**SUNDAY, JULY 7 TONE 2**

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost/ Venerable Thomas of Mt Maleon**

**Venerable Acacius of Sinai**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 2**

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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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!

*v. (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.

*v. (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.

*v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to Thou, 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.

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

*(for the Resurrection by Anatolios)*

The Angel proclaimed Thee as 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!

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

**Tone 1** *(for Ven Thomas) (Joy of the heavenly hosts)*

We have come to know thee, O Father,

as a divinely radiant beacon,

enlightening the world with spiritual light,

dispelling the darkness of the evil tumult of demons.//

Therefore we celebrate thy brilliant memory with faith, O blessed one.

*v. (5) For Thy name’s sake have I waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul hath waited for Thy word; my soul hath hoped on the Lord.*

Thou wast resplendent in thy former life, O Father Thomas,

with riches and power.

Thou didst clothe thyself in the monastic habit, O venerable one,

emulating the poverty of Him Who became incarnate for our sake.//

Therefore He made thee rich with many spiritual gifts.

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

God openly guided thee to salvation, O Father,

with a pillar of fire leading thee to the calm harbor —

to the mountain of dispassion.

By thy prayer, thou didst cause water to spring forth,//

thou didst make the blind to see and the lame to walk.

*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 Venerable Acacius) (As one valiant among the martyrs)*

Thou didst mortify the cravings of thy flesh by abstinence

and enlivened thy soul through fasting and the exercise of virtues.

Therefore, thou wast shown to be alive even after thy repose,

for death came only as a dream to thee as thou didst pass over to God,//

Who placed thy soul in His hands, O glorious Acacius.

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

Thou didst lull to sleep the stirrings of the passions, O Acacius,

by obedience, humility and all-night vigilance in prayer.

Thy knowledge of the divine Scriptures kept thy mind untroubled and

thy heart pure.

Therefore, thou didst become a receptacle of the Holy Spirit,//

shining with rays of miracles upon all the ends of the earth.

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

Thou didst utterly disdain all worldly attachments

and didst become a vessel of passionlessness.

By thy love of divine wisdom, O glorious one,

thou didst achieve to the ultimate Desire by thine active ascent

and beheld with mystical vision the incomprehensible and divine beauty

of the invisible God,//

O all-wise and blessed Father Acacius.

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

*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.

Instead of a pillar of flame, the Righteous Sun has risen.//

Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost/ Ven Thomas and Ven Acacius**

**Aposticha**

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

Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,

has enlightened the whole universe,

calling back Thy creation.//

Glory to Thee, O almighty Lord!

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

O Savior, by the Tree Thou didst destroy the curse of the Tree.

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!

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

O Christ, when Thou wast seen nailed to the Cross,

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!

*v. 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 2** *(Theotokion)*

A new miracle surpasses all ancient miracles!

Who knows of a Mother who gave birth without a man,

who carried in her arms her Creator?

This birth is the will of God!

Since thou didst carry Him as an infant in thine arms, O most pure one,

and since thou dost possess motherly boldness before Him,

do not cease praying for us who honor thee,//

that He may be bountiful and save our souls!

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***(at Great Vespers)***

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

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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!”

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**Tone 4** **Troparion**  *(for Saints Thomas and Acacius)*

O God of our Fathers,

always act with kindness towards us;

take not Thy mercy from us,

but guide our lives in peace//

through the prayers of Saints Thomas and Acacius!

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

**Tone 4** **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

The mystery of all eternity,

unknown even by Angels,

through thee, O 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.

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***(at Vigil)***

**Tone 4 Troparion to the Theotokos**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,

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

Blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb,//

for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls. *(thrice)*

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***(at the Divine Liturgy)***

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**Tone 2** **Kontakion**  *(Resurrection)*

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,

seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!

The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with

Thee,//

and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

**Tone 2** **Kontakion**  *(Venerable Acacius)*

Forsaking the world, thou didst follow Christ from childhood.

emulating His voluntary humility, thou didst cast down the prideful

tyrant.

All-wise and venerable Acacius,

unceasingly pray for us all!

**Tone 2** **Prokeimenon**

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

*(Ps 117/118:4)*

*v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.*

*(Ps 117/118:18)*

**Epistle**

Romans 5:1-10

**Tone 2**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! (Ps 19/20:1)*

*v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)*

**Gospel**

Matthew 6:22-33

**Communion Hymn**

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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