

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

TONE 8

17th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd of Luke)

The Protection of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

[Ven. Romanus the Melodist]

"Lord I Call..." Tone 8

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!

v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

Tone 8 *(for the Resurrection)*

We offer to You, O Christ,
our evening song and reasonable service,
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!

Lord, Lord, do not cast us away from Your face!
For You willed to have mercy on us//
by Your Resurrection.

v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Rejoice, O holy Zion:
Mother of the churches, the abode of God,
for you were the first to receive remission of sins//
by the Resurrection.

v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

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. (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.

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. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope 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. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

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

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. (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.

Old Testament Readings *(Protection)*

Genesis 28:10-17

Ezekiel 43:27-44:4

Proverbs 9:1-11

Litya

Tone 3 *(for the Protection)*

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 *(for the Protection)*

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.

Aposticha

Tone 8 *(for the Resurrection)*

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 *(for the Protection)*

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!”

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 8 **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

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.*

* The Troparion of St. Romanus, on pg. 10, may be inserted here after “Glory...” if the Superior/Rector wishes.

Tone 4 Troparion (*Protection*)

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy,
illuminated 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.”

(at the Divine Liturgy)

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Tone 4 Troparion (*Protection*)

(See above)

Tone 4 Troparion (*St. Romanus*)

You gladdened Christ’s Church by your melodies
like an inspired heavenly trumpet.
You were enlightened by the Mother of God
and shone on the world as God’s poet. //
We lovingly honor you, righteous Romanus.

Tone 8 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.
Eve exults in Your Resurrection, //
and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Tone 8 Kontakion (*St. Romanus*)

You were adorned from childhood with the godly virtues of the Spirit;
you were a precious adornment of the Church of Christ, all-wise Romanus,
for you made it lovely with beautiful hymnody.
Therefore we entreat you, grant your divine gift to those who desire it, //
that we may cry out to you: “Rejoice, all-blessed Father, beauty of the Church!”

Tone 3 Kontakion *(Protection)*

Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church,
and with choirs of saints she invisibly prays to God for us.
Angels and bishops worship,
Apostles and Prophets rejoice together,//
since for our sake she prays to the pre-eternal God.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! *(Ps. 75:10a)*

V. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon *(Song of the Theotokos)*

My soul magnifies the Lord, / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. *(Lk. 1:46-47)*

Epistle

(182-ctr) 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

(320) Hebrews 9:1-7 *(Protection)*

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps. 94:1)

V. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps. 94:2)

Tone 8

V. Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear! (Ps. 44:9a)

Gospel

(26) Luke 6:31-36

(54) Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 *(Protection)*

Communion Hymn

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

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. *(Ps. 115:4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!