

SUNDAY, JULY 14

TONE 2

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

"Lord I Call..." Tone 2

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.*
- v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*
- v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

**Tone 2**      *(for the Resurrection)*

Come, let us worship the Word of God  
begotten of the Father before all ages,  
and incarnate of the Virgin Mary!  
Having endured the Cross,  
He was buried as He Himself desired.//  
And having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.

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

Christ our Savior  
nailed to the Cross the bond against us,  
He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death.//  
We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.

- 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.*

With the Archangels  
let us praise the Resurrection of Christ!  
He is our Savior, our Redeemer.  
He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power//  
to judge the world which He made.

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

*(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)*

The Angel proclaimed You,  
the crucified and buried Master.  
He told the women: “Come, see the place where He lay!  
He is risen as He said,  
for He is almighty.”  
We worship You, O only immortal One.//  
Have mercy on us, O Christ, the Giver of life!

*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 6**      *(for the Fathers)*      *(Despairing for her life)*

You were begotten from the Father before the Morning Star,  
but Arius taught wrongfully that You were created:  
in his ignorance he designated You as a creature,  
yet the Fathers of the Council proclaimed You as Son of God,//  
co-enthroned with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

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

O honored Fathers,  
you skillfully stitched together the garment of Christ,  
which had been divided and torn apart by barking dogs.  
You found it unbearable to see His nakedness,  
as of old Shem and Japheth could not bear to see the nakedness of their father.  
You put to shame the wretchedness of Arius and those who agreed with him,//  
and who professed the madness that bears his name.

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

The Macedónians and Nestórians, the Eutýchians and Dióscorenes,  
the Appolinárians, Sabéllians, and Séverans,  
who were revealed as oppressive wolves in sheep's skins,  
you, as true shepherds, drove far away from the Savior's flock,  
having stripped the thrice-wretched ones of their sheep's skins.//  
Therefore, we call you blessed, O holy Fathers.

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

**Tone 6**      *(for the Fathers)*

Today let us praise the mystical trumpets of the Spirit,  
the God-bearing Fathers,  
who stand in the midst of the Church, singing true theology,  
praising the changeless Trinity!  
They laid low the errors of Arius  
and upheld the Orthodox Faith.//  
They always entreat the Lord to have mercy on our souls.

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

**Tone 2**      *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came;  
as the Bush burned, yet was not consumed,  
so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin.  
The Righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame.//  
Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

**Old Testament Readings** *(Fathers)*

**Genesis 14:14-20**

**Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17**

**Deuteronomy 10:14-21**

**Aposticha**

**Tone 2**      *(for the Resurrection)*

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,  
has enlightened the whole universe,  
recalling Your creation.//  
Glory to You, O almighty Lord!

*V. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!*

By the Tree You destroyed the curse of the Tree, O Savior.  
By Your burial You mortified the majesty of death.  
You have enlightened our race by Your Resurrection.//  
O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!

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

When You were seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ,  
You restored the beauty of Your creatures.  
The soldiers showed their inhumanity when they pierced Your side with a spear.  
The Hebrews, not knowing Your power,  
asked that Your tomb might be sealed,  
but through the mercy of Your compassion,  
You accepted the tomb  
and rose on the third day!//  
O Lord, glory to You!

*V. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!*

O Christ, the Giver of life,  
for the sake of the dead You voluntarily endured death,  
descending into hell as the Mighty One  
to save those who awaited Your coming,  
granting them the life of paradise instead of hell.  
Grant also to us who glorify Your Resurrection on the third day//  
cleansing of our sins and great mercy!

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

**Tone 4**      *(for the Fathers)*

Come, all Orthodox Churches,  
let us celebrate today in faith and true worship  
the yearly commemoration of the divinely-arrayed Fathers  
who gathered at Nicea from throughout the world!  
There they refuted the godless teaching of Arius,  
banishing him from the catholic Church by a decree of the council.  
They taught all to confess openly the Son of God,  
consubstantial and co-eternal with the Father,  
proclaiming this with precision and true worship in the Symbol of Faith.  
Therefore, as we faithfully follow their divine doctrines,  
let us worship the Father, the Son, and the most Holy Spirit//  
the consubstantial Trinity in one Godhead!

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**Tone 4**      *(Theotokion)*

Look on the entreaties of your servants, O Blameless One!  
Stop all the terrible attacks against us,  
freeing us from every affliction,  
for we have only you as our sure and firm anchor!  
Do not let us be put to shame, O Lady,  
for we call on you for our intercession!  
Hasten to pray for those who call in faith:  
“Rejoice, O Lady, Help of all://  
the Joy and Shelter and Salvation of our souls!”

*(at Great Vespers)*

**Tone 2**      **Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,  
You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.  
And when from the depths You raised the dead,  
all the powers of heaven cried out://  
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

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

**Tone 8**      **Troparion**      *(Fathers)*

You are most glorious, O Christ our God!  
You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.  
Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.//  
O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

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

**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 2      Kontakion    *(Resurrection)***

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,  
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!  
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You,//  
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

**Tone 8      Kontakion    *(Fathers)***

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for  
the Church.  
Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology,//  
It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

**Tone 2      Prokeimenon    *(Resurrection)***

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation. *(Ps. 117:14)*

*V. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.  
(Ps. 117:18)*

**Tone 4      Prokeimenon    *(Song of the Three Holy Children)***

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is  
Your Name forever! *(Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)*

## **Epistle**

(88) Romans 5:1-10

(334) Hebrews 13: 7-16 (*Fathers*)

## **Tone 2**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*V. May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps. 19:1)*

*V. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps. 19:9)*

## **Tone 1**

*V. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (Ps. 49:1)*

## **Gospel**

(18) Matthew 6:22-33

(56) John 17:1-13 (*Fathers*)

## **Communion Hymn**

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

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (*Ps. 32:1*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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