

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

TONE 6

31st Sunday after Pentecost, Ven. Paul of Thebes Ven. John Calabytes (the Hut-Dweller)

"Lord I Call..." Tone 6

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!

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 2 *(for St. Paul)* *(Joseph of Arimathea)*

When at the command of God, with wisdom,
you forsook the cares of life, O Father,
and advanced to the toils of ascetic labors,
then, rejoicing, you came to the virgin wilderness,
being kindled by the desire of love for the Lord;
as a result, you laid waste the passions by persevering in the better things, //
after which you lived on earth like an angel.

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.

From your youth, O Father Paul,
having removed yourself from human society,
you were the first to arrive in the barren wilderness.
There you lived in a greater solitude than all others,
being unknown throughout your entire life.
Whereupon Anthony, by divine inspiration,
found you as a hidden treasure //
and revealed you to the inhabited world.

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

You led a wondrous life on earth, O most-righteous Paul,
dwelling in the midst of wild beasts,
and most strangely ministered to by a bird that served you by the inspiration of
God.

When the great Anthony found you, he saw this,
and was stricken with amazement;
he glorified without ceasing Him Who is our God and Master,//
Who cares for the whole world in His providence.

*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 2 *(for St. John)* *(Joseph of Arimathea)*

When at the command of God, with rejoicing,
you fled the beauties of the world, O Father John,
then, instead of the broader way,
you elected the path that was narrow, difficult and filled with grave afflictions.
Therefore, having been clothed in the image of God
by your avoidance and denial of all pleasures, //
you took on the care of souls, O divinely blessed one.

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

You conceived and adopted a strange way of life,
having been pierced with the fervent love of Christ,
Whose unspeakable poverty you came to cherish,
and which you endured while homeless at your parents' gates, O Father,
suffering oppression and humiliation.
As a result you were filled with gifts, //
and in the heavens you inherited the riches that cannot be taken away.

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

You ever held the holy Gospel in your hands
and became its fulfiller, O Father John.
You turned from the possessions of your parents
and perfected your whole life through tears and poverty.
Therefore, O venerable John,
you delight in the consolation of God, //
and in never-ending gladness!

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

Tone 2 *(for St. John)*

Rejecting the world and all that is in it,
you took up the Gospel, O venerable one,
and followed Christ evangelically;
living mystically in a hut as in paradise,
and subjecting your body to utter deprivation,
you choked the serpent, the slayer of man.
Therefore, as you dwell in the heavens, O blessed John, //
pray that our souls be granted great mercy!

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;

Tone 6 *(for St. Paul)*

The sound of your teachings has gone out into all the earth,
O venerable Father Paul.
Therefore you have found the reward of your labors in the heavens.
You destroyed the hosts of demons
and reached the ranks of Angels, whose life you blamelessly followed.
Since you have boldness before Christ our God,//
entreat peace for our souls!

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

Tone 6 *(Theotokion)*

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord,
was born of you, O most pure Virgin.
By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his ancient curse.
Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mother of God!
Rejoice, O celestial Joy!
Rejoice, O Lady://
the Protection, Intercession and Salvation of our souls!

(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 *(Sts. Paul and John)*

O God of our Fathers,
always act with kindness towards us;
take not Your mercy from us,
but guide our lives in peace //
through the prayers of the venerable Paul and John!

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

Tone 4 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

The mystery of 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.

* This troparion is for both saints together. A troparion for each saint alone is given at the end of the document.

(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 2 Kontakion *(St. John)*

Longing for poverty in imitation of Christ,
you abandoned your parents' wealth, O wise Father John;
grasping the Gospel in your hands, you followed Christ God, //
unceasingly praying for us all.

Tone 3 Kontakion *(St. Paul)*

Today we gather and praise you with hymns
as an unwaning ray of the spiritual Sun;
for you shine on those in the darkness of ignorance,
leading all ^mankind to the heights, //
venerable Paul, adornment of Thebes and firm foundation of the fathers and
ascetics.

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
(280-ctr) 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Tone 6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. He who dwells 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
(91) Luke 18:18-27

Communion Hymn

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

Tone 3 Troparion (*St. Paul*)

Inspired by the Spirit,
you were the first to dwell in the desert in emulation of Elijah the Zealot;
as one who imitated the Angels,
you were made known to the world by Saint ^Anthony the Great.//
Righteous Paul, entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy!

Tone 4 Troparion (*St. John*)

From your early youth,
you longed with fervor for the things of the Lord.
Leaving the world and its pleasures,
you became an example of monastic life.
Most blessed John, you built your hut at the door of your parents' house
and overcame the devil's guiles.//
Therefore Christ Himself has worthily glorified you.