

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1
23rd Sunday after Pentecost (11th of Luke), Prophet Nahum

TONE 6

"Lord I Call..." Tone 6

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 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.

We will always bless the Lord
by singing of His Resurrection!
For He endured the Cross, //
trampling down death by death.

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.

Glory to Your might, O Lord,
for You overthrew the prince of death,
by Your Cross renewing us, //
granting us life and incorruption.

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

Your burial destroyed the bonds of hell, O Lord.
Your Resurrection from the dead enlightened the world. //
O Lord, glory to 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.

Tone 3 *(for Prophet Nahum)*

The grace of the Holy Spirit
dwelt within you, O Prophet of God,
making you a radiantly shining beacon with its light. //
Through you, He preached to Nineveh the great things that were to come!

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

O Nahum, you were revealed to be a light-bearing cloud,
letting fall a shower of divine knowledge.

O Prophet of God, you gave the city of Nineveh the judgment of God to drink, //
for it was sick with impiety.

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

You were a partaker of incorruptible glory and ineffable renown,
unutterable joy and divine sweetness.

O divinely inspired Nahum, Prophet of God, //
pray for us to the Master of all!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
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;
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 2 Troparion *(Prophet Nahum)*

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

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

Tone 2 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

All beyond thought, all most glorious,
are your mysteries, O Theotokos.
Sealed in purity, preserved in virginity,
you were revealed to be the true Mother who gave birth to the True God. //
Entreat Him to save our souls.

(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 4 Kontakion *(Prophet Nahum)*

Illumined by the Spirit, your heart was a vessel of illustrious prophecy,
seeing far-off things as though they were present. //
Therefore, we venerate you, glorious prophet Nahum.

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
(220) Ephesians 2:4-10

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 *(from the 25th Sunday)*

Communion Hymn

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

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