**SUNDAY: JULY 15 TONE 6**

**7th Sunday after Pentecost/ Holy Fathers of the First Six**

**Œcumenical Councils / Holy Great Prince Vladimir, Enlightener of the Russian Lands**

**"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!*

*(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.//

O Almighty Savior, Who drew life from Your own light, 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!//

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, for You 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://

“As You rose from the dead, have mercy on us!”

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

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

You were begotten from the Father before the Morning Star,

but Arius taught wrongly that You were created.

In his ignorance he designated You as a creature,

yet the Fathers of the Council in Nicea, O Lord,

proclaimed that You are the Son of God,//

co-enthroned with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

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

(Repeat: You were begotten from the Father …”)

*v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

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

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.

*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 4** *(for St Vladimir)*  (V*aliant among martyrs)*

You were a second Constantine in word and deed,

for he was born in a Christian age, yet lived for many years among the

pagans,

while you were born of heathen, but loved Christ, Who loved you.

You have gone to Him, rejoicing.//

Pray ceaselessly to Him for those who honor your memory!

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

Brightly shining, Mount Sinai rejoices eternally,

for it is sanctified by the Law of Moses and has seen the Invisible One;

and your great city, O Vladimir, also shines brightly and celebrates with

joy,

beholding in the Spirit the Son, glorified in you with the Father.//

Pray to Him to save and enlighten our souls!

*v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.*

For the Russian people, O \*Vladimir,

you were a father in spirit, a king and true preacher;

an apostle of Christ, announcing the baptism of salvation.

And having thereby brightly illumined your people,//

you sanctified them throughout all the lands of your kingdom, O blessed

one.

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**\*** *These Slavonic stichera use the name of Basil, the baptismal name of Prince Vladimir.*

*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 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, He became Man for our sake,

not divided into two persons but manifest as One in two natures.

Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//

to have mercy on our souls!

**Old Testament Readings**

**Genesis 14:14-20** *(Holy Fathers)*

**Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17** *(Holy Fathers)*

**Deuteronomy 10:14-21** *(Holy Fathers)*

**3 [1} Kings 8:22-23, 27-30** *(St Vladimir)*

**Isaiah 61:10-62:5** *(St Vladimir)*

**Isaiah 60:1-16** *(St Vladimir)*

**7th Sunday after Pentecost/ Holy Fathers of the First Six Œcumenical Councils / Holy Great Prince Vladimir, Enlightener of the Russian Lands**

**Litya *(If the rector desires the Litya, these stichera are sung:*)**

**Tone 2** *(for Holy Prince Vladimir)*

Today the memory of the pious Prince Vladimir

has sprung up like a fountain of myrrh;

for having come to love Christ, he shamed the idols,

and raised up churches to Him Who endured much reproach for our

sake,//

and he has received a kingdom and a crown in the heavens.

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

**Tone 3** *(for the Fathers)*

The holy Fathers are the renowned keepers of the tradition of the Apostles;

these saints rightly taught that the Trinity was undivided.

Their assembly dethroned Arius and those with him:

the Macedonians who rejected the authority of the Church were

convicted;

Nestórius, Eutýchius, Dióskoros, Sabéllius, and Severus were judged.

O Lord, deliver us from their error, we pray,//

and preserve our lives in peace!

*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!

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**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,

and rose 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;*

**Tone 4** *(for the Fathers)*

Today we celebrate the annual memory

of the God-bearing Fathers who assembled in Nicea.

They laid low the godless doctrines of Arius,

driving him from the unity of the Catholic Church,

and teaching us how to confess the consubstantial and co-eternal Son of

God.

They expressed this clearly in the Symbol of Faith,

and we follow their divine doctrines,

believing in and serving the Son with the Father and the all-Holy Spirit,//

the consubstantial Trinity and one Divinity.

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

**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!

Lady, do not let us be put to shame,

for we call on you for our intercession!

Hasten to pray for those who call in faith:

“Rejoice, Lady, Help of all://

the Joy and Shelter and Salvation of our souls!”

**7TH Sunday of Pascha/ Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council/Afterfeast of the Ascension**

***(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 took hell captive,//

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 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 and revealing the Resurrection as God.

Do not despise the work of Your hand!

Reveal Your love for mankind, O Merciful One!//

Accept the Theotokos who is praying for us, and save the despairing

people, O our Savior!

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***(at Vigil)***

**Tone 4 Troparion to the Theotokos**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,

Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you!

Blessed are you among women,

and blessed is the Fruit of your womb,//

for you have borne the Savior of our souls.

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**Tone 4** **Troparion**  *(Holy Prince Vladimir)*

Holy Prince Vladimir,

you were like a merchant in search of fine pearls.

By sending servants to Constantinople for the Orthodox Faith,

you found Christ, the priceless Pearl.

He appointed you to be another Paul,

washing away in baptism your physical and spiritual blindness.

We celebrate your memory,

asking you to pray for all Orthodox Christians of Russia//

and for us, your spiritual children.

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***(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 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 8** **Kontakion** *(Holy Prince Vladimir)*

O most glorious Vladimir, in your old age you imitated the great Apostle

Paul:

he abandoned childish things, while you forsook the idolatry of your

youth.

Together with him you reached the fullness of divine wisdom:

you were adorned with the purity of holy baptism.//

Now as you stand before Christ our Savior, pray that all Orthodox

Christians may be saved!

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

*v: For You are just in all that You have done for us! (v. 4)*

**Tone 3** **Prokeimenon**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing

praises! *(Ps 46/47:6)*

**Epistle**

Romans 15:1-7

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

Galatians 1:11-19 *(St Vladimir)*

**Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (Ps 49/50:1)*

*v: Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice! (Ps 49/50:5)*

**Tone 6**

*v: I have exalted one chosen out of My people. (Ps 88/89:20)*

**Gospel**

Matthew 9:27-35

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

John 10:1-9 *(St Vladimir)*

**Communion Hymns**

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 32/33:1)*

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil

tidings. *(Ps 111/112:6b-7a)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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\* Basil was the baptismal name of Prince Vladimir.

\*\* Helen was the baptismal name of St Olga, grandmother of Prince Vladimir.

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