

SUNDAY, JULY 21

TONE 3

4th Sunday after Pentecost, Prophet Ezekiel

Ven. Simeon of Emessa, Fool-for-Christ, and his fellow ascetic, Ven. John

"Lord I Call..." Tone 3

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 3 *(for the Resurrection)*

By Your Cross, O Christ our Savior,

death's dominion has been shattered;

the devil's delusion destroyed.

The race of man, being saved by faith,//

always offers You a song.

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

All has been enlightened by Your Resurrection, O Lord.

Paradise has been opened again.

All creation, praising You,//

always offers You a song.

v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

I glorify the power of the Father and the Son.

I praise the authority of the Holy Spirit:

the undivided, uncreated Godhead,//

the consubstantial Trinity which reigns forever.

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

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

We bow down in worship before Your precious Cross, O Christ,
and we glorify and praise Your Resurrection,//
for by Your wounds we have all been healed.

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

Tone 4 *(for Sts. Simeon and John)* *(You have given a sign)*

Dwelling in the desert in unity of mind, O blessed ones,
you caused the unrest of the flesh to wither away
by fasting, prayer, and enlightening contemplation.
You illumined your hearts with the pleasing gifts of the Spirit,//
O Simeon and John, the confirmation of monastics.

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 foolish behavior you rendered foolish the malice of the wise, O blessed
Father,
performing wondrous signs, working miracles, and expelling demons,
enlightening those who dwell in the darkness of sin.
In the midst of turmoil you preserved clarity of mind//
and received dispassion from God, O Simeon.

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

O divinely inspired one,
you were shown to be humble in wisdom and merciful,
compassionate and full of love for God.
Humble and meek, you walked the earth like an angel,
living your life as if in heaven.
Therefore, because of your purity, O blessed Simeon,//
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit rested in you as in a place of purity.

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 Prophet Ezekiel)* *(Oh, most glorious wonder)*

O wondrous Ezekiel,
most wise and blessed by God,
having cleansed your soul and body,
you beheld in the spirit through a purified mind
the ineffable, unsearchable glory of the Lord,
praised in hymns by innumerable voices,//
and borne aloft with lightning flashes by divine Seraphim.

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

O Ezekiel, dwelling place of God,
you were sorely tried in emulation of Christ.
You bore the cruel burden of a debt to aliens.
You desired that this be recorded beforehand for the sake of the Cross,
the God-revealed deliverance and salvation of the world.//
Pray that all who celebrate your memory today may be granted a share in it!

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

O glorious Ezekiel, inspired by God,
you received a scroll, sweeter than honey in your mouth from the Almighty
and were given knowledge in things divine.
Beholding and contemplating God,
you were a herald of holy mysteries,//
offering the resentful assembly compassion from God.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Tone 3 *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

How can we not wonder
at your mystical childbearing, O exalted Mother?
For without receiving the touch of man,
you gave birth to a Son in the flesh, O immaculate Virgin.
The Son born of the Father before eternity
was born of you at the fullness of time, O honored Lady.
He underwent no mingling, no change, no division,
but preserved the fullness of each nature.
Entreat Him, O Lady and Virgin and Mother,
to save the souls of those who, in the Orthodox manner, confess you//
to be the Theotokos.

Aposticha

Tone 3 *(for the Resurrection)*

The sun was darkened by Your Passion, O Christ,
but all creation was enlightened by the light of Your Resurrection.//
Accept our evening song, O Lover of man!

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

Your life-bearing Resurrection, O Lord,
enlightened the whole universe, recalling Your creation.
Delivered from Adam's curse, we sing://
O Almighty Lord, glory to You!

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

You are the changeless God,
Who, suffering in the flesh, were changed.
Creation could not endure seeing You on the Cross.
It was filled with fear while praising Your patience.
By descending to hell and rising on the third day,//
You have granted to the world life and great mercy.

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

You endured death, O Christ,
to deliver the race of men from death.
You rose from the dead on the third day,
raising with Yourself those who knew You as God//
and enlightening the world. 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.*

Tone 3 *(Theotokion)*

By the will of the Father,
without seed, of the Holy Spirit you conceived the Son of God.
He was born of the Father before eternity without a mother,
but now for our sake He came from you without a father!//
Do not cease entreating Him to deliver our souls from harm!

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 3 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice!
Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.
He has trampled down death by death.
He has become the first born of the dead.
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world//
great mercy.

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

Tone 4 Troparion *(Sts. Simeon 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 Venerable Simeon 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.

(at the Divine Liturgy)

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Tone 2 Troparion *(Prophet Ezekiel)*

We celebrate the memory
of Your prophet Ezekiel, O Lord;
through him we beseech You://
“Save our souls!”

Tone 3 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One,
leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;
with the Prophets and Patriarchs//
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Sts. Simeon and John)*

Let us praise the venerable Simeon
as an equal to the angels,
for he walked in the flesh upon the earth as a bodiless angel
shining forth to all as an example of the virtues;
and with him let us honor his companion,
the ever memorable and God-bearing Father John,//
for they ceaselessly pray to the Lord for us with faith and love!

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Prophet Ezekiel)*

You have been revealed as a Prophet of God, wondrous Ezekiel,
proclaiming to all the incarnation of the Lord, the Lamb and Creator, //
the Son of God, Who has ever revealed Himself.

Tone 3 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
(Ps. 46:6)

V. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)

Epistle

(93) Romans 6:18-23

Tone 3

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps. 30:1a)

V. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (Ps. 30:2b)

Gospel

(25) Matthew 8:5-13

Communion Hymn

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

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