

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21
33rd Sunday after Pentecost, Ven. Maximus the Confessor
Martyr Neophytus of Nicaea

TONE 8

"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!

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

Lord, Lord, do not cast us away from Your face!
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!

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

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

Tone 4 *(for Ven. Maximus)* *(As one valiant among the martyrs)*

O blessed Maximus, you proclaimed to all
the One Who was well-pleased to become man in His compassion,
and is comprehended in two wills and energies.
You stopped the gaping mouths of the most evil ones,
who, through the wantonness of the devil, the fabricator of all wickedness//
wrongly proclaimed Christ as having only one will and one energy.

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.

By the strength of your doctrines, O Father Maximus,
you choked the evil-minded Pyrrhus, who spoke vain and foolish things.
You underwent persecutions and sorrows, O blessed one:
you were badly beaten, and your tongue was cut out;
your divine hand, which you raised to God, was cut off//
yet with it you wrote the most sublime doctrines, O righteous one.

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

Your tongue became as the pen of a ready scribe,
sharpened by the Spirit, O Father Maximus,
inscribing the writing of divine virtues with grace upon the tablets of our hearts,
and conveying the doctrine of the incarnation of Christ//
Who willed to be made manifest to all mankind in two natures and one Person.

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. Neophytus)**(Oh, most glorious wonder)*

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 A dove descends from on high
 and speaks in a human voice to Neophytus the Martyr,
 illuminating him with an angel's way of life,
 and sending the youth to contend most mightily.
 Oh, what godly deeds were done by the Martyr!
 He excelled in every contest.//
 By his prayers, save our souls, O Christ, since You are compassionate!

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

Oh, most glorious wonder!
 From his youth the wise Neophytus performs miracles
 by the strength of the Spirit.
 By his prayers water pours out from a rock;
 he raises his dead mother back to life.
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v. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Oh, most glorious wonder!
 As Neophytus suffers bravely for Christ,
 he amazes his enemies with astonishing miracles.
 Thrown into the fire, he quenches it;
 he causes savage beasts to cower in fear.
 Oh, invincible might by which the athlete was made wondrous!//
 By his prayers, O God, save us!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;***Tone 6***(for Ven. Maximus)*

The sound of your teachings has gone out into all the earth,
 O venerable Father Maximus.
 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 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.

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;

Tone 8 *(for Ven. Maximus)*

We honor you, O Maximus our father,
as the instructor of a multitude of monks.
We have indeed learned to walk rightly in your footsteps.
Blessed are you, for having labored for Christ,
you denounced the power of the enemy.
You were a converser with the Angels and a companion of the venerable and
righteous.//
Together with them, entreat the Lord that He grant mercy to our souls!

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

Tone 8 *(Theotokion)*

O unwedded Virgin,
who ineffably conceived God in the flesh,
O Mother of God most high,
accept the cries of your servants, O blameless One!
Grant cleansing of transgressions to all!//
Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!

(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,

Tone 8 **Troparion** *(Ven. Maximus)*

O Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship,
the enlightener of the universe and the adornment of hierarchs;
all wise Father Maximus, your teachings have gleamed with light upon all
things.//
Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

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Tone 8 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

For our sake You were born of the Virgin
and endured crucifixion, O Good One, destroying death by death.
Revealing the Resurrection as God, do not despise the work of Your hand!
Reveal Your love for man, O Merciful One, and accept the Theotokos praying for
us, //
and save the despairing people, O our Savior!

(at the Divine Liturgy)

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Tone 4 Troparion *(St. Neophytus)*

Your holy martyr Neophytus, O Lord,
through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God.
For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//
Through his intercession, save our souls!

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 6 Kontakion* *(Ven. Maximus)*

The Thrice-radiant Light took up abode in your soul, O all-blissful father,
and displayed it as an elect vessel, manifest to the ends of the earth.
O blessed Maximus, you explain hard-to-grasp doctrines with brilliance and
clarity,//
proclaiming the transcendent and unoriginate Trinity to all.

Tone 4 Kontakion *(St. Neophytus)*

You shined forth from the mount like lightning,
glorifying Christ through your struggles and death as a martyr.//
Therefore, you have received an unfading crown, O Great-martyr Neophytus.

* An alternate Kontakion for Ven. Maximus is presented below the line break.

Tone 8 Alternate Kontakion (*Ven. Maximus*)

Let us the faithful fittingly praise the lover of the Trinity,
the great Maximus who taught the God-inspired faith,
that Christ is to be glorified in His two natures, wills, and energies; //
and let us cry to him: “Rejoice, herald of the faith!”

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)

Epistle
(250) Colossians 1:12-18

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)

Gospel
(89) Matthew 22:1-14

Communion Hymn

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

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