celebrate the prefeast with those who have died.
For the Tree of Life, the protector of all,
the Resurrection of the dead, which killed hell,//
now comes to give true grace and healing to all.

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 8 *(for St. Eudocimus)* *(Oh, most glorious wonder)*

O blessed, divinely-wise Eudocimus,*
your pure soul, shining with Orthodox understanding,
and shedding the light of the radiance of virtue,
illuminated the fullness of the faithful,
and dispelled the darkness of demons.
Therefore, we all honor you, O wondrous one, //
for you share in ever-present grace.

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

Possessing a compassionate soul, a chaste mind,
a vigilant heart, unwavering faith and truly sincere love,
you passed over from earth to the heavens,
and made your abode with the choirs of the righteous.
Therefore, we all honor you with sacred hymns //
and call you blessed, O holy Eudocimus.

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

Strengthened by divine teachings,
you drove carnal passions away from your soul
and became a pure abode of the Holy Trinity.
Therefore, you have departed into divine delight,
since God has preserved your body incorrupt
by godly judgments known to Him alone, //
Who clearly glorifies you, O Eudocimus.

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

Tone 1 *(for St. Eudocimus)*

How can we not wonder at your goodness and wisdom?
How can we fail to praise your angelic life,
your pure thoughts, meekness, humility and inner stillness,
your constant almsgiving, O venerable Eudocimus?
For you were adorned with all the virtues, O blessed one. //
Therefore, ineffable joy and the Kingdom of Heaven await you.

* Pronounced “ev-DO-ki-mus”

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

Tone 6 *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

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 *(for the Resurrection)*

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 2 *(for the Cross)*

You are my mighty protection, O three-branched Cross of Christ.
Sanctify me with your power,//
that I may bow down and glorify you with faith and love!

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 6 **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

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 4 **Troparion** *(St. Eudocimus)*

He Who called you from earth to heaven
keeps your body unharmed after death, holy Eudocimus;
for you lived a sober and holy life
and did not defile your flesh;//
so with boldness intercede with Christ that we may be saved!

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

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and bless Your inheritance!
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over their adversaries;
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(at the Divine Liturgy)

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Tone 6 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race. //
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 3 Kontakion *(St. Eudocimus)*

Today your honored memory
has assembled us at the holy shrine of your sacred relics;
all then who approach and venerate them
are rescued from the evil malice of demons //
and are swiftly delivered from various diseases, blessed Eudocimus.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

V. To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Epistle
(116) Romans 15:1-7

Tone 6
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. He who dwelleth in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps. 90:1)

V. He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust." (Ps. 90:2)

Gospel
(33) Matthew 9:27-35

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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