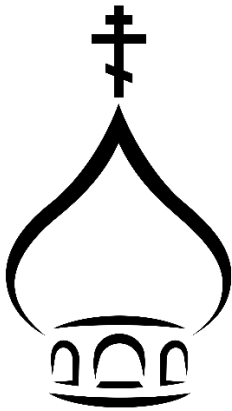


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(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)

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Lord, I Call

(Tone 2) Lord I call upon Thee, hear me! Hear me, O Lord! Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! Receive the voice of my prayer, when I call upon Thee, hear me O Lord! Let my prayer arise, in Thy sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands, be an evening sacrifice, hear me O Lord!

(10) *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy Name.*

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.

(9) *The righteous will surround me, for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.*

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.

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

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.

(7) *Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

The Angel proclaimed Thee, 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 Thee, O only immortal One. Have mercy on us, O Christ, the Giver of life!

(6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy the curse of the tree. By Thy burial, Thou didst slay the dominion of death. By Thy rising, Thou didst enlighten the race of man. O Benefactor, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

(5) For Thy Name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

The gates of death opened to Thee from fear, O Lord. When the guards of hell saw Thee they were afraid, for Thou didst demolish the gates of brass and smash the iron chains. Thou hast led us from the darkness and shadows of death, and hast broken our bonds.

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

Tone 5 *(from the Lenten Triodion)* *(Rejoice, O Life-giving Cross)*

Shine, O Cross of the Lord! Illumine the hearts of those who honor thee! With love inspired by God, we embrace thee, for thou art the only hope of the world. Through thee our tears are wiped away, the snares of death are sprung, and we pass over into everlasting joy. Through the Cross reveal Thy beauty to us, O Lord! Help Thy servants who ask for mercy in faith! Bestow upon us the fruits of abstinence!

(3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Rejoice, O life-bearing Cross: bright paradise of the Church, and tree of incorruption! Thou hast obtained for us the joy of everlasting glory. Through thee, the hosts of demons are driven out; the choirs of angels are amazed and rejoice; the company of the faithful gathers in celebration. O unconquerable weapon, unbroken stronghold, triumph of Orthodox Christians and pride of priests, by following thee may we witness the Passion and Resurrection of Christ our God!

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

Rejoice, O life-bearing Cross: invincible triumph of godliness, gate of Paradise, and protection of the faithful! The Cross is the might of the Church, through which corruption is abolished, through which the power of death is crushed. and we are raised from earth to heaven. O invincible weapon, the adversary of demons, the glory of martyrs, the true adornment of ven'erable saints, and the haven of salvation, which grants the world great mercy.

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

Come, O Adam and Eve, our first father and mother, who fell from divine glory through the envy of the murderer of man! Bitter was the pleasure of the Tree of old; but see, the honored Tree of the Cross draws near! Run with haste and embrace it in joy, crying out with faith: "Thou art our help, O most-precious Cross! We eat thy fruit and gain incorruption! We are restored again to Eden, having received great mercy!"

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

Tone 3 *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Wishing to restore all men to life, Thou didst accept crucifixion, O Christ our God. Burning with boundless love for man, Thou didst take the quill of the Cross in Thy hand; dipping it in ink of royal crimson, Thou didst sign our release with blood-stained fingers. Though temptations assault us, may we never forsake Thee again! Have mercy on Thy despairing people, O long-suffering Master! Arise and fight Thine enemies in Thine almighty power!

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.

Aposticha

Tone 2 *(for the Resurrection)*

Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior, has enlightened the whole universe, recalling Thy creation. Glory to Thee, O almighty Lord!

The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

By the Tree Thou didst destroy the curse of the Tree, O Savior. By Thy burial Thou didst mortify the majesty of death. Thou hast enlightened our race by Thy Resurrection. O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

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

When Thou wast seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ, Thou didst restore the beauty of Thy creatures. The soldiers showed their inhumanity when they pierced Thy side with a spear. The Hebrews, not knowing Thy power, asked that Thy tomb might be sealed, but through the mercy of Thy compassion, Thou didst accept the tomb and didst rise on the third day! O Lord, glory to Thee!

Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

O Christ, the Giver of life, for the sake of the dead Thou didst voluntarily endure death, descending into hell as the Mighty One to save those who awaited Thy coming, granting them the life of paradise instead of hell. Grant also to us who glorify Thy 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;
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Tone 4 *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

The humble David defeated his enemies by Thy help, O Lord. Now come to the aid of Thine Orthodox people; show us Thy power as Thou didst of old, and our adversaries will know that Thou art God! And we will be victorious, for we hope in Thee. Through the constant intercessions of Thine all-pure Mother, grant us Thy great mercy!

Troparia

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

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

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

Tone 1 **Troparion of the Cross**

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation!

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

Tone 1 **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

When Gabriel announced to thee, O Virgin, saying "Rejoice!" with that word the Master of all was incarnate in thee, the holy Ark, spoken of by the righteous David! Thy womb became more spacious than the heavens, for thou didst carry thy Creator. Glory to Him Who took abode in thee! Glory to Him Who came forth from thee! Glory to Him Who freed us by being born of thee!

Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers for the Health of the Servants of God:

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